

Sanford Parks Advisory Committee
Depot Park
106 Charlotte Ave, Sanford NC
June 20th, 2022 4:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The following people were present

Bob Bridwell
Chad Spivey
John Dean
Joni Martin
Todd Childers
Al Roethlisberger
Alyson Cochrane

Non-Voting Attendees

Nick Fortune
Kelli Laudate
Charles Taylor

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 4:06 by Todd Childers.

Approval of Minutes

John Dean made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Joni Martin. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Administrators Report

Nick Fortune gave an update on Sanford parks including splash pad opening weekend visitor count. Currently Parks Department is dealing with some staffing concerns, but they hope to have everything resolved with scheduling soon. Depot Park fountain has been down due to issues with the pump and waiting for an inspection.

Nick talked briefly about the news/rumors regarding the splash pad incident from last week (algae growing in the water bucket) and stated he was open to answer questions or concerns anyone might have. He explained that there is a 3500-gallon tank of recirculating water that is tested multiple times daily and the chemicals are regulated as needed. Al Roethlisberger questioned if it were possible to get more shade at the pad and Nick stated the shade sails were very expensive.

Also mentioned was the intent of looking to add a music venue portion to Kiwanis Family Park by adding a small area where acoustic sets, political and nonpolitical rallies could be held at a cheaper price point than Depot Park.

New Business

Nick stated that the new budget for FY 22-23 passed and it includes \$85,000 for the Park Master Plan and promotion of Summer Concert Series at Depot Park for \$9,000. Some questions about the UDO included if the goal was to redo some of the existing parks and where some of the new parks need to go in correlation to the growth of the City. Bob Bridwell stated

that one of the most critical things to happen in the UDO is more process oriented than requirements to sit down with developers and negotiate what they will put in or pay the fee in lieu of and know where the funds are going to be designated to.

Nick stated that we have a Parks Master plan already, we just need to review it and provide feedback and translate into something functional would be the main purpose of the new Master Plan. John questioned if the committee wanted to create a mechanism in the UDO that requires increase in the amount of park space within a sub division or requires every new house be a certain distance from green space how much input would the TRC process affect that plan.

John also stated he was curious what the process would look like to provide guidance or feedback with the existing document about the stock right here. Nick suggested in July the committee should focus on what they want the master plan to be and what they would like to see in the updated UDO.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting

Focus on the budget and standards for open space at next meeting on July 18th.

Comments

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 5:05pm by Bob, seconded by Chad. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Childers, Chairman

Attest:



Nick Fortune, Clerk