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City Council Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 3:30 PM
Railroad Depot

Members Present: Mac Morrow, Chair, Council Member
Maureen Copelof, Vice-Chair, Council Member
Jim Fatland, City Manager
Paul Ray, Planning Director
Nancy DePippo, Citizen Member
Howie Granat, Citizen Member
Ryan Olson, At-Large Member
Jimmy Harris, Mayor, Ex-Officio Member

Absent: David Lutz, Public Works Director
Erik Emaus, Citizen Member

Staff Present: Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Guests: Geraldine Dinkins, City Council Member
George Peterson, Tannery Skate Park Task Force Member

Media: Matt McGregor, *Transylvania Times*

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Mac Morrow welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Executive Assistant Denise Hodsdon.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. DePippo, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2020 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Granat, seconded by Ms. DePippo to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Continued Discussion of E-bikes

Mr. Ray reported that Aaron Bland has communicated with the Clean Water Management Trust Funds folks about how they classify e-bikes. They have indicated that for the purposes of the Clean Water easements, e-bikes are considered motorized and the Bracken easement prohibits all public uses of motorized vehicles on the property, including trails. Mr. Ray said we would not be able to include Bracken Preserve, but he feels that we can take the proposed amendment to City Council for the rest of the trails. He plans to put that on the City Council agenda in October.

There was discussion about the need for updated signage at Bracken Preserve to add Pinnacle Trail. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to add extra information such as trail distance and typical walking time.

F. Project Updates:

1. Dog Park: Ms. Copelof reported that the Dog Park is moving right along. The Public Works Department has cleared out all the shrubs, the land has been surveyed, and a task force has been created. The task force has five separate committees including the following:

- a. Design – working on the interior design; how to structure a big dog section and a small dog section; what amenities we want; trees; groundcover, etc.;
- b. Procedures/Rules – working on rules, regulations and procedures;
- c. Fundraising – working on raising funds because we currently have no funding other than being able to utilize in-house Public Works labor and equipment. We have no funding to buy the materials for the park. The largest expense will be the fencing;
- d. Communications – working on how to promote the park and getting messaging out; and
- e. Budget – working on the logistics of creating a budget in several phases.

Ms. Copelof said the committees have all been meeting. Mr. Ray reported that the Planning Department is taking the donations for the Dog Park and they are already starting to come in.

2. Sports Complex Concrete Skate Park: Mr. Ray reported that construction of the new park has begun. He noted that the gray area on the attached design is the part that is included in the \$100,000 budget and the red area is what we are hoping to also build with in-kind donations. We have done our own in-kind donations with the Public Works Department doing the ground work and Brevard Music Center is providing housing for the construction team, which amounts to \$24,000 toward construction of the red area. Mr. Ray said we still need \$20,000 in order to complete the construction of the red area. Mr. Ray has been working with the design and construction teams on a redesign. He said we may be able to build the sidewalk from the parking lot to the skate park ourselves out of our sidewalk fund, and they

could put those resources of money and time toward the additional features. He is trying to get as many of the features in the red area built for the amount of money that we have. He said he was hoping to get more in-kind donations, but because of COVID-19, everybody is tightening their belt. Because concrete is one of the biggest costs of this project, he was hoping to get a donation or discount from a concrete company. Most of the concrete companies that he has contacted said they just can't do it but he has sent information to Toxaway Concrete and is waiting to hear back from them.

- 3. Tannery Skate Park:** Mr. Fatland reported that the City has received a request from the Tannery Skate Park Task Force to close out the donation fund account. They have said they are done expending money on the skate park. Mr. Fatland's recommendation is to put a resolution on the next City Council agenda to close out the account and accept the project. He said there is approximately \$6,200 still in the account and those funds would be turned over to the Sk8 Brevard account with the Community Focus Foundation.

Mr. Morrow asked when we expect the concrete skate park will be ready to open. Mr. Ray thought it would be two to three months, depending on the weather. Mr. Morrow noted that the life of the Tannery Park is until the concrete park opens. Mr. Olson said he would like to see an option for how the Tannery Skate Park can stay open at the current location, but not under the City's liability or control.

Motion by Mr. Fatland, seconded by Ms. Copelof to close out the Tannery donation fund account and send it to City Council for approval at their August meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

George Peterson said feedback about the skate park has been really positive. Ms. Dinkins said she was grateful for the picnic tables and the handwashing station.

G. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee will be on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:30 PM at the Depot.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.



Mac Morrow,
Chair, Council Member

Minutes Approved: August 19, 2020

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Executive Assistant

