

City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
August 20, 2015
Government Office Building
Room 306

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
David Plotts, Chairman	Dr. Amal Ali
David Herrick	DJ Lumpkin, Secretary
Mike Perry	Tim Spies, Council Liaison
Chris Roberts, Vice Chairman	
<u>Public Works Representatives</u>	
Mike Moulds, Director	
Doug Draper	
Member of the Public (1)	

Call to Order: David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes: DJ Lumpkin was unable to make it to the meeting, so minutes from July are not available to be approved.

Committee ByLaws: David Plotts passed out revised bylaws, approved by the City Council in July. He noted the Committee is now the Parks and Recreation Committee, and that the new quorum is the majority of those currently appointed.

Public Input: The member of the public was invited to comment. She had an idea to have the Parkside A+ Garden Program improve some planters in the park. She was asked to have the A+ program coordinator contact Mike Moulds to discuss the idea.

Public Works Report: Doug Draper discussed items happening in the City Park, including a new short footbridge over a stormwater area and that construction had started on the Skatepark. Chris Roberts asked if there was a reason the greenway entered the woods in certain locations, but was generally on the outside of the park. Mike Perry said he had a source for new cannon wheels, Charlie Wrightson, and he would pass along the information to Mike Moulds.

Naylor Mill Park: David Plotts asked the Committee if there was interest in discussing the Naylor Mill Park land transfer to the County. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of such a transfer, including the other land the County currently owns, such as the West Metro Core Park and extensive land near Winterplace Park that would be more suitable to softball fields. David Herrick mentioned that the University of Delaware chose this piece of land when discussing certain types of birds, as a prime location to see them. The Committee also discussed the lack of a public hearing on the matter. The member of the public reminded the Committee that a hearing was scheduled, but canceled. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Chris Roberts, and carried to recommend to the Mayor that a public hearing be held on the transfer.

40 **Master Plan:** Mike Moulds updated the Committee. A contract has been signed, and returned to
41 LAS. Mike has asked that they schedule time to meet with the Committee on September 17 to
42 get started.

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44 David Plotts brought up the survey that was discussed at the previous meeting, and the thought
45 of utilizing 3rd Friday to implement it. Mike Perry said that the Committee would have space at
46 the next 3rd Friday, August 21.

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48 **Increasing Community Awareness:** David Plotts reminded the Committee that Increasing
49 Community Awareness of the parks and recreation is one of the Committee's purposes. He said
50 to start this process we would need a few tools, and distributed a draft logo, mission, and vision
51 for the Committee. A few minor changes were recommended to the logo, which David Plotts
52 would make. David Plotts also introduced a website and Facebook page, as another tool. The
53 Committee was in favor, but no action was taken. Chris Roberts said the Committee attempted
54 to have a website created for years, through another past committee member and then through an
55 intern from the Mayor's office; neither panned out. David Plotts said he would discuss the
56 website and Facebook page with the City in the future.

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58 **Other Business:** David Plotts updated the Committee on upcoming events: International Day of
59 Peace in the City Park, an upcoming Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting, and the
60 date for the Winter Wonderland of Lights ceremony.

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62 Chris Roberts said he was working on a draft MOU to bring to the Committee for Disc Golf at
63 the next meeting.

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65 **Meeting Adjournment:** A motion was made by Chris Roberts, seconded by Mike Perry, to
66 adjourn at 7:15pm

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70 David Plotts
71 Chairman