

1 City of Salisbury, Maryland  
2 Parks & Recreation Committee  
3 February 21, 2017  
4 Government Office Building  
5 Room 306

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7 Minutes  
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<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
David Plotts, MSM, Chairman	Kevin Lindsay
Chris Roberts, Vice Chairman	DJ Lumpkin, Secretary
Amal Ali, PhD	Mike Perry
David Herrick	
Muir Boda, Council Liaison	Mike Moulds, PE, Public Works Director
Doug Draper, Parks Superintendent	

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10 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.  
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12 **Presentation:** Ryland Weaver was invited to the Committee meeting by Mayor Day, to present his  
13 idea for pocket parks downtown. The Committee looked at various locations such as by the library,  
14 Headquarters Live, and Parking Lot 16. The Committee also discussed potential equipment with  
15 Ryland.  
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17 **Minutes:** Minutes from January were presented. After review, a motion was made by Chris,  
18 seconded by Amal, and carried to approve the minutes as presented.  
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20 **Public Works Report:** Doug updated the Committee on activities in the past month, which include  
21 removal of the Winter Wonderland lights, continued animal control activities with the beavers, tree  
22 removal, and grading the greenway.  
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24 David Plotts reviewed an email from Mike Moulds, who was unable to make it to the meeting. In the  
25 email, Mike said the Mayor is looking for development ideas for Waterside Park such as an all-  
26 purpose playing field, waterfront seating and trail, and removal of the baseball backstop. With this in  
27 mind, the Committee reviewed a proposed Park Tour for the Committee. The Committee liked the  
28 schedule and placed Waterside Park as the venue for a 5:30 meeting on March 21. David said that  
29 the council member representing the district the park is in would be invited as well.  
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31 Mike's email asked for input on continuing the paddle boats, as the contract is up for renewal. The  
32 Committee discussed the paddle boats and the historical inconsistent hours. Currently park visitors  
33 may believe the City is operating the paddle boats, so the inconsistent hours and lack of signage  
34 reflects poorly on the park and City. Park visitors may expect the paddle boats be open on Fridays  
35 and Weekends in the summer, only to currently find the vendor closed. A motion was made by  
36 Chris, seconded by Amal, and carried, to recommend to the Mayor that the paddle boat contract be  
37 renewed, with stipulations that the vendor must operate at least Memorial Day weekend through  
38 Labor Day weekend (May 27 – September 4), operate at least 7 hours on Fridays and Saturdays, and  
39 operate at least 5 hours on Sundays. The vendor could operate additional days and times as they  
40 wish, as long as those minimums are met. Exemptions would be made for inclement weather and  
41 extreme temperatures. The vendor must post adequate signage indicating at least these hours and  
42 who is operating the paddle boats, and must hold adequate insurance.  
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44 Mike's email mentioned a bench by the Peace Pole. David said the Mayor's office received a letter  
45 requesting a bench at the Peace Pole. Since the Master Plan is in draft form, a bench will be added to  
46 the Master Plan in this location.

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48 Mike's email also mentioned a plan for a holiday tree and village on picnic island that are in the  
49 planning stage.

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51 **City Park Master Plan:** Mike is currently working on cost estimates for the Master Plan. David  
52 passed out a draft narrative he had been working on. He explained that once the costs were added,  
53 and the last pieces completed, the Committee could go through the narrative and make any changes,  
54 but at this point it is still a working document.

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56 **Other Business:** Muir updated the Committee on discussions the Council has been having over a  
57 future North Prong Park, that will be established with donated land.

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59 With no other business, the meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

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62 David Plotts,  
63 Chairman

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