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City of Salisbury, Maryland  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
October 14, 2021

Minutes

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| <b>Present</b>                        | Alyssa Hastings, Sustainability Specialist |
| David Plotts, Chairman                | Jackson St. Jean, Critical Area Planner    |
| Dr. Joseph Anderson, Vice Chairman    | Kevin Gleason, PDGA MD Coordinator         |
| David Herrick, Secretary              | Joshua Maxfeld, Eastbound Disc Golf        |
| Doug Draper, Parks Superintendent     | Paul Whitney, Eastbound Disc Golf          |
| Mary Grace, Committee Memeber         | Shawn Johnson, Eastbound Disc Golf         |
| Mike Perry, Committee Member          | Amanda Branner, Citizen                    |
| Mike Piorunski, Committee Member      |  |
| Dominique Sessa, Committee Member     | <b>Not Present</b>                         |
| Dr. Bronte' Dashiel, Committee Member | April Jackson, City Council Liaison        |

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:05PM at the Community Foundation,  
9 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.

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11 **Minute:** David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the August 12,2021 meeting. A  
12 motion was made by MikePerry to approve the minutes as read. Said motion was seconded by Mike  
13 Piorunski and carried to approve.

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15 **Park Review:** Doug Draper and Alyssa Hastings discussed the extensive tree planting planned for  
16 Lake Street Park by Chesapeake Utilities to replace the trees the company removed to install the  
17 underground natural gas pipe along the railroad tracks along S. Salisbury Blvd. There will be  
18 approximately fifty (50) trees, some quite large, of different species to be planted by Unity  
19 Landscaping. Ms. Hastings also mentioned that a Maryland DNR forest steward has canvassed  
20 Naylor Mill Park and advises removing an area of invasive species. The committee was informed  
21 that Amanda Pollack, DI&D, is working on a long overdue park policy concerning park hours and  
22 associated park lighting. Mr. Draper commented on the completed pedestrian bridge at Camden  
23 Ave. and W. Market St. and spoke of plans to erect the City Park Christmas tree in late October or  
24 early November next to the bandstand as it has in the past.

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26 **Other Business:** Mary Grace commented on the persistent absence of April Jackson the City Council  
27 Liaison and how the committee might alleviate the situation. Such a liaison is important for effective  
28 communication and awareness of city plans, she said, and it would be a good idea to inform the  
29 mayor of our concern. Mr. Plotts said he will approach the president of City Council, "Jack" Heath,  
30 to ask his advice on the matter as a first step. Jackson St. Jean introduced himself and said that as the  
31 newly hired Critical Area Planner for the city he is not only responsible for environmental  
32 conservation for areas within 1000 feet of tidal waters in the city but will also take on the task of  
33 conducting inventories of all the city parks, noting areas of need and providing information useful for  
34 GIS mapping. Mr. Piorunski hoped that Mr. St. Jean and the committee would work together to  
35 improve the park system and Mr. St. Jean agreed saying he planned to use our knowledge of the  
36 various parks to generate a complete and comprehensive report and expects considerable  
37 communication with the committee. Ms. Hastings thought that Mr. St. Jean would find our archival  
38 committee minutes to be valuable in pinpointing areas of concern. She also was happy to say that  
39 \$75,000 has been budgeted towards finalizing the City Park Master Plan with additional funds  
40 expected for inclusion of the other city parks.

41 Members of Eastbound Disc Golf including the Maryland State Director for the Professional Disc  
42 Golf Association were on hand to commemorate Chris Roberts, a member of both the EBG and this  
43 committee, by moving forward with Mr. Robert's dream of a disc golf course in City Park. Chris  
44 was a past Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee and an avid disc golf player who

45 traveled widely in his pursuit of the game and promoted it with passion and determination.  
46 Discussion about the proposed course revolved around the actual layout, possible budget, and  
47 parking availability. Mike Perry made a motion to honor the memory of Chris Roberts by naming it  
48 the Chris Roberts Memorial Disc Golf Course. Mary Grace seconded the motion and said motion  
49 was passed unanimously by the committee. When all the preliminaries have been completed the  
50 committee will bring the proposal to Amanda Pollack for review and approval. Mayor Day was  
51 acquainted with Mr. Roberts and might be amenable to commemorating his name in this way.  
52 Mr. Perry and EDG members will meet at the Civic Center on Saturday at 2PM to walk the park and  
53 discuss possible designs and feasibility.

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55 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion  
56 to adjourn was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn at  
57 7:10PM.

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