



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
THURSDAY, 06 JULY 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Andra Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Andra Dunn
Stanley Hill
Kim Irving
Tim Bobseine
Vacant

Chairperson, Place 2
Place 1
Place 3
Secretary, Place 4
Place 5

And

Mark Taylor
Jan Hill
Linda Proskey
Timothy Hamilton
Lisa Benavidez
Vickie Vickers

Council Liaison
Alternate Council Liaison
City Secretary
Parks and Recreation Services Director
Assistant to the City Secretary
Recreation Senior Events Coordinator

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Timothy Hamilton Watauga Parks and Recreational Services Director made the following Presentation to the board:

1. Upcoming Special Community Events for 2023 that include:

- Jul 14th Movie night in the park "Top Gun Maverick" sponsored and underwritten by our very own State Farm Insurance local business
- Aug 11th Movie night in the park "Encanto"
- Sep 8th Concert in the park 7 PM "Michael Hix"
- Sep 15-16th Kids Fishin' Derby and Campout at Capp Smith Park 5 PM-10 AM
- Sep 22nd Movie night in the park "The Greatest Showman"
- Oct 20th Movie night in the park "Hotel Transylvania: Transformania"
- Oct 21st: Running scared 5k at the Watauga Community Center at 8 AM
- Oct 28th Halloween Bash 4-7 PM at the Watauga Community Center

- Nov 10th Veterans Day Celebrations at Capp Smith Park and the Watauga Community Center
- Dec 2nd Hometown Christmas Celebration at Capp Smith Park 5–8 PM

At the end of this Presentation, Chairperson Dunn confirmed with Mr. Hamilton that a Christmas Yard decoration contest will again be held this year.

(2) The next presentation was the recognition of an outstanding volunteer by Chairperson Dunn and Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Bob Hardin has been working as a volunteer with the Tarrant Area Food Banks and local Supermarkets In collecting, sorting, and distributing food for fellow Seniors at the Watauga Community Center since he joined 11 years ago. The presentation included the delivery of a plaque by Mr. Hamilton and Chairperson Dunn to Mr. Hardin and his wife, who were both present at the PAB to celebrate the occasion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Requests for Public Comment were not received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Requests for Public Testimony were not received.

REPORTS

(1) The bi-monthly update report for the Parks, Recreation Center and senior services was briefed to the PAB by Mr. Hamilton per the meeting agenda packet.

- May 2023 Yard of the Month was awarded to 6424 Bennington Dr
- June 2023 Yard of the month was awarded to 7313 Bennington Dr

Following the brief, Mr. Hamilton requested any questions or concerns from the PAB regarding report items. Chairperson Dunn asked for more information on the reported park's vandalism issues and means for mitigating them. City Council Liaison Mark Taylor asked about the costs associated with vandalism repair. Park vandalism issues will move to a future meeting agenda.

Mr. Taylor further inquired about ballfield utilization at Foster Village Park. Mr. Hamilton reviewed the current user agreements with the fields. He also said that a future agenda item would be a revitalization of Foster Village and a future vision with PAB input for better utilization of this park.

(2) Review of Wataugafest

Mr. Hamilton reviewed and spotlighted local business sponsors and underwriters for the Wataugafest event as part of this report. Attendance figures were above expectations, with food and craft vendors for the festival exceptionally pleased with the business these

attendance figures generated. The communication and coordination in making the event an overwhelming success by all involved City departments was evident throughout.

There was a total of 66 craft vendors and 13 food vendors at the event. Unfortunately, advertising leading up to the event missed goals, but record attendance was still realized. The event was profitable, which indicates room for expansion at future Wataugafests.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action item to approve the minutes from the 02 May 2023 Parks Advisory Board meeting.

Place 3 Kim Irving made motion to approve the consent agenda. Place 1 Stanley Hill second the motion. Chairperson Dunn called for a vote.

The board vote to approve the 02 May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1
The motion passed 4-0-0-1

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chairperson Dunn requested Foster Village's future utilization and current park vandalism concerns be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm

APPROVED: this 5th day of September, 2023

SIGNED: this 5th day of September, 2023

APPROVED:

A. Dunn /s/

Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

T. Bobseine /s/

Tim Bobseine, Secretary

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