



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Stanley Hill	Place 1
Andra Dunn	Place 2
Kim Irving	Place 3
Tim Bobseine	Place 4
Darlene Chavious	Place 5

and

Cris Blackburn	Councill Liaison
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Timothy Hamilton	Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian TenEyke	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Vickie Vickers	Recreation Center Senior Events Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of outstanding volunteers

Parks and Recreation Director Timothy Hamilton presented Ms. Rose Kenny with a Volunteer Service Award certificate in appreciation of her outstanding dedication and service to the Senior Center for Active Adult Services. Ms. Kenny has served four terms as an officer and is currently the Vice President. She also started the first water aerobics

class in 2000 and has lived in the Watauga area since 1997.

2. Upcoming Parks & Community Services special events.

Parks and Recreation Director Timothy Hamilton stated that the next upcoming special event is the Kids Fishing Derby & Campout, which will take place from September 13 at 5 p.m. to September 14 at 10 a.m. Additional upcoming special events will be posted on the Parks and Recreation website for the community to review.

3. May and June 2024 Yard of the Month winner.

Parks and Recreation Director Timothy Hamilton acknowledged that the Yard of the Month winners for May 2024 were Rich and Kim Dickman of 7612 Evergreen Dr., and for June 2024, the winners were Angel and Lorena Anchondo of 6709 Geyser Trl. There were 13 submissions for this event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No request for public comment.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No request for public testimony received.

REPORT

1. Update on Parks, Recreation, & Active Adult Services.

Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an overview of the Watauga Parks and Community Services update document. Director Hamilton commented that they had a very busy and productive spring season, featuring Movies in the Park events, Watauga Fest with 25,000 attendees, and a successful Splash Pad opening day. The Tiny Tots program, Zumba, Yoga, and Camp Watauga have all continued to see strong attendance and engagement. The Active Adult Senior Center has thrived with its jamboree program and game nights for seniors. Additionally, the parks staff has been diligent in removing graffiti, maintaining the parks, and assisting with summer park programs.

2. Watauga Fest Report 2024.

Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that there were two fewer non-food vendors and three more food vendors this year, resulting in an additional \$1,700. Although the event was not as successful as last year due to rainy weather conditions, the Parks Department was still able to break even regarding the event's funding. This year's event was the first to offer shuttle transportation for patrons and a VIP area. Possible ideas for next year's event include featuring different types of bands and considering a barbecue cook-off.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider action to approve the Park Advisory Board Minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting.

Kim Irving, Place 3 made a motion to approve the item on the Consent Agenda as written. Tim Bobseine, Place 4 second the motion. Chairperson Andra Dunn called for a vote.

Ayes. 5 (Hill, Dunn, Irving, Bobseine, Chavious)

Nayes. 0

Abstain 0

Absent 0

Motion passes. 5-0-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider the possible re- establishment of Keep Watauga Beautiful affiliate

Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the board that a survey questionnaire was created and posted on the website to gather community input regarding the re-establishment of Keep Watauga Beautiful. The survey results indicated that 83% of the community would like to see the program return. Some community members expressed a willingness to volunteer for the program. The feedback was largely positive, although there were also some questions from the community. Park staff put together three logos for Keep Watauga Beautiful, which were presented to the park board for consideration. Chairperson Dunn inquired whether the re-establishment of KWB could include programs to acknowledge community members who help keep city areas clean.

Stan Hill, Place 1, asked if such acknowledgments could be represented by signage.

Tim Bobseine, Place 4 made a motion to re-establish the Keep Watauga Beautiful program. Darlene Chavious, Place 5 second the motion. Chairperson Andra Dunn called for a vote.

Ayes. 5 (Hill, Dunn, Irving, Bobseine, Chavious)

Nayes. 0

Abstain 0

Absent 0

Motion passes. 5-0-0-0

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Discuss and review the next steps for moving forward on the re-establishment of Keep Watauga Beautiful program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

APPROVED: this 3 day of Sept, 2024
SIGNED: this 3 day of Sept, 2024

APPROVED

A. Dunn /s/

Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kim Irving /s/

Secretary