

**Matthews Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource
Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 7:00pm**

Committee Members Present: Howie Labiner – Chair, Harvey Boyd, Ryan Maclatchie, John Gatlin, Sandi Lee, Dawn Reid – Vice Chair, Debbie Chopas

Committee Members Absent: Mary Ciminelli

Staff Member Present: Corey King, Melissa Johnson, Scott Rawls

Guest Present: Mark Tofano (interested in the advisory board opening)

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

- I. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
- II. Division Reports were reviewed
 - a. Special Events
 - i. Mention of Hometown Holiday event being rained out
 - b. Athletics
 - i. N/A
 - c. Parks/Outdoor Recreation
 - i. New projects: Pollinator garden addition by an Eagle Scout. Starting this weekend. Scout is putting stone decorative border around both gardens.
 - ii. Rice Road Park: benches up, re-ordered picnic tables so they are ADA compliant. Soft opening in January, and Grand Opening on March 29th. Low key announcement, notify via Nextdoor, as there may be issues with parking.
 - iii. Purser-Hulsey Park: working to complete last section of trail; Tarheel Trailblazers meeting on 19th to discuss 2.5 additional miles of trail. Building from Idewild road moved there, on foundation, floor and windows will be repaired. Will be used as storage for community garden.
 - d. Cultural Resources
 - i. Nutcracker performances & Sugar Plum parties concluded on 12/2. Each event was well attended.
 - ii. The first two seatings of Breakfast with Santa was held on 12/8. The final two seatings will be held on 12/15. All seatings for this event sold out.
 - iii. Poperazzi will be holding two shows on the last weekend of this month; one show on 12/29 and another on 12/30.
 - iv. The MCC will be closed for the Holidays from 12/23 through 12/13, with the MAC being closed from 12/23 until 1/2.
- V. Director's Report
 - a. Project Updates
 - i. Rice Road Park moving along well; substantially complete pending Friday's meeting. Road portion complete. Playground install next.

- ii. Four Mile Creek Greenway meeting tonight: project currently not funded; not on county CIP until 2024. What it takes to build the greenway; roughly 37 people in attendance.
- iii. Public works presented info about 74 project at Sam Newell, 51, Independence Pointe Pkwy, Town approved improvements on bridges 5.4 million cost; 50 year decision. Multi-use path and sidewalk on each of the bridges. Correlating plan of connectivity: Carolina Thread Trail; on Matthews-Mint Hill Road: redesign Welcome to Matthews sign. With the current agreement the sign won't fit, needs new agreement. Connector on Novant property.
- iv. January: look at McKee Rd and Pleasant Plains, present illustrations to board in February. Look at County master plan, citizen survey results, and look at gaps.
- v. Vision of Stumptown Park 2030: acquisition of 3 homes on Freemont and Masonic Lodge. Does it remain as useable space?
- vi. Question about red brick contributing to maintenance of Stumptown or Town Green? Thought being that events bring in business for them.
- vii. Heritage Trail: loss of funding. HUD response procedurally steps were not taken so not eligible to receive funding. Mecklenburg County and C-Cog dropped the ball. Administrative oversight. Over \$150k.
- viii. May have another committee opening.
- ix. Question about joining with other committees. Ones with similar ideas/interests.
- x. Present at a Board meeting what's going on with PRCR committee.

VI. Old Business

- a. FY19 Tourism Grant Award Recap

VII. New Business

- a. Debbie Chopas approved as a new member but Town Board has not approved yet. Waiting for Town to deal with all committees at once.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.