

**Matthews Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources
Advisory Committee
February 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Howie Labiner, Harvey Boyd, John Estes, Gretchen Reid
Committee Members Absent: Mary Ciminelli, Tom Williams, Matt Jones, Sandi Lee, Bob Evans
Staff Members Present: Lee Anne Moore, Colten Marble
Staff Members Absent: Corey King, Ashley Warwick, Karla Thornhill, Scott Rawls

Chairman Howie Labiner called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Cultural Report- Colten Marble

- Public Art
 - A new public art piece will be installed at the trail behind the Community Center. An existing piece of art will be made in to a “hobbit house” by the artist who painted the dragons on the sewer pipes.
 - The committee approved the design for this public art piece.

Athletics Report- Karla Thornhill

- Activities/Programs
 - First Friday movies went well this year. Had a lot of new comers to the facility.
 - We are working with the Activities Director at Plantation Estates if efforts to get some senior programming at Crews.
 - Working on getting a toddler music class started. Still in the planning stages right now but have a meeting set up with an instructor.
 - Father Daughter Dance is this Saturday.
 - Registration for summer camps have started. We have added a girls only basketball camp with Muggsy this summer.
 - We found out the hard way that our AED machine is working. A gentleman’s heart stopped and fortunantly there was an EMT in the couch to 5k class at Crews that saved the man’s life using the AED machine.
 - All of our other programs are still doing well and increasing in popularity.

Parks Report- Scott Rawls

- Free Guided Bird Walks @ SL continue their success. Continuing monthly/every other.
- Couch to 5k fitness program. 5 weeks in (half-way). Going very well so far.
- Adding new gravel to Stumptown Park. Want completed before Food Truck Fridays in March.
- Kids In Nature Day is 4/16. Planning meeting on 2/25.

- Adding a variety of new summer camps for 2016:
 - Discovery Place Camps – “Outdoor Explorers”
 - Great Outdoors University Camps – Program of NC Wildlife Federation
 - Junior Tennis – offered by Tennis Academy of North Carolina
 - Kid Fit – Youth fitness camp – safe exercises and healthy lifestyle
- Stumptown Project Update
 - Uplighting is being installed at Stumptown Park; uplighting the stage, public art piece, the veteran wall, and some trees.
- Harvey asked about another electronic sign to advertise upcoming events.
 - Lee Anne responded by saying that while it would be nice to have to replace over-street banners, it would be costly to set up.
- Harvey also mentioned that it may be a good idea to fix up and open the barn on the highway 51 property as a space for large events, such as weddings or conferences.

Special Event Report- Lee Anne Moore

- Father/Daughter ticket update
 - Sold-out event; 240 tickets sold.
 - Will be held at Crews Recreation Center on 2/13
- Lee Anne informs the committee that she is looking for part-time Special Event Team members.
- Informs the committee that Sarah Kasper is assisting Lee Anne with the coordination of Food Truck Friday. The first event will be on Friday, March 4th.
- Lee Anne announced that Matthews Alive has signed singer Joe Diffie as the Country night headliner and a Heart tribute band that will perform on Saturday night.

Director's Report- Corey King (Presented by Colten Marble)

- Rice Road Report
 - The Town Commissioners approved of the conceptual plan that was submitted. The next step is for the committee to vote on the formal approval of the plan.
 - Phase 1 is budgeted at \$400,000.00. The project total is budgeted to be \$1.4 million. The cap on the PARTF grant is \$500,000.00.
 - The deadline for starting construction is January 2018.
 - The committee discussed potential parking and park access issues.
- Planning Conference
 - The Town Planning Conference will be held at the end of February. The day for Parks & Recreation presentation will be on February 25th at 3:00pm at Town Hall.
- Gretchen voiced her concern for the amount of trees that have been falling lately.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.