

Recreation Advisory Board

April 13, 2017

5:30pm

Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Sterritt, Herman Little, and Eddie Spencer. Also present: Dexter Harris and Matthew Schelly, Community Development Director.

Members Absent: Phillip Hornthal, Johnnie Walton, Debbie Malenfant and Buck Jolly.

Eddie Spencer welcomed and called the meeting to order.

Herman Little led the board in prayer.

March 2017 minutes were approved.

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business-

Dexter Harris updated the board on how well received the Little League parent orientation was and the poor attendance for the first parent workout.

Dexter Harris updated the board on the progress of the Splash Pad at Enfield. He provided a sketch of the splash pad area, drawn by Mr. Schelly, to all board members. Expected finish date for the project is mid to late May. Possible other projects within the Enfield area were discussed.

New Business-

Eddie Spencer commented on the great attendance and how great Veteran's Park looked at the ribbon cutting/dedication. The idea of memorial bricks being purchased by the citizens and placed at Veteran's Park in memory of a loved one was briefly discussed.

Dexter Harris introduced Mr. Matthew Schelly, Community Development Director for the City of Elizabeth City. Mr. Schelly presented the board with the plan that was developed for the grant application for Coast Guard Park. The plan showed the current building on site, added parking lot, sidewalk to the street as well as to the building, and the ramp leading to the boardwalk. The plan also included two floating docks, new trees, existing lights, and picnic tables with umbrellas. The idea for Coast Guard Park is for the existing building to store canoes, kayaks, paddles, and life jackets to be rented by the public. Mr. Schelly advised the board the cost of the project would be \$320,000 with \$160,000 being the amount of the PARTF grant applied for and the other \$160,000 coming from the City, the amount they have to match for the grant. Issues on the location of the floating docks, the depth of the water, the wake from the boats using the Waterfront launch, and the safety of the public launching at that location were discussed. Herman Little made a motion to support the Coast Guard Park project with consideration of the board's concerns with the location of the floating docks. Dr. Sterritt seconded. Motion approved-project supported.

Comments from the board were then heard.

Eddie Spencer thanked Dexter Harris for the Parks and Recreation's work on getting the disc golf course cleaned up at Fun Junktion.

Eddie Spencer moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Herman Little seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 11th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Williams, Administrative Assistant on behalf of Dexter Harris