

Parks, Recreation Cultural Resources Advisory Board  
 111 James Jackson Avenue, Suite 201  
 Cary, NC

Meeting of December 3, 2001

**Attendance:** Tom Hemrick; Lisa Duke; Jamie France; Vibha Goel; Stan Latta; Greg Lytle; Liz Nacewicz, Kay Struffolino

**Absent:** Toby Kennedy; Sean Cherry

**Staff:** Mary Barry; Judy Willard; Doug McRainey; Linda Smith; Dwayne Jones; Lyman Collins; Gail Taylor

**Guest:** Roy Alfred

<b>I</b>	<p><b>Call to Order</b> – Tom Hemrick called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Tom congratulated board member Stan Latta for his successful completion of the National Recreation and Park Association’s Certified Park and Recreation Professional exam.</p>
<b>II</b>	<p><b>Minutes</b> – Vibha Goel made a motion to approve the November 5, 2001 minutes with the corrections duly noted.</p>
<b>III.</b>	<p><b>Public Speaks Out</b></p>
<b>IV</b>	<p><b>Special Presentations</b></p>
<b>V.</b>	<p><b>Land Dedications</b></p>
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>Reports</b></p>
<b>A</b>	<p><b>People for Parks</b> – Roy Alford attended the last People for Parks meeting and reported that the committee hoped to provide input into the development of Moore Square in downtown Raleigh; however, they were opposed due to lack of public input. Stan Latta noted that Jamie Ramsey had spoken to him about our board becoming an organizational member at a cost of \$50.00 per year. Tom Hemrick requested that Jamie contact Mary Barry directly regarding the board’s membership.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>Administration</b></p>
	<p><b>Greenway Committee</b> – Greg Lytle        Greg reported that the committee recommended an unpaved trail from the road to the pump station on the Walnut Creek Greenway project . The committee requested that they be involved in the Master Plan process from the beginning.</p>
	<p><b>Master Plan Update</b> – Doug McRainey noted that work is ¾ complete on the RFP. The proposal will be comprised of three components: 1) park facilities and school/park analysis; 2) greenways/update; 3) Arts Facilities. Doug noted the consultants will have the opportunity to bid on one, two or all three components. The completion of the scope of the contract will be approximately one year. RFP’s will be mailed mid-December and staff hopes to have the consultant in place in February 2002.</p>

	<p><b>Project Update</b> – RFP’s will be mailed next week for the Golf Feasibility Study and the Town Center Plan. Tom Brooks Park is awaiting CO; once obtained the building can be occupied. Additional landscpaing also complete at that site. Middle Creek School Park nears completion; attention is now on completing the punch list. Skate Park: the concrete is being poured today for both the skate park ramps and the building in addition to the greenway connection. The Tennis Center is slated for completion in March. Tom Hemrick noted that Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources had more projects and programs than ever before and applauded staff for juggling deadlines.</p>
	<p><b>Operating &amp; Maintenance Budget</b> – Mary Barry gave a powerpoint presentation on the considerations facing staff in the upcoming budget (copy to be mailed with minutes). Mary requested the board’s input on prioritizing the design and development of the following park sites. Those sites include: Hawes Property; Bartley Property; Tryon Park; Tom Brooks Park, Ph II; Middle Creek School Park, Ph II. Board members discussed the constraints and opportunities of each parcel and were in agreement to make park development to the south a priority. The board’s recommendation of prioritization is: 1) Bartley Property; 2) Middle Creek School Park, Ph II; 3) Tom Brooks Park, Ph II; 4) Tryon Park; 5) Hawes Property. Board member Lisa Duke requested the board’s input in the design process.</p>
	<p><b>Volunteer Awards Banquet</b> – Judy Willard announced the banquet will be held on February 26, 2002 at the Herb Young Community Center. The event honors all PRCR volunteers and recognizes eight volunteers for their outstanding achievements in the following categories: 1) Don Smith Award; 2) Cultural Arts Award; 3) Distinguished New Coach Award; 4) Teen Award (1 middle school &amp; 1 high school); 5) Senior Award; 6) Environmental &amp; Trails Award and the Herb Young award is presented to the year’s overall outstanding volunteer. The nominations are open to the community; however only those who volunteer in Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources may be nominated. Tom Hemrick, Kay Struffolino and Stan Latta volunteered to serve on the Selection committee along with Judy Willard and one other PRCR staff member. The Selection Committee will meet the second week in January. Judy also invited suggestions for a guest speaker at this event.</p>
C.	<p><b>Recreation Programs – Dwayne Jones</b></p>
	<p><b>Teen Council</b> – Liz Nacewicz Liz noted Lyman Collins, Cultural Arts Supervisor; Joe Godfrey, Parks Planner; and Toby Kennedy board member and Cultural Arts Committee liaison attended the recent Teen Council meeting offering an overview of their PRCR roles within the department. A design contest is underway for a logo for the new Teen Council shirts. Recent events sponsored by the teens included: 1) Mad Dash Babysitting/35 attending; and 2) Santa’s Workshop/150 attending. The teens will enjoy a holiday party in lieu of their December meeting. The teens have been offered a challenge to promote the new program opportunities now available through Teen Scene. Currently, information is available at the school sporting events; through School Resources Officers; online; and through church youth groups.</p>
	<p><b>Senior Center – Stan Latta</b> Stan reported that the final walk-through for the Senior Center took place November 28<sup>th</sup>. Stan noted that equipment has been ordered for the greenhouse with arrival in mid-December. Currently, C-Tran has over 700 registered participants and noted \$3000 in ticket sales in October. The Senior Center staff hosted a Veteran’s Day luncheon with 237 in attendance. The Senior Center holiday and tree trimming party takes place this Friday. Jody is attending the Anne Johnson Institute of Senior Center Management and will earn national certification upon completion of this 3-year program.</p>
	<p><b>Program Update</b></p>
	<p><b>RITNY Run</b> – This annual event, Run In The New Year, is cosponsored by the YMCA. The New Year’s Eve run (December 31<sup>st</sup>) takes place inside Bond Park and, last year, drew 300 runners. The race headquarters will be the Cary Senior Center and runners will gather there for refreshments following the race. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Cary Teen Council and the YMCA youth leadership group.</p>

<b>D</b>	<b>Cultural Arts – Lyman Collins</b>
	<b>Cultural Arts Committee</b> – Lyman Collins reported for Toby Kennedy Lyman noted that the committee continues to discuss the committee’s structure and will focus on assisting with the Arts Facility Master Plan next year. Following the November meeting, members were encouraged to attend a presentation offered by Cary Visual Art on Public Art presented at the Page-Walker.
	<b>Program Update</b>
	Lyman reported the recent Applause, Cary Youth Theatre production of Peter Pan was the most successful to date with 42 participants and 3 sold out performances with ¾ attendance in the first performance. Tom Hemrick noted that audio was a problem in some areas of the theater. Additionally, Tom offered the service of PRCR board members to assist at these productions with ticket sales, programs, etc. and possibly have the Teen Council involved.  The Art-O-Mat was unveiled on November 19 <sup>th</sup> . The Art-O-Mat, located at Jordan Hall, is a converted cigarette machine that dispenses pieces of art for \$5. Lyman noted that these make great stocking stuffers.  The annual Kwanzaa Celebration takes place December 27 <sup>th</sup> at the Herb Young Community Center. Tony Brown will be the guest speaker.  Lyman stated the architectural firm of William Rawn & Associates announced that the Amphitheater at Regency Park received recognition from the New England Chapter of the American Architects Institute.
<b>E.</b>	<b>Athletics – Linda Smith reported for William Davis</b>
	<b>Program Update</b>
	Linda Smith reported that members of the Athletic Committee assisted with team placements for youth basketball in lieu of a November meeting. Winter youth basketball bantam through junior comprise 99 teams, an increase over last year of 9 teams. No wait lists in the girls league; however, wait lists for the boys include: 7/midget; 7/bantam and 9/junior.  Linda noted fall programs are coming to a close and the winter programs are underway with pre-season practices.
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Old Business</b>
	NCRPS Conference – Stan Latta along with several PRCR staff members attended the recent conference in New Bern, NC. Stan shared literature he received at the conference with other board members. It was noted that Mary Barry did an excellent job on the skate park presentation.
	National Playground Safety Institute – Stan Latta asked if it would be helpful for a Town employee to attend this institute. Mary Barry responded that the Public Works Department does in fact send selected staff to playground safety training. Mary further noted that Cary’s Kids Together Park will be the site of a training session this summer.
	NRPA Accreditation – Stan Latta asked about the status of the accreditation progress. Mary Barry noted that staff continues to make progress and that a timeline will be presented at the January meeting.
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>New Business</b>
	January Agenda Topics – 1) Dog Park; 2) Bike Plan Presentation by Planning; 3) CA Facility Plan and possibly Land Dedications.

<b>IX.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
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