

Carrboro Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting 13 January 2020

Present: Tamara Sanders, Brian Payst, Chris Colvin, Alessandra Gutierrez-Arnold, Becky Cleveland, Debby Filer, Jeff Laufenberg (potential member), Jacquelyn Gist (council liaison), Deon Temne (school board) and Anita Jones-McNair (staff liaison)

Motion to approve minutes

- Motion made by Colvin, approved unanimously

Communication/Speakers from floor

- Introductions

New Business

- Intergovernmental Park Work Group membership
 - One spot for Carrboro Rec & Parks
 - Sanders inquired about having a Greenways representative, could either be an alternate or add a position (would require a vote)
 - Chapel Hill has 2 spots, one for Rec & Parks and one for Greenways
 - Jones-McNair to talk with staff liaison to Greenways to commission to see if there is an interest in getting a member onto the IPWG
- Department Overview
 - 13 full time employees
 - 3 part-time permanents
 - Many part-time seasonal, contractors, instructors, volunteers (500)
 - Review of organizational chart and division of responsibilities
 - Discussion of using school facilities for programs and increasing interconnections between Rec & Parks and Schools
 - Discussion of short name for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. "Dr. King Park" is to be used, not "MLK Park."
 - Rec & Parks Commission has a \$2,400 budget, historically has been used for training or special events (e.g., climbing wall rental for open streets)

Old Business

- Martin Luther King Jr. Park
 - Temne submitted a favorite quote to consider including on a plaque: "There is not even a common language when the term 'equality' is used. Negro and white have a fundamentally different definition. Negroes have proceeded from a premise that equality means what it says, and they have taken white Americans at their word when they talked of it as an objective. But most whites in America in 1967, including many persons of goodwill, proceed from a premise that equality is a loose expression for improvement. White America is not even psychologically organized to close the gap — essentially it seeks only to make it less painful and less obvious but in most respects to retain it." (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Where Do We Go from Here? Chaos or Community*, 1967).

Staff & Chair Reports

- Chair
 - Sanders encouraged commission members to watch training video (<http://www.townofcarrboro.org/mediacenter.aspx?VID=3>)
 - Sanders asked for agenda items for future meetings
 - Election of officers

- The Town will be holding a public hearing to receive comments about community needs and the budget on January 21. You can either address them in person, or write to the Carrboro Town Council (formerly known as the Carrboro Board of Aldermen) at council@townofcarrboro.org.
- Department
 - Jones-McNair described Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park opening on Monday, January 20 at 3pm and Youth-led Special Event on Saturday, January 18 at 1-3pm at the Carrboro Century Center.

Notetaker for next month: Payst

Motion to adjourn made by Filer and seconded by Cleveland