

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

April 13, 2022

GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Jay Cook, Brian Cutlip, Laurie Pickard, Nicki Smith,

STAFF: Brian Faucette, Council member Bonnie Whitaker

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:34 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pickard and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook introduced new Council Liaison Bonnie Whitaker with everyone giving a brief introduction.

-Chair Cook reported 200 people attended the recent Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

-Chair Cook reported he has spoken with current commission members Pat Moser and Kent Davis and both members plan to resign at the end of the current year.

-Chair Cook reported the S. Graham Park basketball court, soccer field and playground have been busy over the past few weeks.

-Chair Cook reported the track at Goley St. still needs some attention. The specific area is near Zachary Field.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette reported staff continues to attend trainings with a full update to be presented at the next meeting.

-Mr. Faucette reported the Public Works Department has removed the debris from the Shelter #2 fire at Cooke Park. They will finish grading the area later in the spring.

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission that Alley, Williams, Carmen and King are surveying a "centerline" for the entrance to the multi-purpose field area at Graham Regional Park. The survey will be used by the Public Works Dept. for initial grading of the entrance.

-Mr. Faucette reported the HVAC screen for the 200 North Park is scheduled to be installed in May.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette reported the department is still in need of part-time staff with some positions having been filled. An increase in pay-rates will be requested for the FY '22-'23 budget.

-Mr. Faucette presented the updated site plans for the Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan. A complete plan is expected to be complete by the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Faucette suggested Community Listening Sessions on April 29th at the Arbor Day event or the first Thursday at Seven Concert Series on May 26th. Details for each event will be forwarded as they are finalized.

-Mr. Faucette reported the FY '22-'23 budget has been submitted to the City Manager.

-Mr. Faucette reported he was able to present the department's CIP requests to the City Council at a recent budget meeting. Highlighted requests include gym flooring at the Graham Recreation Center, a mini excavator for the Parks Div. and new jon boats and marina renovations at the Lake.

-Mr. Faucette reminded those commission members whose terms are ending to submit a new application if they are interested in being reappointed.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Marketing: N/A **Friends Group:** N/A **Parks:** N/A **Athletics:** N/A **Sports Hall of Fame:** noted above
Centers: Chair Cook reported the Rec. Center staff did a great job at the Hall of Fame banquet.

Programs: Mrs. Smith reported the Cottontail Crawl event was successful and many people visited the Historical Museum as a result of the event.

OTHER BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette informed the Recreation Commission the Appearance and Tree Board has requested to form a partnership to complete park clean-ups. The Commission indicated an interest to formalize the partnership so Mr. Faucette will work with the Appearance/Tree Board on details.

With all business concluded, Mr. Cutlip made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm, seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date