

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

May 11, 2022

GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Brian Faucette

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Mr. Cutlip made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beshel and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook reported the Friends of Graham Recreation will meet on May 20th.

-Chair Cook reported the Sports Hall of Fame Committee recently evaluated the April '22 induction ceremony and that John Harrington will be off the Board for at least one year but would like to be reappointed in 2023.

New members will be KJ Stone and Jane Albright. Kim Davis will be the new Chair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette updated the staff's total training hours of 61.75 with 20.5 of those being classified as DEI training sessions. Additional training hours from the recent Therapeutic Recreation Conference will added.

-Mr. Faucette reported the Public Works Department has finished grading the area and presented examples and a quote of ~\$92,000 for the materials to replace the shelter at Cooke Park. A contractor will be sought with the hopes of replacing the shelter later in the year.

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission that Alley, Williams, Carmen and King have completed surveying a "centerline" for the entrance to the multi-purpose field area at Graham Regional Park. The Public Works Dept. will begin initial grading of the entrance as their schedule allows.

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

-Mr. Faucette reported a walking path is being installed at Graham Regional Park to connect to the new housing development being built across Jim Minor Rd.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette reported the department has been able to fill part-time positions in Summer Camp and the Parks and Lake Divisions. Positions in the Centers Division remain unfilled. These staffing shortages in the Centers Division will likely result in shortened hours of operation at the Rec. Center.

-Mr. Faucette reported no new data has been presented for the Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan.

-Mrs. Pickard reported she was able to speak with three community members at the listening Session at the Arbor Day Event. -1. Concerns about indoor and outdoor Pickle Ball courts; 2. An Appearance Commission member is still waiting on her "rock" at Graham Regional Park; 3. A recent widow has "discovered" Graham Regional Park. Laurie presented her marketing materials for future GRPD events which were well received. The next listening session will be on May 26th at the Thursday at Seven Concert. The Graham Historical Museum Board will also be hosting board members from Preservation Burlington that night.

-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on the recently proposed FY '23 budget and encouraged Commission members to urge City Council members to pass the budget as presented as it supports several GRPD projects.

-Mr. Faucette reminded the Commission that applications for Boards and Commissions are being excepted and the Recreation Commission will have at least two vacancies to fill.

-Mr. Faucette did not have an update from the Appearance Commission on their proposed park clean-up day but will send an update.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Faucette reminded the Commission to consider officer nominations and elections. Chair Cook asked members for nominations. Members suggested to delay the nominations and vote until Commission vacancies had been filled.

-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on two items to be presented to the Friends Group. 1-A request from the Appearance Committee for the Friends Group to accept the monetary donations that may be received for the

Tree Sponsorship program. 2- A request from the GRPD to accept monetary donations for a new “Sponsor and Athlete” program.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Marketing: N/A **Friends Group:** N/A **Parks:** N/A **Athletics:** N/A **Centers:** N/A **Programs:** N/A
Sports Hall of Fame: noted above

OTHER BUSINESS

-Mr. Cutlip asked Mr. Faucette to explore the names of GRPD baseball teams as one team may have an insensitive name.

With all business concluded, Mr. Cutlip made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date