



City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal Building
300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Services Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This Community Services Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 4 - Chairperson Jamal T. Fox, Vice Chair Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann and Councilmember Justin Outling

Also present were Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and Deputy City Clerk Angela R. Lord.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Councilmember Fox explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Outling to refer the consent agenda to Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

1. [ID 16-0120](#) Resolution Listing Loans and Grant for City Council Approval
2. [ID 16-0129](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of January 12, 2016 was adopted.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

There were no general business items for this agenda.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. [ID 16-0117](#) Museum Update - Carol Hart, Director

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to national exposure for the Greensboro Historic Museum; and recognized Museum Director, Carol Hart.

Ms. Hart spoke to the 90th anniversary of the museum; made a PowerPoint Presentation; highlighted events over the past year; provided information on the Emancipation Proclamation exhibit; spoke to the publicity received; working with the community for the Warnersville exhibit; being awarded the Award of Excellence; highlighted the Montagnard documentary; outlined additional programs; spoke to Black History Month events; explained information on the Flashback event; spoke to partnerships and relationships that had developed; the Dolley Madison dress and interest expressed by Disney World; outlined upcoming events; and spoke to sponsorships.

Committee members voiced appreciation for the work done by Ms. Hart and the museum staff.

4. [ID 16-0126](#) Parks and Recreation Capital Project Update

Assistant City Manager Wilson referenced dialogue for Parks and Recreation (P & R) Capital Projects; spoke to the number of current projects; and additional future reports.

P & R Director Wade Walcutt spoke to a quote for the department 'Better Lives, Better Community'; made a PowerPoint Presentation that highlighted completed projects; spoke to impacting lives; the importance of four pillars (CARE: Creating economic impact, Advancing conservation, Rejuvenating health and wellness, and Enhancing quality of life); provided information on current projects; highlighted specific projects; spoke to private funding; the Memorial to Women project; opportunities for revenue as a rental facility; community priorities; highlighted the skate park project; referenced upcoming community conversations; explained the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund Grant (PARTF) opportunity; spoke to potential projects for the future; and the Gateway Gardens Visitors Center.

Discussion took place regarding funding for the Gateway Gardens Visitors Center; partnering with Greensboro Beautiful; and the potential revenue from the center.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to allocate funding as soon as possible; inquired about the Barber Park road extension; requested an update on Safety Town; staff to research funding possibilities for Gateway Gardens; and inquired about the Skate Park project.

Mr. Walcutt referenced the Windsor/Chavis project; spoke to economic impacts; funding needs in relation to available funding; bond funds; essential ingredients; highlighted trends to be aware of; spoke to program expansion; service enhancements; and thanked the committee for the opportunity to highlight projects.

Assistant City Manager Wilson referenced previous planning and dialogue; spoke to the need for additional entrances and exits at Barber Park; stated staff would be willing to enter into dialogue with the community again; stated the community behind Barber Park had not been in favor of the options; and confirmed staff would continue to engage the community. Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to potential funding avenues for Gateway Gardens; the estimated construction cost; and to getting additional return on the City investment.

Discussion continued regarding community meetings for the Skate Park; and the estimate for Gateway Gardens.

Councilmember Fox requested other departments to provide an update on trends to be aware of; asked City Attorney Carruthers about the \$3 million for potential future projects, and requested Mr. Carruthers to work with Mr. Walcutt regarding bonds to be discussed in November.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Y, Exhibit No. 8 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

Matters to be discussed by Committee Members

There were no items for discussion by the Committee members.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to the projects that were outlined; coordinated efforts for a comprehensive plan; stated staff would continue to provide updates; voiced appreciation for the support of Council; and requested feedback from Council.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to areas with the greatest potential for growth.

Councilmember Hightower referenced discussions at the last East Greensboro Study Committee meeting; and spoke to the Innovation area.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Outling, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 6:21 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

JAMAL FOX
CHAIRPERSON