



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

Notice of Public Meeting West-Side Recreation Group

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. the Kill Devil Hills' West-Side Recreation Group will hold a regular meeting in the Meeting Room at the Administration Building, 102 Town Hall Drive.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Agenda Approval
Approval of the Minutes of November 25, 2019
Old Business
1. Meekins Field
New Business
Public Comment
Response to Public Comment
Adjourn

Posted this 9th day of January, 2020.

Mary E. Quidley
Town Clerk

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Minutes of the Monday, November 25, 2019 meeting of the West-side Recreation Group held at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Administration Building, 102 Town Hall Drive, off Colington Road.

- Members Present:** Chair Terry Gray; Voting Members Will Foxwell, IV, T. Dillon Heikens, Stacie Huelsman, Kelli Miller, and Amy Seyler
- Members Absent:** Daryl Davies, Christine Damrose-Mahlmann and Mark Shaffer
- Others Present:** Cameron Ray, Assistant Planning Director; Ross Cipriano, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor; Michael O'Dell, Deputy Town Clerk
- Guests:** Commissioner-Elect Ivy Ingram and Mayor-Elect Ben Sproul

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Gray called this meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Gray called for a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting as submitted. That motion was made by Ms. Huelsman, seconded by Mr. Foxwell and approved unanimously, 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 23, 2019 (Attached NB-1)

Amy Seyler moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019, minutes as presented. Mr. Heikens seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous, 5-0, vote.

2. Aviation Park (Attached NB-2)

Mr. Ray then presented the Aviation Park Survey results and the recommendation from the 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan Update for Aviation Park. During the review of the online survey results, it was realized that Kill Devil Hills citizens' interests and priorities are similar to the recommendations in the 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan Update. There were 278 respondents to the online Aviation Park Survey. Including the survey, the 2004 Recreational Facilities Plan Update, and WRG discussion, the following was recommended for future amenities at Aviation Park:

- Continue with planned improvements/community events: (Improvements) Expanding playground to include more equipment, replace lights on hockey rink, and install park signage. (Community Events) Ice Cream Social, Halloween Parade, Frostbite 5K, Rundown 5K, Etc.
- Create large scale “You Are Here” map/mural of Aviation Park to show all park amenities/features, improve wayfinding, and show surrounding facilities including Town Hall, Baum Center, and Dare County Library. Suggested location of map/mural to be located on large wall of restroom facilities.
- Connect Aviation Park walking trails to Master Gardeners/Arboretum walking trails.
- Construct open air pavilion/special events pavilion.
- Promote Aviation Park as community event location.

Mr. Ray stated Staff proposed the WRG forward these recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Commissioner Gray noted that the survey was very successful. Members discussed additional benches and tables, a public art area, inclusive playground equipment options, maps and wayfarer signage, and the placement of a family pavilion. Commissioner Gray stated with the large number of existing amenities at Aviation Park, the Town could concentrate on other facilities with greater needs. Mr. Ray noted that most items identified for Aviation Park could not be grant-funded. Ms. Miller said there were small, simple fixes that could be addressed at Aviation Park. Mr. Ray stated that public art is one of the few things that is not present at Aviation Park. The group expressed its support for expanded public events, including potential “pop-up” shops, art shows, farmers markets, and music events.

Mr. Foxwell moved to forward Staff recommendations as presented for Aviation Park to the Board of Commissioners for consideration, based on the online citizens’ survey, along with the 2004 Recreational Plan, with consideration given to public art spaces, additional benches where possible, and integration of inclusive play equipment when expanding playground facilities. The WRG also recommended the Board of Commissioners direct Staff to proceed recommended improvements through phased-implementation and pursuit of grant-based funding when possible, and to survey local artist co-ops and other art groups to determine public art opportunities. Ms. Miller seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous, 5-0 vote

Other Business

1. Meekins Field

Mr. Ray presented a conceptual plan drawn up by Staff, along with a satellite image of the current facility. When Meekins Field was originally built, it was the only softball field in Dare County. This concept has a full-sized soccer field, increased parking, and a traffic circle with connection to the Dare Centre. He highlighted a public art wall and two family pavilions. Mr. Cipriano stated that, currently, the Town cannot utilize the softball field in the summer months because of its use agreement with Dare County; however, it must maintain the fields.

The proposed concept would result in the Town resuming management of the facility. Ms. Miller stated that there was a large need for soccer in the area. Ross stated that the field could be available as a practice area for other sports, including lacrosse. Commissioner Gray asked the group to review the conceptual plan for the next meeting.

Public Comment

Response to Public Comment

The group set its next meeting for Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that the Board of Commissioners had not set its 2020 meeting calendar, and that the date may need to be changed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the WRG at this time, Ms. Miller moved to adjourn this meeting, and Mr. Heikens seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously 5-0. It was 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk



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TO: West-side Recreation Group members

FROM: Commissioner Terry Gray

DATE: January 8, 2020

REFERENCE: Meekins Field citizen survey

Assistant Planning Director Cameron Ray will present the results of the online citizen survey for Meekins Field and additional materials at the meeting.

