

Parks and Recreation Committee
March 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Monday 4:30-6:00 PM

Meeting Time: Monday March 15, 2021 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Meeting Place: Teleconference Meeting Per the Governor’s Executive Order
No. N-25-200

1. Call to order/Roll Call (Quorum = 4)

- a. Chairperson: Yibin Tang Vice Chair: Scott Vanderlip
- b. Members: Ying Liu, Kathy Evans Secretary: Boxia (Jessica) Schmidt
- c. Staff: Sarah Robustelli
- d. Council Liaison: Lisa Schmidt
- e. Associate Members: Patty Radlo, Rebecca Hickman, Helene Karlsson, Kjell Karlsson, Val Metcalfe, Jim Basiji, Craig Murray, Elisa Bredo
- f. **Present: Yibin Tang, Scott Vanderlip, Lisa Schmidt, Sara Robustelli, Kathy Evans, Jasmeen Pombra, Ying Liu, Boxia Schmidt, Diane Brauch(Public member)**

2. Review of DRAFT Minutes – Feb 22, 2021

The Feb minutes are passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: list members of the public

No public comments.

4. New Business

- a. Vote to update ordinance to no longer permit remote control vehicles and drones in Byrne Preserve (Sarah)

Advisory notice. The new updated ordinance addresses the issue of RC vehicles in Byrne Preserve. Victoria Dye from Westwind Barn was concerned that horses would be scared due to the increase of the pedestrians and the potential increase of RC vehicles. The vote is not completed due the lack of specification in the language of the ordinance. Committee members will form a subcommittee to work on the ordinance language after this meeting.

Kathy said the RC vehicles are dangerous and environmentally harmful. She mentioned years ago, the town had banned RC vehicles in the town hall and riding ring areas since the RC vehicles left gasoline traces there; it was both dangerous and polluting. Gas-powered RC vehicles can potentially spill fuel. The noise level of these RC cars is also high. Therefore, the penalty of bringing these RC vehicles to Byrne Preserve should be severe. Drones can spook

horses. However, she also mentioned that certain use of drones should be permitted since we would like to use drones to take photos of our events and our beautiful hills. Therefore, she suggested that Westwind can issue the permit/authorization for drone usage but not for RC vehicles.

Scott suggested that it would be helpful to listen to the opinions from RC vehicle users as well. Pombra seconded it. The ordinance should be specific and should not generally target all the RC vehicles. For many families, RC is a bonding entertainment activity. Scott mentioned that we can't make decision for the vote before we see the language of the ordinance. The sub-committee will work on the proposed language and take it to the April meeting on April 12th.

Sarah added that all committee members are welcome to contribute in how to and what to write on the sign that is going to be put up in the Byrne Preserve area.

Furthermore, Kathy suggested that we should put up an educational sign and a warning sign in the Byrne Preserve. Both signs are needed to let visitors be aware of the law enforcement as well as of the important information about the activities' impact on horses. Sarah added that large families were coming during the Pandemic. They lacked information about how to care for horses and thought it was a petting zone. Unfortunately, horses can be dangerous as well as vulnerable. Scott mentioned that visitors should be able to get more information from the warning sign on how to behave around large animals. They also need to stay socially distant from the horses. Sarah concluded that we had a great discussion and committee members should contribute in what to write on the sign.

Lastly, Scott added that we should find an alternative to welcome the people instead of simply pushing them away. For the RC vehicles fans, maybe we can work with the pathway committee to find out some bumpy dirt trails for them. Ying mentioned that is a multiple-layer problem and our discussion might be out of scope. The most important thing is to review the language of the ordinance and then vote for it.

b. Vote on Inspirational Banner Project Submissions (Sarah)

Currently we have 4 banners submitted and we need 6 banner designs. All residents are welcome to submit new designs until the end of March. Sarah said the submission is closed now but she can reopen it till the end of the month.

Yibin suggested everyone in the committee should come up with some ideas. Sarah and Chris would help work with the ideas and put them into graphic designs. Kathy suggested that the slogans on the banner should be encouraging, and the audience should be all residents. The banners should have some messages that cheer people up.

c. Pathway ideas (Ying)

Ying proposed that we should have some information about trails on our hills, which should include the difficulty level, time used, and the slope level of each trail. The information should be accessible to all residents and can be an important resource when conducting activities with

kids and seniors. Ying mentioned that she had used lots of trails, but she did not know about the trail status before hiking. She also suggested that we should have some articles in the town paper about some kid-friendly and senior-friendly trails. The idea is that we can introduce different trails for different groups of people. We could also provide recommendations based on the physical experience.

Scott said that he created the website (www.lhsrecreation.com). There is printable trail map as well as basic info about each trail on the website. Ying suggested to have a simpler version of the map, since she found it hard to zoom in the map on her phone. Scott added that the website map seems small, but it is with the GPS - that way you can locate where you are when hiking. Kathy said we should put the link on town website. Ying summarized that the idea of this proposal is to categorize all the info of trails so the residents can have a concept when hiking. The recommendations should be based on age. Scott, Boxia and Ying will work on the details of the category.

d. Town 65th Anniversary Celebration update (Kathy/Sarah)

The poster of the town's 65th celebration is on the activity guide. The theme is to plant native poppies. Seed packets are available in the town hall and farm stand. Picture frames were also seasonally decorated. Poppy flowers were installed in the pop-up photo frame. Kathy suggested that we should put the town logo on the popup frame as well. Sarah would take suggestions (on what should appear on the frame) directly from members after this meeting.

e. Update on Town construction project – timeline, how it will affect P&R (Kathy)

No update.

f. Budget Requests for FY21-22 (Kathy)

Nothing new.

5. Old Business

a. Important contact booklet

The residents have received it. Sarah has added the booklet into the newcomer packet as suggested.

b. LAH Outdoor Challenges – Scott

Scott has been searching for biking routes for young kids. Scott and Boxia will do the search and give a report in the next meeting. Committee members suggested that the Gardner Bullis parking lot can be a potential option during weekends.

c. Prop 68

d. Events

- i. [Drive Thru Shred Event](#) 3/20 8-11 am
The event will take place this weekend. One notice- gift cards and credit cards should be in different bags. They would not be shredded but rather discarded.
- ii. [Hoppin' Hounds at Home](#) 3/29 - 4/3
Kits can be picked up at the end of the month. Patty and Rebecca are working on this and the organization Pets in Needs is helping to prepare the kits.
- iii. [Make Everyday Earth Day](#) 4/1 - 4/25
Click on the link to go to the calendar.
- iv. [Pathways Run/Walk Self Challenge](#) 5/1 -5/9
Committee members are encouraged to tell friends to sign up and to get the shirt. Information needed on the website: Course, Age and Name. Kathy will send the flyers to the schools. There is no flyer now but we have a poster. Sarah will send the format to use after this meeting.
- v. [Independence Day Caravan](#) 7/4
We are starting to plan for a Caravan on 7/4 with updated guidelines. Kathy and Sarah will plan for a Bicycle Parada as long as it is deemed safe.
- vi. [Softball Game](#) 8/14 1-3pm Purissima Park
When new guidelines are released, we plan to have a new Softball Game for adults. Targeted at Hills residents. 18 years and older athletes needed. Men and women.
- vii. [Family Campout](#)
- viii. [Barn Lighting](#)
On hold until we have more information.

g. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Legacy Giving: Scott and Ying
No
- ii. Garden Update: Craig
No

Future Meetings: April 12, May 10, June 14, No July meeting, August 16, September 12

Adjourned Time: 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Boxia Schmidt

