



Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) MINUTES

Thursday October 21, 2021 6:00 PM
 ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Attendance is denoted by an “*” and absentees are denoted by an “x”

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS				
NAME	DISTRICT		NAME	DISTRICT
VACANT	1		VACANT	1
Barbara Murray - *	2		Joyce Staton - x	2
Ann Maxwell, Vice Chair - *	3		Ann Hamze, Chair - *	3
Vickie Whitehurst - *	4		Alise Rowan - x	4
Sharon Stang - *	5		Vacant - x	5
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBERS				
NAME	DISTRICT		NAME	DISTRICT
VACANT - x	1		Susan Vickery-Mercer - x	4
Belinda Nolen - x	2		Vacant - x	5
Addison Cox - *	3			

City Staff Present: Tony Parker, Neighborhood Liaison; Don Octigan, Director of Recreation & Parks; Amanda Frank, Fire/Rescue Planning & Compliance Manager

1. **Call To Order:** Ann Hamze, Chair
2. **Roll Call:** Tony Parker, NAB Liaison

A quorum was established.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Sharon Stang made a motion to move item #9 to the #7 slot. Vickie Whitehurst seconded. Motion was approved.

4. **Approval of June 17, 2021 Minutes**

A motion was made by Barbara Murray to approve the minutes. Addison Cox seconded. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Wildwood Park Update:** Don Octigan, Director of Recreation & Parks

- Wildwood Park was the vision of retired Recreation & Parks Director, Gary Fenton
- Grand Opening of Phase I was held on October 16, 2021
- Phase I included a sandy beach area, a floating dock with boat slips, a 1.5-mile natural trail, a kayak launch, a waterfront camping platform, paved parking and shelters for outdoor events
- Phase II which is in the design stage will include: Mountain Bike Trails, Bicycle Skills Course, Trail Connections to River Park North, restroom facility, 125-foot observation tower
- Private/public funding will be needed to complete Phase II
- Volunteers are welcomed

6. **Fire & Rescue Stakeholder's presentation:** Amanda Frank, Fire/Rescue Planning & Compliance Manager

- A PowerPoint presentation was given on "Who the GFD is and What they do"
- Currently, GFD operates six stations, with a seventh station to be built in the southern section of the city
- The majority of the calls are for EMT services
- Greenville Fire/Rescue is an accredited department
- GFD is requesting the NAB to give feedback by completing this survey:

<http://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/fire-rescue/external-stakeholder-feedback> ●

Ms. Frank fielded questions on bonfires in unapproved containers and in-home smoke alarms that are not functioning.

- Call 911 for bonfires. Fire Marshall, Bryant Beddard may be contacted for further assistance. Jessica Blackwell, Life Safety Educator, is available to speak and answer questions at Neighborhood Associations' meetings.

● All Greenville residents can receive assistance in the installation of a free smoke alarm and/or batteries through the *Code Red Smoke Alarm Program*.

7. **Redistricting of Greenville's City Districts:** Ann Hamze, Chair ● As a result of the 2020 Census and state mandate, the city must redraw the city district lines by November 2021

- The three proposed district maps can be viewed online or at locations throughout the city i.e. libraries, City Hall, Drew Steele,

- Eppes and South Greenville Recreation Centers
- NAB members and individual neighborhoods are encouraged to review these proposed plans
- Final opportunity for public comment will be at City Council Special Meeting October 27, 2021, 5 pm at City Hall Council Chambers

8. American Rescue Plan (ARPA): Ann Hamze, Chair

- 31.34 million in federal dollars has been allotted to our city to address the economic impact COVID-19 has had on our community
- Funding Must be obligated by December 31, 2024
- Funds must be spent by December 31, 2026
- Discussion topics
 1. Inadequate input from those neighborhoods that have been most directly affected by the COVID pandemic
 2. Issue of connectivity in the neighborhoods where students did not have internet
- A motion was made by Vickie Whitehurst and seconded by Ann Maxwell for the NAB to write a letter to the City Council requesting a postponement in the allocation of these funds until July 2022. The delay would give city residents time to learn about the funds, to study possibilities for expenditures, and to submit ideas. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Recruitment: Tony Parker, Neighborhood Liaison

- Tony Parker has reached out to several HOAs' property managers to obtain contact information of the HOAs' officers
- Tony requested NAB members for assistance in obtaining contact information for neighborhood associations not currently listed in our directory

10. Announcements

- *The African American Cultural Trail Launch Celebration* will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 4 pm at Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza ● Support new businesses. *Coffee & Spice* - a local, neighborhood coffee shop and restaurant is now open. Location: 1025 W 5th St. ● *National Prescription Drug Take Back Day* is October 23rd. Any unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications may be disposed of at the Drop-off Box located in Pitt County Sheriff's Office's lobby. Location: 100 W 3rd St., Greenville, NC

11. Next Meeting

- The November 18, 2021

12. Adjourn

- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Stang and 2nd by Barbara Murray. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Stang
District 5 Board Member