



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018- 2:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Present were: Chair Karen Fleischhauer, Vice Chair Becky Willis, Members Dolly Mitchell, Olivia Gomez, John McEntire and Suzannah Tucker. Member Nick Payne could not attend. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fleischhauer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda by Member Mitchell, second by Member McEntire; approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Member Mitchell to approve the minutes; second by Vice Chair Willis; approved by unanimous vote.

PROGRAMS UPDATE AND UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson reported that the SEARCH 5k had around 350 participants and the Turkey Trot had well over 200 participants. She reported the Turkey Trot was successful in collecting 507 pounds of food for donation to the food pantry. She continued that the tree lighting had at least 200 but it was hard for her to see in the role she was playing for the event. The board suggested the estimate was closer to between 300 and 350 people. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that the Sandy Paws Dog Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2018 at 1 p.m.

In discussing the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Town, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson showed a picture of a supplement that was in the Beacon for the Town's 35th anniversary. She suggested that the Town was going to try to get a price from the Beacon for doing something similar for the 50th anniversary. Member Mitchell said that Regina Martin has old pictures and needs to coordinate with Member McEntire to get them to him. She also said that she contacted Bev Weller, who was once a commissioner, to see if she remembered anything about a time capsule but she did not. The board asked if the Beacon was successful in finding any old pictures of it being buried and Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said they were not. The time capsule was discussed. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that Chief Doug Todd was contacted by Town Manager Hewett and the Tri-Beach Fire Department is going to help with the bonfire. The location was discussed with Jordan Boulevard being a possibility. Additional plans for events were discussed.

The date for RUN HB was discussed as January 19, 2019 with January being their regularly scheduled date for the future. A race for Brunswick Arts Council was discussed for March and Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that the Council may be working with us to paint a mural on the Town's public restroom in Bridgeview Park. Member Mitchell expressed an interest to get that story to the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association if it occurs. Member Mitchell asked about the new race fee and if it would be implemented for the January race. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said it will depend on it passing at the BOC meeting for December. She continued if it passes it should. The way the fee would be applied was discussed.

Member Mitchell said the Grinch stole her heart at the tree lighting and the children and parents loved it because it gave them additional picture opportunities. Vice Chair Willis said it was a great time for photos. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson thanked the board for all of their help and expressed appreciation for all they do to help create great events for the community. Vice Chair Willis said she spoke to a property owner who drove from Fayetteville to bring their grandchildren to the event. Changes to next year's event were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said that she thought the Grinch was great and she is not sure how it will be topped next year. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that Subway and Dominos donated the food and if the board has a chance to say thank you, it would be great. She also said the Merchant's Association donated the photo booth and the Beautification Club donated baked goods.

Vice Chair Willis said the Beautification Club might want to plant a tree for the 50th anniversary and wondered if Assistant Town Manager Ferguson could check on where that may occur in Bridgeview Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Mitchell to adjourn at 2:27 p.m.; second by Vice Chair Willis. The next scheduled meeting is January 3, 2018 at 2 p.m.