



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019- 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, February 7, 2019 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were: Chair Karen Fleischhauer, Vice Chair Becky Willis, Members Dolly Mitchell, Olivia Gomez, John McEntire and Suzannah Tucker. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fleischhauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two corrections were made to the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting. Member Mitchell corrected the spelling of baked on page two and Member Tucker suggested a capital A for 50th Anniversary on page one. *Motion by Vice Chair Willis to accept as amended, second by Member Mitchell; approved by unanimous vote.*

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said she was sure everyone on the board has seen the announcement or has been contacted by now regarding the change in venue for the event on February 16th. She said the event has been moved to the Holden Beach Chapel to accommodate more people. She told the board there was an overwhelming response from people wanting to attend and not enough space at town hall. She continued that there were 77 people registered for the cake and ice cream social on Thursday, February 14th and 203 currently registered for the history and social on February 16th. Member Mitchell inquired if the chapel could accommodate that many people. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said the mayor gave a great interview on WWAY the day before and the TV station is supposed to share that with the Town. This board suggested previously that Donna Blume may be a good contact for centerpieces and she is making those for the February 16th event, with the Town paying for the supplies. She said the board is donating some cakes but with the current amount of attendees, the Town will be purchasing some as well. Chair Fleischhauer mentioned that hers will be dessert and not cake, referencing brownies. Desserts were discussed by the board. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that the 50th Anniversary insert should be in today's edition of the Beacon but she has not seen a copy yet. She stated that the board can get into the chapel after 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 15th to set up. She stated the bonfire will be at the Jordan Boulevard access and the Tri-Beach Fire Department agreed to assist. Logistics for the two events were discussed. Member McEntire said he had about 20 pictures that he looped and the drone video that Lyn Holden let him borrow to show at the events. He asked for more pictures to be sent to him. He also stated that Lyn Holden asked that no copies be made of the drone video.

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Audio needs were discussed for the chapel with Curtis Bolden being shared with staff as the contact. Times the board would be needed to assist with events were discussed.

PROGRAM UPDATE AND UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that a new program was added in late January and the Town is receiving positive feedback. She stated that modified (seated) Tai Chi is held on Wednesday evenings and a regular, beginner class is held on Thursday evenings. She continued that as many as 23 people are attending on Thursdays. She also stated that shag lessons were being held on Monday evenings for five weeks. She stated the Brunswick Arts Council requested to move their race to April 6, 2019 instead of March 9th to have more time to prepare. Member Tucker asked about the new race fee that was proposed in December and if it was approved and collected. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said the BOC approved the fee and it was collected from the race company.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR

In making considerations for the upcoming fiscal year budget, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson told the board that the North Carolina/South Carolina joint conference for recreation will be held September 16-18, 2019 in Myrtle Beach. She said if board members plan to attend she needs to know within a couple of days so that she can include that into budget numbers due February 22, 2019. She continued that concerts are programmed to be around the same amount as last year. The process for inclement weather was discussed.

Member Mitchell asked about the possibility of swings along the water in the park and discussed some that sat on the surface of the ground instead of having to place posts in the ground. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said her concern would be the grass under the swings dying if they were placed directly on the ground. Chair Fleischhauer asked about the painting of a mural on the Bridgeview Park restroom. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson discussed how the Town planned to work with the Brunswick Arts Council on that issue.

Going back to the 50th Anniversary event, Vice Chair Willis asked about 50th Anniversary shirts being sold at the celebration events. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said they would be sold at the Thursday cake and ice cream social. The possibility of shirts being sold at other town businesses were mentioned but Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said they would need to be sold at town hall only. She said the tee shirt vendor agreed to waive the new screen fee to add 50th Anniversary to the shirts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Kwiatkowski mentioned that the board may want to consider selling tee shirts at the festivals this year. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson responded that the Town doesn't because the Merchants sell their own tee shirts. She said she shared a flag idea from a previous Town Anniversary with the Merchant's Association and they were looking into selling those flags.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was discussed to be March 7th at 2 p.m. Motion by Member Mitchell to adjourn at 2:32 p.m.; supported by consensus vote.