



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022- 2:00 p.m.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair John McEntire, Vice Chair Suzannah Tucker, Members Olivia Gomez, Candace Vick, Mike Pearson, Grace Bannerman and Melanie Champion. Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McEntire called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda by Vice Chair Tucker; second by Member Champion; approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of 12/2/21
- b. Minutes of 12/13/21

Motion to approve the minutes of December by Vice Chair Tucker; second by Member Vick; approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF 796 OBW

Chair McEntire said he was concerned about the deadline and tried to start capturing some of the things discussed in previous meetings. He would like to run through things quickly with the board. He said he started a draft report to the Board of Commissioners (BOC). He asked Vice Chair Tucker to look it at. Vice Chair Tucker said she appreciates the time Chair McEntire invested. Chair McEntire went over options to consider from his slideshow (hereby incorporated in the minutes). He said it is about 1.5 miles from the pier to 796 OBW. He mentioned this would be a mid-island facility. He stated in the discussion of options that Inspections Director Evans came back with an answer on what the renovations at Ocean Isle cost and it was \$180,000. The price is comparable to the estimate to renovate 796 OBW in the master plan.

He asked for comments and discussion, anything else that needs to be covered, or a different approach. Vice Chair Tucker said the first draft narrative was highly detailed. This PowerPoint is the high spots. Chair McEntire read from the November tasker and from the page of the parks and recreation master plan that talked about 796 OBW. He said he wasn't sure that timeline information requested was laid

out in the proposal. The board discussed they were not sure they could get to a timeline for renovation. Vice Chair Tucker mentioned some of the previous documents. Chair McEntire said the minute they go into the meeting with the assumption of not tearing down the structure and making parking someone will want to know why it is not being considered over renovation.

The board allowed questions from the audience. Dennis Vick (138 Carolina Avenue) asked if there was anything in the master plan regarding that facility. Chair McEntire said there was some suggestions in there. There were no facilities down that way. There were other things that addressed some other areas in the plan as well. Vice Chair Tucker said restrooms are one of the issues.

Chair McEntire asked if anyone else had any plans. Vice Chair Tucker said a lot of the recommendations came from Inspections Director Evans. Thinks it's important that is conveyed. Chair McEntire said he thinks minutes might also be included. Member Bannerman said she thinks the PRAB needs to support renovating. She wanted to know how many things from the plan this renovation would address, like restrooms, signage, and a marsh walk. She said it's in our plan to develop and this property could accomplish several of these points. Chair McEntire agreed that several things from the plan can be accomplished in doing the renovation at this location. He said we will get much more use out of the facility by renovating and Member Bannerman said that turning it into a parking lot does not accomplish adding a recreation amenity. Chair McEntire said Assistant Town Manager Ferguson provided him with current town rates for rental facilities.

Chair McEntire will entertain a motion to determine that we have a consensus to continue with the renovation of 796 OBW as a community recreation center as the primary recommendation. So moved by Member Bannerman; second by Member Champion; approved by all.

Chair McEntire said we need to talk about the process to get things together. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson went over when the clerk would need the documents for the BOC meeting. Chair McEntire said he will have a draft done and a PowerPoint summary ready to present to the PRAB next week. He asked if the board is opposed to a special meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20th at 10 a.m.

Chair McEntire asked if anyone could draw. Member Gomez said she could try. Vice Chair Tucker said she couldn't go to Ocean Isle but if Member Gomez could sketch something along those lines, it would be helpful based on what we discussed. The board agreed with her that the BOC may want to take a field trip to Ocean Isle.

Chair McEntire asked if anyone had time to go through the memo from Town Manager Hewett to the BOC regarding parking. Member Pearson said he would handle the parking aspect. Chair McEntire said including a closing slide for next steps might be good for the BOC presentation. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson encouraged the board to attend the February BOC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn (2:58 p.m.) by Member Champion; second by Member Pearson; approved unanimously.