



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021- 10:00 A.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 29, 2021 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 10:01 a.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Vice Chair Tucker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/2/21 and the special meeting of 9/9/21; second by Member Champion; approved by all.*

**PROGRAM AND EVENT UPDATES**

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson mentioned that the Halloween candy drop would be held tonight. She said that there was not very many pre-registered so she would contact the board if she ended up needing assistance. She continued that the Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon would be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. She said she contacted the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard about presenting the colors. The annual turkey trot will be held on Thanksgiving morning. People can drop canned goods off all week. She stated that the annual tree lighting will be December 3, 2021 at the pavilion. She also commented that she will solicit tree donations from local businesses to build the dunes if it will not interfere with the nourishment project. She told the board that the Sandy Paws dog parade would be on a Saturday in December to be determined.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that the town made the announcement at the previous BOC meeting that we would host Cycle NC on October 8, 2022. The town is also hoping to do a kite festival as part of the event and Chair McEntire is ushering that effort. He said there is a kite festival that will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Fort Fisher. They typically get around 14,000 people. He spoke to Wings across Carolina Kiting and they expressed interest in our event. Vice Chair Tucker asked about a flyer. Chair McEntire said they are doing flyers. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson continued that Run HB will be in January. She said that she did not have the date in front of her, but the January date would put the race company back on track for annual January races. One was held in October as a make up event secondary to COVID cancelations.

Finally, Assistant Town Manager Ferguson referenced the annual conference she had attended for the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association as a great source for obtaining new program ideas and suggested that if any members were interested in attending next year to let her know.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments. Vice Chair Tucker mentioned the newsletter from the mayor and said he gave Town Manager Hewett and Assistant Town Manager Ferguson accolades for the job they are doing regarding the upcoming beach project. She said he also mentioned other town staff and their efforts. She thinks staff needs to be thanked more often and asked Assistant Town Manager Ferguson to please pass along the board's gratitude.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Move to adjourn (10:27a.m.) by Member Champion; second Member Bannerman; approved by all.*