



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL-PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
REGULAR MEETING-THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024-2:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Programs and Facilities Update
5. Master Plan Discussion
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment



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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024 in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Chair Candace Vick, Vice Chair Mike Pearson, and Members Melanie Champion, Peggy Schiavone, Grace Bannerman, and Ray Edwards. Member Keith Smith reported ahead of time that he could not attend the meeting. Town Manager David Hewett and Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson were also in attendance.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Make a motion to approve the agenda by Member Champion; second by Member Bannerman; approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Vick asked to entertain a motion to approve. So moved Member Schiavone; second Vice Chair Pearson; approved by all.

New Member Introductions

Ray Edwards was introduced as a new member to the board. Chair Vick gave some background on Member Edwards and stated that they had known each other for many years in Raleigh before Holden Beach. Turning the floor over to Member Edwards, he explained that he was VP of sales of Mizuno and Softe. He stated that his last three years in Raleigh, he was associated with Barrs Recreation and Woodplay. Vice Chair Pearson said Member Edwards got a good initiation to the board with 50/50 ticket sales Sunday evening.

Programs and Facilities Update

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that Beach Ranger season ended Labor Day. She said it was a good year and dogs seemed to continue to be less of an issue than holes on the beach. She reported that concerts concluded Labor Day as well. She stated that normally the last two weeks of August includes a drop off in attendance, but attendance remained strong through the end of the

season. She thanked the PRAB for selling 50/50 tickets last Sunday. She stated that the total Town take on revenue this season for 50/50 sales was \$2,699.25. She said that members of the PRAB asked her at the concert about sales for Memorial Day weekend versus Labor Day weekend. Sales were \$80 higher on Labor Day weekend. She continued that the campground continues to see rentals going into fall. She stated that tide dye ended mid-August, with the program serving approximately 1290 participants this summer. Chair Vick asked about any feedback regarding the park location. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that from a logistics standpoint, she thought the park was a better location. She said she didn't get any negative feedback about it being held there.

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson discussed some upcoming fall programs. She said the Town is currently taking registration for shag dance classes. She told the board that Barktoberfest will be Friday evening October 25th beginning at 5 p.m. and that the Trunk or Treat will be held Halloween night again this year. She said the Town will get that announcement out. She continued that she would be able to use the board's help that evening at the booth or with set-up during the day. She told the board to spread the word for any organizations/businesses/individuals who want to set up a booth to contact the Town. Member Bannerman asked if it can be added that there should be no political activity during the event. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson finished out the fall programs discussion by saying that the Turkey Trot will be held Thanksgiving morning beginning at 8 a.m.

In a facilities update, she said that 114 OBE restroom is undergoing a soft start. Lighting issues are being rectified.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chair Vick asked if there were board member comments. She discussed what happened at the last meeting with the Master Plan and the list Assistant Town Manager Ferguson provided showing where we are with accomplishments. She would like to dive into the master plan at the next meeting, focusing on what is being accomplished and where we need to go. Vice Chair Pearson clarified what she was talking about was to review the plan and look at things including what's happening this year. Chair Vick said yes.

Next meeting was stated to be October 3rd at 2 p.m.

Adjournment

Make a motion to adjourn Member Champion; second Vice Chair Pearson; approved by all (2:25 p.m.).

From Parks and Recreation Master Plan CIP

Bridgeview Park

- Seating added

Not included but needs to be considered:

- NEED: PLAYGROUD EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT STARTING NEXT YEAR on rotation
- Playground equipment had maintenance end of fiscal year including paint
- Court repair

Jordan Boulevard Pavilion

- Currently N/A due to demolition

Sailfish Park

- N/A-plan voted down

Halstead Park

- Work was completed on pier and parking area. Handrails for ADA accessibility in this fiscal year budget.

Holden Beach Pocket Park

- Revolving art sculpture researched. Will require coordination with high school art classes as most economic path forward through stipend if explored. Priority?

Holden Beach Fit Trail

- Maintenance of equipment in this year's budget

Olden Holden Bike Route

- Was delayed until Ocean Boulevard bike lane was installed. Holden Beach Alliance built off the Town's brochure in their scavenger hunt.

Beach/Water Access Sites

- Parking signage is a part of paid parking
- Crosswalks added per DOT standards
- Regular restroom -114 OBE
- Regular restroom scheduled and budgeted for Ave E this fiscal year
- ADA accessibility increased various beach accesses (915 OBW, 329.5 OBW, 114 OBE, Jordan parking) and newly added (pier), Ave E & 801 are upcoming

Scotch Bonnett Park

- TBD – dredge spoil placement major impact. Requires Corps' coordination

796 OBW- not a recreation asset

- Upset bid process underway; to be sold

Future Community Park Development (Holden Beach Pier)

- Purchased and various site improvements to include campsite utilities, better beach access, handicapped accessibility, walkway, parking, portable restroom, shower

Future ICWW Access Points

- Further out in plan

Future Linear Park (connect Town Hall to recreation facilities near bridge)

- Further out in plan

Future Linear Park (Sandspur Waterway Walk)

- Further out in plan

Future Dog Park

- Further out in plan; Scotch Bonnett Park not an option