

**Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency  
Advisory Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2016 – Cherokee Hall**

**Work Session – 5:30 PM**

**1. Update from Director**

**a. Status of Capital Projects**

**Patriots Park** - Groundbreaking was held on March 1, 2016. There was a good turnout for this event. Currently the work onsite consists of clearing, grading, and storm water installation. Fencing and athletic field installation will begin in the next 60 days.

**Cherokee Veterans Park** – Groundbreaking will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:30 am. Currently the project is in Phase I. Clearing, grubbing and grading will be ongoing for several months.

**Sequoyah Park** – A restroom near fields 3 and 4 will be added this summer.

**Hobgood Park** – The artificial turf has been installed, athletic field lights erected and parking lot expanded. The contractor is working on punch list items. Substantial completion is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Comprehensive Master Plan Status**

The first public meeting was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the recreation center and more than 75 people attended. There was a lot of interest in trails at this first meeting. The staff and steering committee have been interviewed and an on-line survey is available until Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The next public meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016. This meeting will be in conjunction with CRPA's Food Truck Friday event on the same day. We expect to have a final version of the master plan for advisory board review and BOC adoption in the fall.

**2. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Items**

The board discussed the regular meeting agenda items. The board talked about the vacant member seat for the advisory board. Director Reynolds updated the board about HB 727; a new GA law that if signed by the governor will give local jurisdictions more control over the use of consumer fireworks. CRPA's website has been updated, and Director Reynolds discussed and showed how the website should be user friendly. CRPA's website can also be visited from a mobile device.

**Regular Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Nelms called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. Those present: Jason Nelms, Chairperson, Robert Strozier Vice Chairperson, Amy Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, Steve Pressley, CRPA Director Bryan Reynolds and CRPA Staff.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Vice Chairperson Strozier motioned to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Steve Pressley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### **3. Appearances / Public Comment**

There were no appearances or public comments.

### **4. Chairman**

Chairperson Nelms thanked Vice Chairperson Stozier for the work that he does with Miracle League, and he also stated that some of the comments posted after the March 1<sup>st</sup> groundbreaking were nice. Vice Chairperson Stozier said the Miracle League teaches him humility and integrity. He also thinks that the Park will help to increase the Miracle Leagues participation. Chairperson Nelms also thanked Director Reynolds and CRPA's staff for the 2015 Annual Report presentation and the Comprehensive Master Plan initiative and motivation that it takes to get these tasks accomplished.

### **5. Board Members**

There were no Board Reports.

### **6. Director**

#### **a. Presentation of FY15 Annual Report**

Director Reynolds gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY2015 Annual Report from October 2014 – September 2015. During the presentation the following information was discussed: Highlights, Financial Summary, Capital Projects Update and the Impact of Recreation and Parks on Cherokee County. Chairperson Nelms and the advisory board thanked Director Reynolds and the staff for their work.

#### **b. Discussion on Hockey Rink @ Recreation Center**

Director Reynolds informed the board that the first complaint about the Hockey Rink was on March 8th, and then there were 2 more on March 13th and 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion of what actions have taken by CRPA staff, Cherokee Hockey In-Line League (CHILL), and Cherokee County Marshal to address the complaints and to make sure that CHILL was in compliance with the County's noise ordinances. At the conclusion of their discussion, it was recommended that if there are any more complaints about the Hockey Rink, to have them come speak before the Advisory Board. No further action was taken.

### **7. Adjourn**

Vice Chairperson Robert Stozier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Amy Turcotte seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.