



OAK RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE - ORTP PHASE II
DECEMBER 5, 2012 - 6 P.M.
OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Members Present

Bill Edwards, Chair
Tracy Street, Vice Chair
John Thomas
Phyllis Anders

Staff Present

Terry Lannon, Parks & Recreation Director
Sandra Smith, Town Clerk

Teen Advisor Absent

Madeline Bagby

Members Absent

Barry Knight
Paul Greiwe
Liz Tice

Public Attendees who signed in

Roger D. Howerton, Town Councilman
Dr. Roy L. Carter
Linda Yanusz
Dannie Yanusz, Town Councilman
Carol Kinneman
Jim Kinneman, Town Councilman elect
Rick Huskinson
Julie Huskinson
Mac McAtee
Larry Stafford
Steve Simmons, Fire Chief
Patti Stokes, Northwest Observer
David Rowe, Former Town Councilman

Bruce Oakley, Town Manager
Mike Stone, Town Councilman elect
Spencer Sullivan, Town Councilman
Frank Whitaker
Steven Buter
Deborah Germak
Mike McAulty
Sean Johnson
Drew Johnson
Ray Combs, Mayor
Carol Combs
George McClellan, Town Councilman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Edwards welcomed visitors beginning at 6:00 p.m., and with Park Director Terry Lannon, began explaining rationale for various ORTP Phase II infrastructure concepts.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & SIGN-IN

Greetings and informal introductions to individuals as they signed in and received handouts of the seven (7) individual scenarios. (There may have been some attendees who entered and immediately viewed the scenarios, leaving without signing in). The handouts were representative of the large renderings that were placed throughout the conference room. Several of the handouts left the room without providing written comments on either the handouts, or on the two available comment pads located on the tables.

3. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Members of the P&RC and the Parks & Recreation Director fielded individual questions and provided explanations and rationale for conceptual renderings showing each proposed infrastructure enhancement. A large laminated map of the ORTP was used to demonstrate the relative locations of all five (5) proposed infrastructure enhancements (tennis courts, small playground, restroom, amphitheater and Redmon Field parking lot).

Pros and cons of each location were discussed, and some additional comments were received. One comment was for the inclusion of one or more hitting walls in the tennis complex. Another comment suggested adding additional parking spaces to the proposed new parking lot. A third comment appreciated the restroom access relative to locating the proposed tennis courts in the Redmon Field area.

Driveway access from Linville Road adjacent to the Scoggins Road intersection was mentioned as a concern related to safety and congestion. Edwards explained that we were aware of that concern and noted that the Town had already scheduled a meeting with NCDOT on December 16th to discuss the matter further.

One individual commented that they thought that siting the tennis courts near the existing parking lot would take advantage of that parking while leaving the Redmon Field open for future development.

Another comment was that the addition of future beach volleyball courts was a good idea.

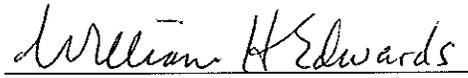
4. ADJOURNMENT

The Phase II Open House adjourned after all questions had been answered and explanations made, and as the final visitors left the room at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sandra B. Smith, Town Clerk



Bill Edwards, Chairman