

Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting September 23, 2014

The Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center.

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| Members Present: | Jackie Bryant | Scott Wright |
| Members Absent: | Richard Knight Earl Marrett Daniel Sanders David Lasater | Andy Moore Robbie Parker Chris Howell |
| Staff Present: | Gary Johnson, Interim Director Jon Moore, Athletics Supervisor Dale Ham, SRAC Director Tiffany Pearson, Recreation Supervisor Kristin Sasser, Recreation Center Supervisor Anndria Martin, Assistant Aquatics Supervisor | |
| Staff Absent: | Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Supervisor Dennis Tyner, Maintenance Supervisor | |

Gary Johnson opened the meeting as the new Interim Director since Tim's retirement back in late August. He updated the group with financial data from the summer months. As far as our budget YTD, we are on target, both SRAC and P&R.

New Employees – Gary introduced and welcomed Anndria Martin to the group. Anndria is our new Aquatics Assistant Supervisor. He also introduced our Intern, Gaston Orahood, from Missouri State. We are excited to have both of them on the team!

Update on "Partnership to Build a Miracle" project – They were awarded the grant (\$350,000)! However, they are waiting on the contract to be signed before beginning any work. Hopefully the contract will be signed around 10/1, and construction can go to bid soon thereafter.

County Recreational Grant – These monies were awarded from the County based on new construction revenues. With that being said, we were only awarded \$7,800. Our intent is to use the money we'll receive to replace scoreboards at the Community Park. (Our area was only eligible for \$23,000 – which was split between Selma, Wilsons Mills and Smithfield.)

Fright Night 5k – October 25th. This is a new event for us – instead of doing the Reverse Raffle for Friends of the Park. In conjunction with the Rotary Club, there will be a lot of other activities prior to the 5k glow run. Activities should include food, face-painting, pumpkin chucking, pumpkin carving, costume contest, etc. For more information go to www.facebook.com/smithfieldrotary, or <http://www.frightnight5k.com>. Signups taken with Precision Racing.

Grinch Run – December 6th, 10:00am. Mark your calendars! We hope you can be there. This will be our 3rd Grinch Run. Last year the weather hurt us a little bit, but we still had around 150 in attendance, and took in a lot of toys for Harbour House.

TarHeel League State Tournament – Gary said we hosted the State Tournament around the end of July and have been awarded the Girls Softball State Tournament for 2015. Should be 40 teams in 5 different age groups, around the last weekend of July.

Updates from Staff:

Dale Ham– Still hosting a lot of Basketball Tournaments. Also, there will be a speaker in the gym Thursday night from CA, Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson – speaking on Promoting Racial Harmony. There is a \$10 fee, but that includes dinner.

Kristin Sasser – Quarterly booklet is out through December. Upcoming events include Diabetes Clinic, Pottery Classes and Doodlebugs. Just held a Kids Night last weekend with 39 kids.

Gaston Orahood – Running Club started a couple of weeks ago, and has 10-12 runners. One lady ran her first 5k yesterday!

Tiffany Pearson – Fright Night 5k is 10/27; Egg Haunt is 10/30. Holding another Lego Workshop for kids on 10/24. Tadpoles are starting back up and Pickleball will resume 10/3-12/12. Cheerleading and Volleyball are underway. In October, we are planning to take the Seniors to the Fruitcake Factory and Seagrove Pottery.

Jon Moore – Starting Kinder Soccer just finished up with 36 kids (3-4 year olds). Currently have 10 soccer teams playing, and 12 Mens Open League Teams.

Anndria Martin – The SRAC Sharks (summer swim team with 91 members) finished 3rd in the summer swim meet, with about 560 swimmers participating! Daycares brought roughly 2,000 children to the pool this summer! High School swim teams will be getting underway shortly.

Gary wrapped up the meeting by thanking those who came. We may need to see if we can come up with another time to meet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Ashley