Monthly Update— March, 2024
Planning & Zoning

Planning Board/ZBA – The Board met on March 19. The Board discussed and made recommendations on a number of potential LDC amendments that mainly focus on implementing more technical oversight/review by the Town's consulting engineer on projects that would ultimately involve town/public infrastructure (roads, curbs/gutters, sidewalks, etc). The Board also discussed and made a recommendation on the issue involving street widths in future residential developments. Staff will give council an introduction on the potential amendments at the May agenda meeting, and request a public hearing be set for June.

- Continued day to day issuance of permits, fielded inquiries about potential new developments, and responded to miscellaneous complaints (various complaints involving zoning, solid waste, and/or junked vehicles.

- Attended a meeting with DOT reps, MPO staff and other Henderson County officials regarding additions to the future comprehensive transportation plan (along w/ Town Manager). The only project that was on the list for potential modernization was the Town's section of Mills Gap Road. At the meeting, we made sure that Fanning Bridge was continuing to be on the list for consideration of full modernization, and asked that our section of Hwy 25 be added for future consideration (since DOT officials have previously indicated that our 4 main intersections were nearing "critical failure"). We also asked that Rutledge Road be considered for improvements. This list is truly a "long term" list, and would not likely see projects funded for improvements for years.

- Continued work on implementation of various minimum measures related to the Town's MS4 Stormwater Permit. Continued discussions and work with Mary Roderick from LOS and Chris Brown from McGill on various aspects of the program.

- Participated in discussions with Town Manager and Conserving Carolina on potential grant opportunities related to greenway expansion. There will be a discussion item on April agenda to discuss further with Council and determine if CC will pursue grants on our behalf for Cane Creek Greenway expansion.

- Participated in meeting with Town Manager and McGill to discuss potential for some additional planning related to the Town owned property. It may be beneficial to have McGill drafting a conceptual plan for the Town property beyond the railroad tracks that factors in wetlands, floodplain, etc. and identifies strategically areas that would be best suited for residential, commercial, and potential Town facilities such as an amphitheater and stormwater control measures that have long been a part of the concept plan.

- Participated in the March meeting of the TCC, the advising committee to the MPO.

Fletcher Parks & Recreation Department

March 2024 report

We sold out our summer day program in one hour on registration day. All 60 slots were filled for the entire summer camp season. Day Camp will operate from June 3rd until August 3rd. We collected $33,060 in fees. The remaining day camp payments will be made on April 1st, May 1st, June 1st.

Fletcher youth baseball/softball has 337 players signed up to play this spring. Practices are being held every evening/Saturday at the Park on all five fields. They paid us $4,044 for field rental this season . ($12 per registered player) League games will begin on Saturday, April 6th and the Concession stand will Begin operating, and it will be run by Baabals Ice Cream again this year.

Empire lacrosse has practices on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at the Park From 4:30pm-6:30pm. They have 64 players registered and will be paying us $768 for field rental. They have two match dates, Saturday, April 27 & May 11th.

The multi-courts have been busy to start the spring season. We had 47 court Rentals for Pickleball, 27 by town residents and 20 by non-residents. The tennis and basketball courts have been busy every weekend this month.

The Easter egg hunt was held on Saturday, March 23rd from 12pm-1:30pm on The five baseball fields. We had an Easter bunny photo station, DJ for music, Face painting station, and the Taco Boy food truck . Our event sponsors were: FABA, State Farm Insurance, Advent Health, United Federal Credit Union, Hunter Subaru, A-American Electric. We had over 2,500 children participate.

Greg Walker, Director