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City Council Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - 3:30 PM
City Council Chambers

Members Present:	Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member Howie Granat, Citizen Member Nancy DePippo, Citizen Member Reba Osborne, Citizen Member (Arrived 3:39pm) Wyn Birkenthal, Citizen Member
Staff Present:	Wilson Hooper, City Manager Wesley Shook, Acting Public Works Director Alex Shepherd, Assistant to the City Manager Becky McCann, Communications Coordinator Aaron Bland, Assistant Planning Director
Guests:	Nora Jane Montgomery

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Aaron Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by Assistant to the City Manager Alex Shepherd.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Granat, seconded by Ms. DePippo, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2024 Meeting

Motion by Ms. DePippo, seconded by Mr. Birkenthal to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Bracken Preserve Maintenace Update

Mr. Hooper said I would like to find out what we need to get started on the first phase of maintenance on Bracken Preserve.

Mr. Granat informed the committee we are still working with Conserving Carolina essentially as an escrow and they have roughly $12,000 that they are carrying. Also, there is a $10,000 pledge donation outstanding. The first trail workday will be Saturday, May 25 fixing the entrance of the trail. Due to the trail being steep we are trying to work with the Brevard Music Center that will allow us to have a shallower trail. If we do not obtain the access, then it will be more costly to carve a trail into the existing land.

Mr. Baker said it is probably time that City staff engage and have meetings with the Brevard Music Center.

Mr. Bland mentioned we should have the property surveyed as we would need a new plat and easement.

F. Pisgah SORBA MOU

Mr. Hooper said he wants to ensure the edits he has made are okay with the committee. The other item that I had a question about was the adopt a trail.

Mr. Granat said he doesn't think we should include the adopt a trail clause in the MOU because we want the trail to be neutral and not feel that there is one organization that sponsors the whole trail.

At 4:10 PM, motion by Mr. Granat, seconded by Ms. DePippo to recommend the Pisgah SORBA MOU to City Council as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Public Comment

Mr. Hooper said he would like to have a joint meeting of the Parks, Trails, & Recreation Committee and the Ecusta Trail Advisory Board.

H. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee will be a joint Ecusta Trail Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.

X Aaron Baker

Aaron Baker
Chair, Council Member

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X Denise Hodsdon

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City Clerk