



Town of  
**INDIAN TRAIL**  
north carolina  
**PARKS, TREE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**June 6, 2012  
6:00 PM**

**Members Present**

Nydia Morales  
Justin King  
Alex Rohleder  
Roger McWhorter

**Staff Present**

Susan Didier  
Craig Thomas  
Rox Burhans

**Call to Order:** In the absence of the Committee Chairman Roger Fish; Committee Vice-Chairman, Nydia Morales, called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Alex Rohleder, Roger McWhorter, Nydia Morales, and Justin King- **present**  
Ed Dubisz, Kim Nicholson, Brian Olin and Roger Fish – **absent**

**Approval of Minutes:** May 5, 2012 **Approved**

**Discussion items:**

Craig Thomas asked for item 3c to be removed from the agenda, as it has already been completed.

Mr. Thomas asked to add Appointments of Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman to the agenda.

### **Park and Greenway Master Plan Overview**

Craig Thomas gave committee a brief overview of the Park Plan, mentioning that the plan was adopted in February 2010 and was intended to be a ten year plan.

Craig discussed the economical, environmental, recreational, and educational benefits of parks to a community.

Mr. Thomas explained how the Master Plan was developed and read the Vision Statement to the committee.

Park classifications and recommendations were reviewed with the committee.

Craig opened the floor for questions.

Mr. McWhorter asked if there has been any discussion of bike paths.

Mr. Thomas stated the Town currently does have a Bike Plan.

### **Crossing Paths Park Subcommittee May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Recap**

Mr. Thomas spoke with the committee about some of the details discussed at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Craig mentioned there are 12 plaques under review for the "Walk of History." He also mentioned there are plans to create a Cultural and Arts Center in the current Town Hall. It is scheduled for a Sept 2012 opening and will include displays and programs for children and adults.

Committee member, Justin King, showed the committee a map of Crossing Paths Park with the recommendations for the placement of the plaques. He also reviewed some of the information the plaques would contain.

Nydia Morales asked if there was a budget designated.

Justin stated there is money in the budget. It is in the general fund.

Alex Rohleder asked if it is in this years or next years budget.

Justin stated he believed it to be in next years.

Nydia Morales asked if the funds had to be spent by the thirtieth of June or does the money roll over.

Committee member King replied it must be used w/in the year it is budgeted for.

Committee discussed recommendation possibilities.

Craig Thomas suggested the committee take time to review the plans and make a formal recommendation at a future meeting.

### **Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman Nominations**

Member Justin King nominated Dr. Fish for Chairman.

Committee member Alex Rohleder nominated Nydia Morales for Vice Chair.

Roger Fish and Nydia Morales appointed unanimously.

### **May Events Recap**

Mayor's Tree Education Initiative:

Mr. Burhans reviewed the Mayor's Tree Education Initiative with the Committee spoke about Indian Trail Elementary School having the highest percentage of participation.

*Forester Challenge* Winning School:

Town Planner, Rox Burhans, showed the committee a sample of the certificate presented to the school principal during the Town of Indian Trail Family Fun Day Event that occurred on Saturday June 2, 2012. He also advised committee that Brewster's and Hungry Howie's Pizza gave all the Indian Trail Elementary School fourth grade students certificates for free items.

Community Forest Tree Photos:

Mr. Burhans showed the committee the final photo Indian Trail Elementary School's Challenge Tree. A slide show of the Mayor's Tree Initiative was shown to the committee.

### **Union County Urban Forester Update**

Planner Craig Thomas advised the committee that David Grant is no longer the Urban Forester for Union County.

The committee expressed how much he will be missed.

### **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Committee member Nydia Morales suggested a report from Crossing Paths Park Subcommittee.

Alex Rohleder asked for an update of future park plans. He mentioned missing a workshop that he heard had some discussion of the Parks.

Rox discussed the possibilities of having additional tree planting programs at the Library or another location convenient for our residents.

Nydia Morales felt the committee should research other ideas for educational programs for the younger residents of Indian Trail.

**Motion to adjourn- Approved**

**Town of Indian Trail  
Park, Tree and Greenway Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Secretary**