



Town of Holly Springs
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 11, 2026
7:00 pm
Town Hall – Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Jodi Carey, Val Atkinson, Rachel Campbell, Daniel Fenton, Melinda Walker, Eric Dean, Will Ulmer, Karen McGowan, Ty Denton (TRAC Ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Siobhan Casey

Staff Present: LeeAnn Plumer, Adam Huffman, Kristen Denton, Julie Tew, Chris Hills, Development Services Director

Council Members: CM Sarah Larson

Call to Order Time: 7:00pm

Approval of May 2026 Meeting minutes:

Motion: Daniel

Second: Will

Vote: Approved unanimously

Public Comment Period- No public comment

Discussion/Action Items

- Chris Hills spoke on the Solicitation for Development Proposal Update (SDP)
 - Provided an update of the Solicitation for Development Partner Proposals (SDP) for North Main Athletic Complex and Downtown.
 - Comprehensive plan. NMAC mixed use area in underdeveloped areas. Mims Parks downtown area used for townhomes and lively downtown area,
 - Small area plans
 - Further implementation-
 - Mims concept-parking, storm water features, flex pace,
 - NMAC-areas to be enhances, existing parking area, open filed and green space around playground area. Dd mixed use building, (sports and entertainment facility) Hotel
 - Potential Partnerships----add from slides
 - Town was always in control-if it's not the right time we don't' have to move forward
 - Response summary-
 - No responses for NMAC (not due to lack of interest-lending is not the same as it was a few years ago)
 - Downtown-

- Boutique Hotel plus parking, 50-50 for sale Townhomes plus pak amenities, Parking deck, retail, apartments, condos and public spaces
- After initial evaluation, it was determined that none of the proposals would advance in the SDP process.
- Town staff met individually with all three applicant teams to communicate the conclusion of the SDP.
- July meeting- Committee agrees to cancel July 9th meeting

Hot Topics

PRAC Round Robin

- Daniel –First Salamanders of the season with grandson and they all enjoyed it. Extended Greenway in 12 Oak Is looking great, pavement past the bridge is nice. Volunteered for July 5th
- Val- Today marks last meeting of his service-7-year tenure. Been a wonderful ride, made lots of new friends and met a lot of wonderful people. Advice-the most important thing is companionship, during retirement and important for our seniors citizens.
- Will- Trail at 12 Oak is one of his favorites esp early mornings when it's quiet
- Mel- Thanks you to council for reappointment
- Rachel - Visited new vendor at the farmers market and was very happy with the selection
- Eric-Made it to a Salamanders game and enjoyed it with the new branding. Observation-pickle ball-unique is the waiting area has shade, very nice touch
- Karen-A coworker and fellow Holly Springs resident recently asked whether a pool had been considered for Eagles Landing because her community does not have one.
 - A pool was evaluated during the community master planning process and was included as an option in the park's master plan.
 - Public input identified a pool as a highly desired amenity and it ranked highly among community needs.
 - The town compared the cost of building a pool with the cost of other park amenities. The cost to build and operate a pool was significantly higher than other planned amenities.
 - After discussion with Town Council, the decision was made not to include a pool as part of the Eagles Landing project due to cost considerations at the time.
 - This decision does not rule out the possibility of a pool elsewhere in town or at a future date.
 - Eagles Landing is moving forward without a pool.
 - A splash pad was included as the initial aquatic recreation investment for the park.

Reports

Council Update – CW Larson

- Council approved the FY27 budget
- The new E bikes ordinance has been going really well, communication team just put out an FAQ, check it out on the website. The next E Bike engagement July 25th, a lot of other towns that are calling us for our ordinance and our feedback which is great

- July is parks and Rec month, proclamation June 16th, 7pm
- Sal games have been great and Sarah is hosting a player this year

TRAC Report – Ty Reported

- Elected our new officers for the coming year
- Will have a booth for July 5th kids' zone, purchased all the prizes and supplies
- We will have a new representative (Deniz)

Police Community Advisory Group –

- No update

Tree Advisory Committee Update – Eric Dean reported

- Participated in Wild about Nature and had an excellent fossil dig

Program/Event Updates – Kristen

- Summer Camp Kick-off
 - Staff training this week
 - Camps start June 15
 - 1600+ participants enrolled
- Fall Athletics Registration opens July 6
- Robert Sears was appointed to Wake County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- Melinda London & Bass Lake Program Team receive award from American Red Cross as a CPR "Top Training Provider."
- July 5th Independence Day Celebration
 - Holly Springs 150th
 - Live Streaming is being considered
- Cultural Center renovation
 - Lobby closed June 15-July 15
 - Will remain open for programming with reduced numbers
- Festival Street Project
 - Officially kicked off the project-in the design phase
 - Several public engagement opportunities
- Juneteenth this Saturday at Womble from 5pm-8pm

Director Report – LeeAnn

- July is Parks & Recreation Month
 - Proclamation – June 16th Town Council Meeting at 7pm
- FREE - Parks & Recreation Month Activities
 - July 15 - Be U Bingo! - Hunt Recreation Center - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Ages 5+
 - July 20 - Open Play Wii Night - Holly Springs Cultural Center - 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Ages 6+ -
 - July 24 - Stargazing: Night Sky Wonders - Bass Lake Park - 8:30 to 10 p.m. - All Ages
 - July 31 - Outdoor Family Movie Night - Cultural Center Lawn - 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Ages 6+ -

Old Business

- None

Announcements/Info Share

- Appreciation Certificates -
 - Val Atkinson
 - Siobhan Casey
 - Ty Denton
- New /Reappointed Members -

- Melanie Walker (2nd term)
 - Fred Stehle
 - Thomas Rayle
- Save the date – Aug 13th – Social Mixer

Adjournment 8:02 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Daniel

Second: Jodi

Vote: Unanimous