

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION.

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- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. Bill Fraser-Harris, Greg Smith, Craig Reynolds, Heather Manning, Rich Ahrens, Rodney Centeno, Bill Pence and Judy Hill were in attendance. A quorum was present.
- 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda - none
- 3.0 Public Comments and Communication - none
- 4.0 6/12/18 minutes were presented and approved unanimously
- 5.0 Discussion/Action Items
 - 5.1 Whiskey Bay
 - 5.1.1 Residents Ruth Defreest and Dick Tonino attended meeting to apprise commission of Whiskey Bay use and activity, particularly in respect to dog use. Their residence abuts access area and beach, 50% of beach is their property. They articulated that over 90% of people using beach area are responsible dog owners, while 10% are arrogant and rude. July and August beach is heavily used with as many as 16 people and 5-6 dogs. They also noted local divers use beach regularly and are very respectful of property and access.
 - 5.1.2 Their concerns are as follows:
 - There is no town ordinance that designates Whiskey Bay as a dog beach.
 - What is the definition of dog being under control?
 - Dogs run free as there is no leash law.
 - Dog poop is not picked up on beach by distracted dog owners.
 - Both human (people calling after their dogs) and dog (barking) noise is an issue as the sound travels up to the resident's front porch.
 - Non-residents consider beach to be free dog space.
 - 5.1.3 Discussion of above as follows:
 - Establishing leash law for beach at Whiskey Bay.
 - Requiring beach pass as proof of residency to park in lot at Thompons Point. Resident and non-resident passes would have to be made/issued to distinguish town residents.
 - Historically Select Board has stated that no dogs are allowed at town beach, could the same be stated for Whiskey Bay?
 - Could alternatives be established for dogs/dog owners to have water access such as Lewis Creek? Are their other water access points that offer parking?
 - Could the town designate a dog area at the town beach with mindfulness of awareness, education and control?
 - 5.1.4 Actions to be followed up on:
 - Signage stating beach area is for Charlotte Residents only, that dogs must be leashed at all times, and that beach passes are required on vehicle to park in lot. Beach passes can be purchased from Town Clerk.
 - Request town constable to stop by late afternoon on hot days to monitor beach area, parking area/permits and to enforce leash law if/when established.
 - License plates of cars without beach sticker can be photographed and sent to Dean at Town Hall to communicate to Town Constable.
 - 5.2 Co-Chairman's Report
 - 5.2.1 Pickleball continues to be well attended. Organized tennis to be phased out. An open email list of interested tennis players to be sent out.
 - 5.2.2 Court repair still to be done. Vt Court Repair cancelled scheduled time.
 - 5.2.3 Inquiry if there are funds available for a bocce-boules-petanque court, 3m x 15m. Select Board to be contacted for approval. Quote to be obtained from Tim for court by Greg.

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5.3 Chairman's Report

5.3.1 Beach Party scheduled for July 14. Donated Chicken from Misty Knoll and beef from Fat Cow Farm has been picked up. Adams Berry Farm to donate popcicles. Dale to grill beef, Bill to grill chicken. Energy committee, tree warden and library to have tables set up. Suncommon providing bouncy house. Raffle for beach pass. Money collected to go to band, less Bill's expenses. Bill to get tables from CCS. Commissioners encouraged to wear Staff Rec t-shirts.

5.3.2 Beach update. Vandalism of bathroom signs at beach house, Nicole to replace. Docks were moved to deeper water. Towel dispensers still need to be installed. Security cameras have yet to be set up, ladder still needs to be purchased. The lock on the women's door jammed with kids being stuck inside. New lock was installed.

5.3.3 Greg requested that a water shut off valve be installed inside of building. Plumber needs to be contacted by Nicole. Commission to be notified when work is completed.

5.3.3 Status of Soccer Jamboree Executive Committee unclear. Date of Jamboree also unclear.

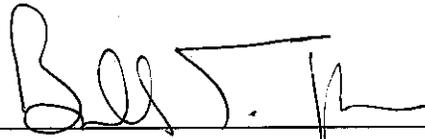
5.3.4 Mozart Festival at town beach to start July 19. Parking fees apply, pizza to be bought at cost from Old Brick Store, Bill will pass the hat for collections to go to musicians.

6.0 Commissioner Comments - Suggestion that minutes be delivered in a more timely manner. And Commission would like weekly update from Rec Director to be reinstated.

7.0 Next Regular Meeting - August 14, 2018, 6pm.

) Meeting was Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes approval signature: _____

 8/14/18

Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson