

Minutes

Riverbend Park Committee Meeting
Family Court Building
1555 West Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina
July 20, 2021

6:00pm

Present: Jack Leitner, Tom Dissington, Dave Oxendine, Manning Kimmel, Mike Moore, Allison Love (Ex Officio), David Hudspeth, Christi Cox (Ex Officio), Ryan Sanderson, Tom Audette (Ex Officio), Michael Kendree, Craig Craize and Jan Angel

Absent: Jason Ratterree, Kevin Madden

Chuck Flink and Anna Simpson attended.

Council Chairwoman, Christi Cox called the meeting to order

Motion was made by Committee member Allison Love and seconded by Committee member Tom Audette to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Riverbend Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

Mr. Flink presented the video to the Committee representing the park masterplan. After the committee made several modification recommendations, Mr. Flink explained that they would go back to the drawing board and come up with a new format for presentation to the public.

Chuck Flink explained to the Committee that the name Riverbend Park was thoroughly vetted by Ms. Paylor and it was determined that this name has long term issues and is currently being used in many places along the Catawba River.

Mr. Flink presented the final park name and logo suggestions noting that the ending park of the name can be modified to Preserve, Park, Nature Park, etc:

- River Forest Preserve
- Catawba Bend Nature Park
- RiverPine Nature Preserve

A poll was taken by the Committee on the three names presented and Catawba Bend Nature Park was the winner.

At this time, Mr. Flink reviewed the next steps with the Committee.

- Summer 2021 – Committee approves final master plan and makes a recommendation to Council; Council adopts the masterplan

- Fall 2021 – Council approves budget for Phase I; Staff begins work on Phase I; employs landscape architect firm; employs grant writer and begins applying for grants; Council approves grant funding
- Winter 2021/2022 – landscape architect completes PS&E for Phase I; County puts out RFP's; Council approves the employment of contractors; Council continues to approve grant funding
- Spring 2022 – Ground breaking event for Phase I; construction of Phase I is underway; Council continues to approve grant funding
- Summer, Fall, Winter 2022 – Construction of Phase I; Council continues to approve grant funding; Council approves the employment of park operations and management team
- Spring 2023 – Grand Opening of Phase I

Mr. Flink did explain to the Committee that this is just a guideline and Phase I could be broken into multiple projects/phases. If that is the case, then Spring 2024 would be the anticipated grand opening of Phase I.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Committee member Manning Kimmel and seconded by Committee member Dave Oxendine. Motion Carried.