

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Recreation Advisory Board and Board Of Mayor and Alderman
Special Called Meeting

September 19, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Present: David Reece - Chairman, Mayor Jill Pugh, Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin, Brad Headrick, Stan Painter, John Loope, Steven Kelley

Absent: Karen Lewis and Steve Carico

Others Present: Hailey Russell, Mayor Jill Pugh, and 12 citizens

Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes will be approved at the next official meeting for the individual boards.

Mayor's Report:

No report at this time.

Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats meeting with Kimley-Horn:

Strengths

- Land the Town owns – potential to expand and grow
- Shoreline
- Existing parkland is free to access and use
- Playground
- Dog Park
- Easily accessible, located along main roads
- Campground
- Walking trails
- TVA land
- Old railroad bed land
- Surrounding communities' investments in greenways and parks
- Louisville Point Park (County property)
- Affordable and accessible community events

- School's Out Event – after school event, held at Town Hall
- Partnership with library, summer library events
- D1 Training programs
- Strong volleyball community, K2 facility
- Large pickleball presence, Pickleville group
- Recently upgraded baseball field
- Community support
- Support from the local businesses
- Volunteer programs from the local churches
- Support from local for-profit organizations
- Partnership with local schools, Town provides facility access to schools for sporting events
- Christmas Parade

Weaknesses

- Most places are car dependent
- Underutilization of river and water access (~35 miles)
- Funding, finding and accessing grants
 - Finding grants that are not income based
- Lack of outdoor multi-use event space
- Lack of permanent restrooms
- Lack of free/public pickleball court access
- Lack of public basketball court access
- Lack of a Town identity
- No revenue from property taxes
- Low sales tax revenue allotted for parks
- Lack of staff dedicated to parks and recreation

Opportunities

- Partnerships with TVA and TVA Retirees Association
- Multi-use trail along old railroad bed
- Partnerships with surrounding communities
- Connection to surrounding greenways, connecting to surrounding communities
- Expanding bike lane
- Town Hall and Beal Park development
- Expand upon and grow baseball facilities
- Campground at Poland Creek – opportunities for kayak launch
- Connection to water
- Create a Town identity and improve the community's knowledge about the Town's history
 - Thoughtful planning and shaping of the Town's identity

- Additional community events and programmed events at the parks and Town facilities
- Improving existing parks and recreation facilities
- Farmers Market
- Large multi-use (indoor/outdoor) event space or pavilion to host large community events or to rent out for revenue generation
- Revenue generating facilities
- Acquire underutilized TVA property
- Acquire old rowing property
- A wider variety of sport courts and fields

Threats

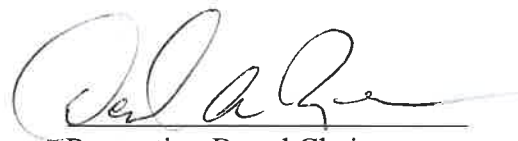
- Abandoned railroad bed will require ROW purchase, potential “not in my backyard” (NIMBY) opposition
- Lack of neighboring community partnerships
- Lack of dedicated funding source for future opportunities
- Historically the Town has not spent funding on parks and recreation facilities • Residents traveling outside of Town to participate in surrounding activities and events • Lack of dedicated staff to programming and social recreation events
- Upcoming large road construction projects that may disrupt the flow of traffic through Town
- Town losing its character due to surrounding industrial areas and projects
- Lack of transparency/communication about large projects happening in neighboring communities
- Lack of Town involvement and input from federal and state agencies for large projects

Citizens Comments:

None.

MOTION by David Reese to adjourn the meeting. Second by Steven Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.** Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.


Mayor


Recreation Board Chairman