

**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 1, 2010
9:00 AM**

NOTE: The official minutes are a CD recording of the meeting. The following is a summary of the events of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am by Mark Brown.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Council:

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Bob Williams
John W. Wray Jr. (arrived at 9:50 am)

Staff:

Michael Brandt, Town Manager
Dana Luther, Finance Officer
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

By consensus, it was decided to continue item V, Continued Discussion of Land Acquisition for Town Hall and other facilities: Presentation by Summerfield Properties Inc. (Armfield) to the March 9, 2010 Town Council meeting.

Overview of Committees

Brandt stated Finance, Athletic Advisory, and Public Safety each had an adequate number of members, but Parks and Recreation and Historical needed more participants. Brandt recommended that Parks & Rec form subcommittees to focus on Summerfield Athletic Park, Summerfield Community Park, and trails/greenways. He further stated he will ask members of the Athletic Advisory committee to serve on the SAP subcommittee when their current committee work is finalized. Flowers will host a Volunteer Fair during this year's Founders' Day event.

There was discussion of the following options pertaining to Volunteer Appreciation: having a "Volunteer of the Year", a "Volunteer of the Year" from each committee, recognition during Town Council meetings, hosting a dinner event with door prizes, recognizing 1, 5, and 10 years of service, take nominations from each committee for special recognition, a "Committee of the Year", developing a volunteer recognition program/policy, and the option of revising the term limits. It was decided by consensus to organize a trip to a Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game to recognize volunteers this year.

Parks and Recreation

Sue Beeson, committee chair, discussed goals of 2009-2010 that were accomplished and that were ongoing: objectives and plans for 2010-2011, and specific issues the committee is facing. Like Brandt, she endorsed subcommittees to oversee SAP, SCP, and trails/greenways.

Public Safety /Senior Resources

Ron Marshburn, committee chair, discussed the following issues: water supply planning, transportation, safety inspections of town facilities, emergency shelter training, creating an Emergency Operations Plan specific to Summerfield, developing a Public Safety page on the town website, citizen education, trail system, and support of the Senior Outreach program.

Historic Committee

Brandt described information sent to him by Linda Southard, committee chair, who was unable to attend the meeting. Items of discussion included the following goals: hire Paige Meszaros to complete the curator project, continuation of work to get the Summerfield Gym on the National Register of Historic Places, conducting interviews with local veterans and older citizens, continuation of an annual Veterans Day Celebration, placing highway markers at historical sites in Summerfield, and the purchase of a town clock. Council does not feel the town clock is a priority now, and asked Luther to research those who donated in order to contact them regarding alternative designation of the funds. Council feels it could be revisited at a later date.

Williams made a motion to continue the meeting to Friday March 5, 2010, 9:30 am at Summerfield Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk