



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2023

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL held a Special Call Meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain NC.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Mayor C. Michael Sobol – *arrived at 8:34 a.m.*
Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller
Council Member Pam King
Council Member Bill Christy
Council Member Doug Hay
Council Member Alice Berry

The following staff members were present:

Josh Harrold, Town Manager
Savannah Parrish, Town Clerk

Black Mountain Town Council gathered for a special call meeting March 1, 2023 to hear a presentation for the town's Recreation & Parks Department master plan. The presentation was given by Jim Ford, a land planner with McGill Associates. Mr. Ford spent time detailing improvements that could be made to the parks and recreation facilities in town over the next 10 years.

Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and introduced Jim Ford of McGill Associates.

Mr. Ford informed the council that 292 members of the public attended community drop-in meetings to participate in preference surveys and open discussions. Additionally, the online survey received 838 responses. During this public input period, McGill Associates were able to identify the residents' top 10 preferences, with a multi-sports complex being the most recommended item.

General Recommendations included the following:

- Accessibility/Connectivity
- Design
- Maintenance

- Policies
- Marketing Plan

Mr. Ford also made park specific recommendations. Mr. Ford will compile the top list of recommendations from McGill and Associates. He recommended that the Town Council meet again after that information has been provided to establish their own priorities.

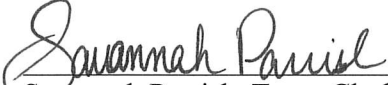
There was discussion among the Council, Staff, and McGill Associates concerning the possibility of applying for grants. Council member Pam King thanked the team behind the plan and residents who participated in public input and mentioned the need to manage expectations due to the high cost of implementation.

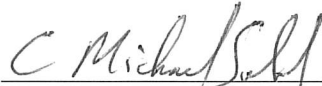
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor C. Michael Sobol adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

ATTEST:


Savannah Parrish, Town Clerk


C. Michael Sobol, Mayor