

Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department  
Advisory Board Work Session  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Zebulon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met virtually on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The public may access this meeting via <https://publicinput.com/P8480>. This meeting served as a work session.

**Board Member Attendance:** Erica Parsons, Garrett Underhill, Andi Wrenn, Dexter Privette, Allen Boyette

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order

Erica Called us the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Garret

Andi

All voted in favor.

3. Old Business

- a. Play Zebulon: Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan
  - i. Visioning Workshop

Sheila Long introduced consultants with Withers Ravenel, Gary Warner, and AECOM, Drew Crumpton.

Drew Crumpton provided a presentation on the findings of the master plan process to date. Topics of the presentation included a system and inventory analysis and community need assessment.

Discussion was had amongst the board members and below is a summary of vision questions and responses from the board:

**Identify 3-5 Community Goals that Should be Accomplished before 2030:**

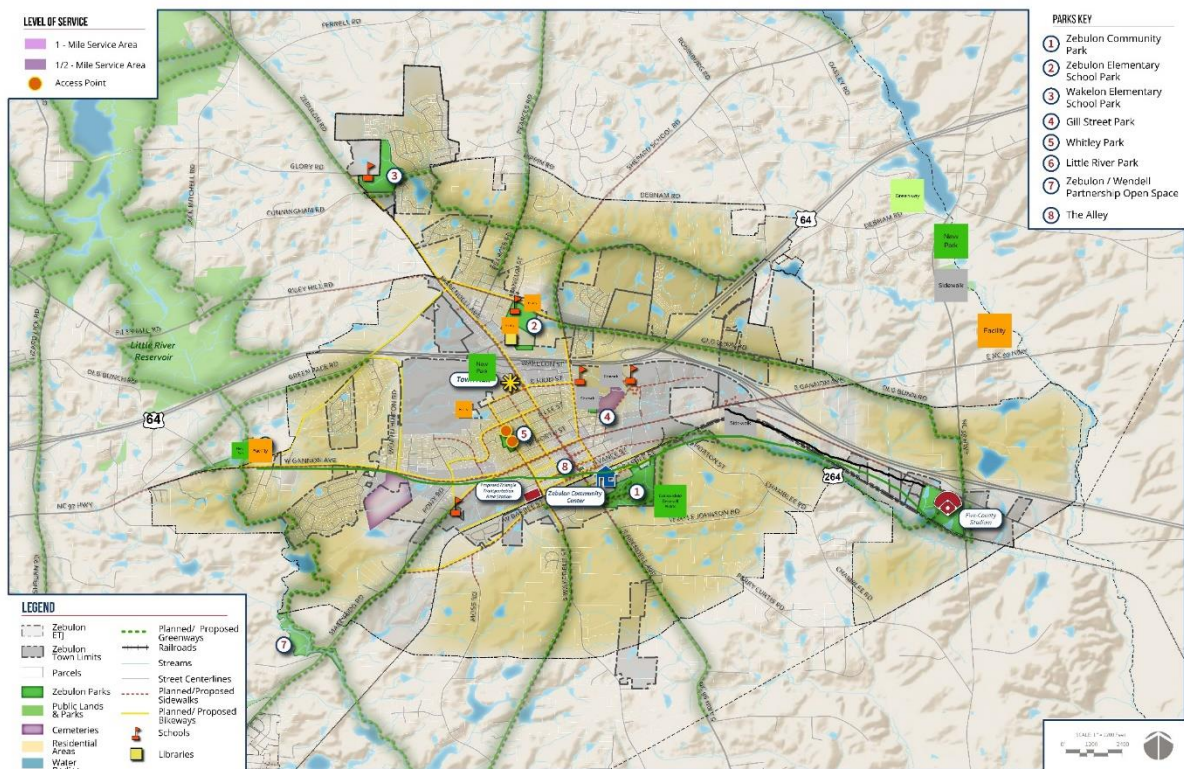
- Challenges to address:
  - How do we acquire more land for parks and sports fields?
  - How do we update/grow our current parks and facilities?
  - How do we grow our Downtown area?
  - How do we get all our trails and greenways to connect?
  - What are we known for?
- What do we want to accomplish?
  - Programs for people to connect with each other
  - Connect new development to Downtown
  - Leverage Mud Cats Stadium
  - More advertising for programs
  - How do we connect?
  - Meeting space Downtown

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- Public/Private partnerships
- Special events
- Park signage – possible with QR codes
- Focus on Little River Park
- Expand facilities and community center
- Amphitheater
- Aquatics in eastern NC
- Aquatic center
- Community pool

Identify projects, connections, or additional actions for Zebulon Parks and Recreation (Mapping exercise).



Identify TOP FIVE (5) projects or actions you feel are most important to complete:

- Little River Park
- Aquatic Center
- Land for new parks / facilities
- Greenways
- Downtown area
- Dog Park
- Updated signage
- Downtown vacant buildings / lands

- Downtown
- Greenways
- Sidewalks
- Walkability
- Community Recreation / Centers
- Land acquisition

#### Overall Vision for the Zebulon Parks and Recreation System:

- To help the town grow and have fun while doing it
- Parks and recreation will be more family oriented. The foundation for kids growing up. The memories, rituals and traditions that become their childhood. A sense of community that starts with kids and builds up to adults.
- A sense of community. We feel like we belong, we feel accepted and can participate without judgement.
- During COVID, it has shown us that more and more people are wanting to get outside and enjoy something with the people that they love.
- Grow responsibly with parks and rec expansion that generates pride and attracts citizens.

#### 4. Staff Update

Sheila Long: There is no old or new business to bring before you at the March Regular advisory board meeting. Unless something substantial arises, the March Regular meeting will be cancelled. Please use this time to encourage your networks to participate in the Vision Survey.

#### 5. Adjournment

Erica Parsons called for a motion to adjourn.  
Andi Wrenn made a motion to adjourn  
Allen Boyette 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion  
All voted in favor.