



ROANOKE
PARKS AND RECREATION

MILL MOUNTAIN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date:	11 March 2020	Location:	Discovery Center
Chair:	Dave Perry	Recorder:	Michael Clark
Call to Order:	4:02 p.m.	Adjourn:	4:50 p.m.

Section I - Attendees

Name	Position
Dave Perry	Board Chair
Sissy Kegley	Board Member, Vice Chair
Niki Voudren	Board Member, Zoo Representative
Ahondryea Brooks	Board Member
Ben Rottenborn	Board Member
Whitney Feldmann	Board Member, Garden Club Representative
Matt Allenbaugh	Mill Mountain Supervisor
Renee Powers	Trails and Greenways Coordinator
Michael Clark	Director

Section II - Standing Agenda Items

Item	Discussion
Call to Order - Dave Perry	Chairperson Dave Perry called the meeting to order.
Roll Call	Mr. Clark called roll.
Approved of Minutes (Action Required)	A motion made by Ms. Kegley to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes. Ms. Feldmann seconded the motion for the approval of the minutes and passed by unanimous vote.
Public Comments	N/A
Member Comments	Chairperson David Perry advised there were no member comments.
Mill Mountain Supervisor Report	Mr. Allenbaugh reports that there were 27 successful programs. The upcoming special events/ programs are the zoo fundraiser on March 16, Mill Mountain open house program will be on April 4, and Mill Mountain Mayhem will take place that morning. Mr. Allenbaugh reports that January and February attendance increased. Attendance for January was up 74% from 2019 and February attendance was up 81% from 2019. Mr. Allenbaugh states that the HVAC system is malfunctioning and will be replaced. Summer hours begin April 3, 2020, Wednesday-Saturday 10AM to 4PM and Sunday 12PM to 4PM.
Mill Mountain Zoo Report	Ms. Voudren reports that progress on the black bear exhibit continues, possible opening could be early summer. The zoo now has 3% of the global population of red wolves. Ms. Voudren states that there is new carpet in the gift shop and the reptile house has been repainted. Ms. Voudren reports that they have secured funding to also be able to update the restrooms. Special events/programs will be held on March 16 with the black bear ceremony, March 19, Night Howl from 5PM-7:30PM, March 31 is the Spring Fling, and April 25 is the Party for the Planet from 11AM-4PM.
Mill Mountain Garden Report	Ms. Feldmann reports that the pond renovation has been moving forward and will be hopefully finished by mid-April. Ms. Feldmann reports that a fundraiser campaign and a grant that was issued to the garden will be able to fund the renovation of the pathways and improve landscape.

Section III - New Business Items

Item	Discussion
N/A	N/A

Section IV – Old Business Items

Item	Discussion
Mill Mountain Trails Plan Update	Ms. Powers reports on the public input meetings and that the task force is handing out mapping activities and providing power point presentations during these meetings with different neighborhoods in the area. During these meetings the community participated in completing surveys about the mountain and the upcoming changes. Ms. Powers states that on the website you can review the time line for the trails plan and also gives the option for the community to share any feedback. Ms. Powers reports that all the public meeting information has been compiled to be a part of the plan, with two pages full of public input. Ms. Powers provided the board with a community corridor assessments list which provided a description of the corridor, its feasibility and details. Ms. Powers provided a brief overview with regard to the homeless community on the mountain, and hopes to be able to provide resources to them and have them relocate.

Section V – Other Business Items

Item	Discussion
N/A	N/A

Section VI – Next Meeting

Title	Name	Position
Chair	David Perry	Board Chair
Recorder	Michael Clark	Director

Date	Time	Location
13 May 2020	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Discovery Center

