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**Parks Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday January 7, 2020 / 6PM
Meeting Location: Montpelier Senior Center Conference Room**

Commissioners: Shelby, Carolyn, Kassia

Staff: Alec, Cara

Meeting Minutes

6:14 Approve January 7 agenda and December 17 minutes. Carolyn moves. Shelby seconds.
Unanimous.

6:15 Comments from the public

- Introduction of Cara - Crewleader with Parks as of January 1st, 2020. Has a longtime career in parks - state parks, etc. - and has been part-time with Montpelier Parks for the last two years. She's now in a full time, permanent position with Montpelier Parks.

6:21 Greenprint projects underway (Alec)

- Entered executive session at 6:21
- Exited executive session at 6:59

7:00 Fine tune the Greenprint itself (***Strategy:*** 1. Get conservation commission and parks commission agree on single plan. 2. Invite Mike Miller to a joint meeting. 3. Get City Council buy-in/prioritization as a FY20/21 priority)

- Review new map including location of existing parks, definition of "greenprint", and including both Parks' and Conservation' priorities (Alec and Carolyn)
 - Alec met with Mike Miller: Build a map based on data (defensible). Ex. views and vistas, connectivity, wildlife, deer yards, natural resources inventories, opportunities for offroad transit, neighborhood access, etc. What layers/data are behind the map?
 - Alec attended Conservation Commission meeting, connected with one of their members who's good at GIS. Need to put all of those layers in a single map, decide how we're going to rank them. → Planning Commission can look and see a property that scores high on the map.
 - Shelby to pull together data and print value maps, bring to next Greenprint meeting
 - Tuesday, February 4th, 6-8pm: Alec and Shelby come to meeting with ideas about data, ranking, gaps, etc. (Carolyn to reserve police station or senior center)
- Review new text



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- Mike Miller provided a template for content he'll be looking for to get onto the City Plan. Will Parks have their own chapter in the City Plan?
- Dan provided suggested text updates, which the Commission reviewed.

7:45 Next steps

- Meet February 4 (if Shelby is available) 6-8pm, Police Station
- Alec and Shelby working on layers/maps
- All add comments to Dan's Greenprint text edits
- Kassia to create document showing *why* parks are important (health, dollars to manage, less infrastructure costs)
- Carolyn to build a marketing (buy-in) plan

7:45 Reaffirm next steps to keep moving forward.

8:05 Adjourned by unanimous consent