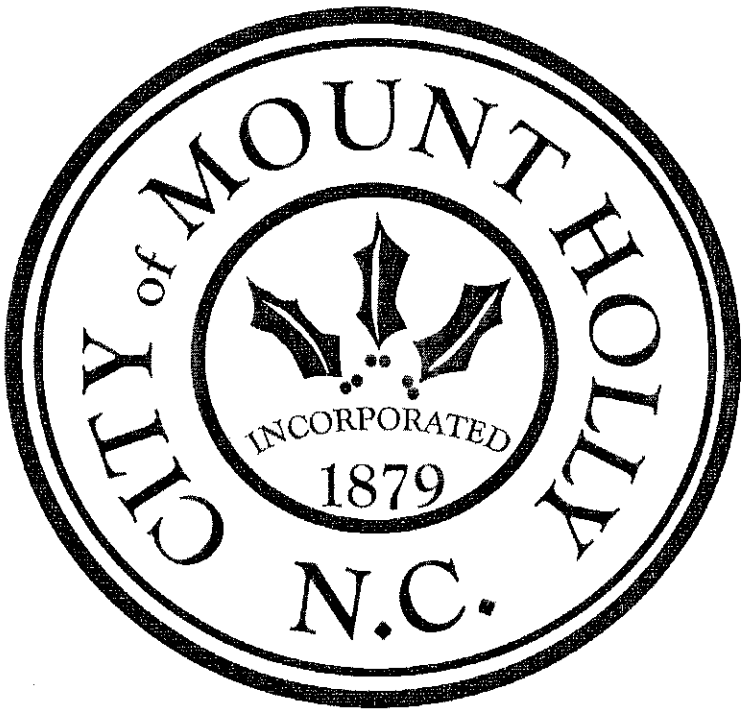


August 24, 2015
Council Work Session Meeting

Mayor Bryan Hough
Mayor Pro-Tem Perry Toomey
Councilman Jerry Bishop
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare
Councilman J. Jason Gowen
Councilman Jim Hope
Councilman David Moore
Kemp Michael, City Attorney
Danny Jackson, City Manager

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY
MOUNT HOLLY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Location: Council Chambers

August 24, 2015
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

INVOCATION

SET THE AGENDA

1.	Presentation of Granny's House Activities Center	*Gloria Mack*
2.	Presentation of the 2016 Bike Race	*Matthew Gregory*
3.	Approval to re-submit for the 555 Fitness Grant	*Chief Ryan Baker*
4.	Update on the Railroad Crossing Signalization	*Kemp Michael*
5.	Review of Updates to the City Code	*Marie Anders*
6.	Adjourn	

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: City Council	**Date:** August 19, 2015
From: Danny Jackson, City Manager	**Meeting Date:** August 24, 2015

Agenda Item to be considered: ***Agenda Item #1 – Presentation regarding Granny's House Activities Center***

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Background/Purpose of Request : ***Ms. Gloria Mack, who is a resident and the daughter of Reverend Jeremiah Robinson, wishes to seek assistance from the City of Mount Holly regarding a community activities center in Mount Holly. Please find enclosed all of the documentation regarding the proposal, as submitted by Ms. Mack.***

Fiscal Impact:			
Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	*$*		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation: None

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments: Letter of proposal and Executive Summary regarding the proposed project

GRANNY'S HOUSE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER, INC.

704-733-8120
grannyshouse@gmail.com
P.O. Box 54
Mount Holly, NC 28120

June 30, 2015

Mr. Danny Jackson, City Manager
400 East Central Avenue
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I hope this letter find you well. I would like to extend a thank you for all you & your Team are doing for our City.

As I shared with you a few months ago about the opening of Granny's House in September, we are still on schedule. The dilemma we are facing at this time is the location. We had hopes of using Burge Methodist, however, some un-foreseen events occurred.

My Board & I decided to look at other options for the Center to be housed. It was suggested that we ask the City if there are any vacant buildings owned by the City that could be donated to us to use for youth (5th – 12th grades), as a Community Center. We are prepared to operate it as a Youth Activities Center.

If there is such a building, we would love to meet and present our Plan & Proposal to the City or the owner(s). We feel this would be a win-win situation for our youth & the City to have a place that all youth in the community could attend without charge.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you. Again, thank you for believing in us.

Sincerely,
Gloria Mack
Gloria Mack, CEO
Granny's House

Executive Summary

Granny's House Activities Center was founded on July 7, 2007 when eight faithful friends met to discuss activities for low income, at risk children in the Mt. Holly area. It was discussed about opening an activity center. After discussion we voted to open the Granny's House Community Activity Center to serve all children. We would offer help with homework, teaching them about health and social issues. We would use Senior Adults, Mt. Holly Community Foundation, Farmer's Market, Churches, local businesses, community leaders and skilled laborers to teach different skills & relationship building through fun activities.

Granny's House (hereafter G.H.) is a faith-based service organization that will strive to:

- Rebuild healthy families and community relationships
- Repair and bridge the generation gap
- Restore and Raise Up respectful youth

The first phase of our mission involves the establishment of the community youth center, Granny's House. The center will provide a safe, nurturing environment. We will address the need for supervised constructive activities that help youth to know that they have individual worth and purpose. Those activities will meet academic needs, such as, homework assistance and computer skills. We will offer tutoring literacy, math, and general reasoning skills. The staff will also focus overall attention on life skills, teamwork, and leadership development.

G.H. will operate as non-profit to serve as a centralized resource for the community. It will assist other youth programs in the area by bringing groups together to help overcome critical obstacles such as funding, volunteers and information sharing.

Since Mt. Holly has been targeted as the "Playful City" USA, the Center will support activities that help provide youth with the ability to achieve and maintain healthy family and social relationships, economic self-sufficiency, respect for others, entrepreneurialship, a sense of purpose, confidence and the ability to contribute to society.

The center will serve as a conduit to pull youth together and link them to the activities that are offered in Mount Holly, Gaston County and surrounding counties. It will also offer a clearinghouse of information on activities and a common ground for the community to share information and resources.

GANNY'S HOUSE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER, INC.

704-733-8120
grannyshouse@gmail.com
312 W. Glendale Ave
Mount Holly, NC 28120

4 R's = Rebuild, Repair, Restore, Raise Up

Core Value: *"To Rebuild families, Repair relationships, Restore respect and Raise Up youth that will be a success in life."*

Mission Statement: To repair the gap between community and youth and restore respect, friendliness and safety on our streets as it relates to building strong relationships.

Purpose: To raise up the next generation of leaders by providing training to mature them in life skills, experiences and their gifting through counseling and constructive activities that will rebuild our communities.

"It takes a community to raise a child"

Granny's House Community Activities Center, Inc.

A comprehensive youth development center

Background and Statement of Need:

There is a great need for more activities and prevention programs for at risk middle and high school youth in this community. We now have the YMCA which is a very good program if you have the funds to attend. We also have a Park & Recreation Center, but the center does not offer the activities that Granny's House Community Activities Center (GH, hereafter) will offer to this population. The nearest prevention program is in Gastonia, N.C.

According to the 2010 State-of-the County Health Report of Gaston County, NC, the following priorities for 2009-2012 were selected: (1) Reduce overweight and obesity in school –aged children; (2) Reduce teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and (3) Prevent chemical dependency among fourth and fifth graders, adolescent females and teens that are suspected of abusing prescription drugs. The report opens by stating: "Gaston's residents are unhealthy. They don't eat enough healthy foods. They don't get enough exercise....too many Gaston teens are having babies, and minority teens are almost twice as likely to become pregnant as white teens." The National Center for Education Statistics, states the benefits for Youth Centers:

- **Business**: Commits to keeping children safe after school and improves the skills of future workforce
- **School**: Increases student achievement and gains support for after-school activities.
- **Teacher**: Gains better-prepared, more academically focused students

Research has shown that youth centers and youth programs are a protective factor that surrounds our young people with supervision, activities, and caring adults to guide and nurture and assist in making healthy choices.

Some youth today are experiencing escalating domestic violence, pressures from parents' unemployment, absence from working jobs, and/or welfare reform as major influences in every aspect of their growing years.

Families have to contend with social and economic challenges unknown to previous generations. Continuing economic uncertainty and the current war compound the difficulties and challenges our families face. All of these issues support the need for more integrated planning for youth development and activities in this area.

Given these negative social indicators, a growing segment of our youth are finding they are ill equipped to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and rapidly evolving community. Empowered with practical life skills, young people can take responsibility for themselves.

Each of our organizations touch different kids – not necessarily the same kids - so it is not a matter of the number of kids each organization touches; we will cover different sectors of the youth population.

According to a recent issue of Gaston 2012: A Report to the People, the vision for Gaston County, provided us with a detailed report to make our community a better place to live, work and play. The process provided for work teams of local citizens called Gaston 2012 action teams. These teams focused on the following initiatives: Education/Workforce Development, Economic Development/Transportation & Infrastructure, Marketing & Communications, Entrepreneurial Development and Quality of Life.

This report also unveils the results of a survey organized by the Quality of Life Action Team. The Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS) report documented the economic development, but did not tell anything about the quality of life surrounding our current economy. This survey gives Gaston 2012 some guidance on the community's perception of our strengths, areas for development, and priorities for our citizens. Gaston 2012 says "it is the path for the future of our community. It is a path we travel together, in partnership. Together we are building the dream that is Gaston County."

Gaston County has 53 neighborhood schools with an enrollment of 32,285 students. The schools that Granny's House will serve will be middle and high schools in Mt. Holly, Stanley and Belmont of Gaston County.

In September 2004, the Quality of Life Action Team conducted a survey among community members, community leaders, service providers, and high school students in Gaston County. The purpose of the survey was to obtain citizen input about the following quality of life dimensions: community assets, community development needs, youth issues and community health issues.

For this report, we will focus on the input from high school students on youth issues.

1. Youth Issues: The top youth issues identified by the three groups of respondents varied. The common top issues identified by community members and leaders and providers were: 1) Inability to manage money; 2) Lack of parental involvement with children; 3) Lack of parental support to continue education; 4) Dropping out of school.

- For high school juniors, their main concerns were: 1) Lack of part-time jobs; 2) Lack of finances; 3) **Lack of after-school programs**; 4) Dropping out of school; 5) Inability to manage money, not doing well in school, and not getting along with teachers.
- All three groups surveyed identified the same youth health and safety priorities: 1) Use of drugs and alcohol; 2) Teenage pregnancy; 3) Peer pressure to be bisexually active; 4) Bullying and teasing by peers.

2. **Health Issues:** Obesity was the number one health issue identified by all groups: High school juniors identified the following top-five community concerns:

1) Obesity; 2) Alcohol and substance abuse; 3) High blood pressure; 4) Asthma; 4) STDs and HIV/AIDS, and diabetes. Respondents to the survey were also asked about their health behaviors. A significantly high proportion of high school juniors achieve the recommended level of physical activity (30 minutes or more, 5 or more days a week) compared to less that 20% of the other community leaders. Students found it hardest to access services dealing with the dying process, services for mental health treatment, and services for drug and alcohol treatment. Students preferred receiving community information for services by newspaper articles the most, followed by the Internet, then flyers and brochures.

3. **Community Assets:** The top five community assets of Gaston County identified by all three groups were: 1) Churches, houses of worship and religious organizations; 2) Place to raise a family; 3) Personal and family safety; 4) Water quality; 5) Open space

4. **Community Development Needs:** For community members, strengthening family relationships and expanding services for the elderly both ranked fifth on the list. High school juniors identified different community development needs, which included: 1) Improving roads; 2) **Expanding parks and recreational facilities**; 3) Building more sidewalks; 4) Expanding services for the elderly; 5) Making housing more affordable.

5. **Our Youth: The Youth Issues section of the Quality of Life Survey asked respondents to rate their concerns about youth issues in our community on a scale from a *"small extent" to a "great extent". (Result of surveys attached). As you can see lack of after-school & out of school programs was one of the needs by youth.***

According to the FindYouth Info Newsletter: Gang Prevention, Vol 3, Issue 29. March 21, 2013, Prevention Programs target youth at risk of gang involvement and help to reduce the number of youth who join gangs by providing training for parents, tutoring for children who are performing poorly in school, providing conflict resolution with interpersonal skill training and providing gang awareness training.

Opportunity for Integrated Youth Development

Across the nation, community youth centers have proven to attract and retain youth from disadvantaged circumstances.

Statistical research from The Afterschool Alert, Issue Brief No. 22 states the return on investment for attending quality afterschool programs. Myriad studies and evaluations have proven that, even with conservative estimates afterschool programs are cost-effective and save money. As a result, the article stated, afterschool programs provide young people with access to caring adults who provide the support they need to succeed, whether it's homework help or learning life skills. Youth who regularly attend a quality afterschool program have better grades and conduct in school, are more likely to graduate, and have lower incidences of drug-use, violence and pregnancy. The article also stated:

- Every dollar invested in afterschool programs will save taxpayers approximately $3, according to a study by the Rose Institute at Claremont McKenna College.
- Effective after-school programs save between $1.87 to $5.29 for every $1 spent because participants commit less crime.
- An evaluation of the CAS-Carrera pregnancy-prevention programs showed reduced births among girls by 50 percent. The program also saw a 61 percent college-enrollment rate among its eligible students

The population of Mt. Holly, (Gaston County), has increased in the last few years. GH will collaborate with local high schools in seeking to employ students part-time.

Approach

GH will operate as non-profit to serve as a centralized resource for the community. It will assist other youth programs in the area, such as the YMCA, Boy & Girl Scouts, Park & Recreation and faith based institutions by bringing groups together to help overcome critical obstacles such as funding, volunteers and information sharing.

The center will support activities that help provide youth with the ability to achieve and maintain healthy family and social relationships, economic self-sufficiency, respect for others, entrepreneurialship, a sense of purpose, confidence and the ability to contribute to society.

The center will serve as a conduit to pull youth together and link them to the activities that are offered in Mount Holly and Gaston County. It will also offer a clearinghouse of information on activities and a common ground for the community to share information and resources.

The center will begin as an after-school activities center for 5th, middle & high school age students as it relates to the community to help promote academic achievement, homework assistance, relationship building, and leadership development. The center will help build self-esteem, offer creative learning and utilize life skills from skilled laborers of our community. GH will provide a balance of prevention, intervention and suppression strategies as it relates to gang involvement. Prevention Programs targets youth at risk of gang involvement and help reduce the number of youth who join gangs. Intervention Programs and strategies provide sanctions and services for youth who are actively involved in gangs to push them away from gangs.

The objective of this center is:

"To rebuild families, repair the gap in the community, restore respect and raise up youth that will be a success in life."

- assist in bringing youth dreams to fruition and instill in others to dream

- decrease drop out rate in schools
- increase business support
- increase interaction with our senior population in the community
- decrease crime and delinquency as it relates to gang involvement
- improve school image and decrease drop-out rate
- increase parental involvement and support of the center, school and community
- eliminate the potential risk of latch-key youth
- decrease teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases
- offer parenting skills for teen mothers
- offer GED

We will endeavor to do this through these opportunities, which include, but are not limited to:

- Art/Creativity
- Dance
- Sports
- Life skills from Senior Adults & Professionals
- Find "giftings/talents through creative learning
- Homework assistance
- Mentoring
- Computer Labs
- Relationship Building
- Parenting Skills (Teen Parents)
- Specialty Programs i.e. Performing Arts, Cooking, Brick laying, Gardening, etc.
- Cultural Competence
- Budgeting/Financial Literacy

The Center will operate with the age old concept of learning at "granny's house" in a safe and nurturing environment. Furthermore, the Center will continue servicing the community, in the future, by accommodating these youth with 24 hour supervision, as needed.

Programs will take place on-site at the center or from community parks and locations such as sport fields, field trips, parks and playgrounds. The location would be at a site that would accommodate all the activities that will be offered. GH would be run in part by paid youth center staff and community volunteers. As GH grows, transportation would be provided to remote and needy families using transportation provided by the center as needed.

A major component of G.H. will be to place teens into leadership positions for appropriate projects. Participants will help develop and direct the programs. Involving teens in this manner helps provide mentorship opportunities and increased support from business leaders.

Participants will also be able to participate in "service-learning" (students learning first hand about opportunities while actually engaged in the work in the community) opportunities that will provide self-esteem and job skills. Peer-to-peer mentoring would be encouraged.

By incorporating strategies that deter youth from delinquent behavior, a centralized youth teen center will utilize existing programs that benefit from Mount Holly and Gaston County's natural resources, our river, land inventories and the wealth of agricultural, technological and marketing knowledge through our farmers, Gaston College, co-op extensions, the farmer's market and the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation.

Management

A Board of Directors will establish the Center in Mount Holly and build support for the project in the community. The Board of Directors will consist of members of different professional backgrounds who will each bring their strengths and guidance to the project.

Staff:

State guidelines will be implemented and adhered to in program development to ensure proper license and certifications; and to ensure quality of care and safety. Staff and student ratio will be maintained according to State regulations.

Initial paid staff will include: one administrator, one director, one administrative assistant, one teacher, one cook, one counselor, one activity director, and one custodian. Staff will be added as students increase according to State regulations.

At the beginning stages the center will run with limited staff and the assistance of the Board of Directors and community volunteers to make this center a success.

Programs

Staff supported programs would be a mixture of paid and volunteer based. Some programs will already be established in the community and will have an established base of volunteers. These individuals will offer their expertise to the Center and give back to the community.

Organized instructional programs will include:

Physical Activities:

- Dance
- Sports (basketball, softball, volleyball)
- Swimming
- Gardening

Academic Programs:

- Arts
- Tutoring
- Homework Assistance
- Computer Learning
- Nutrition

Unstructured Activities:

- Game playing
- Socializing
- Club meetings
- Outdoor play
- Life Skills
- Parenting Skills

Facilities

In 2007, the Board of Directors came up with a concept of what our Teen Youth Center should look like and we put a wish list together.

This facility should have space to house a computer lab, kitchen, program space, game room, multipurpose room, offices for staff, quiet room, homework area, area for crafts and extra space as needed.

Start up facilities would need to provide a minimum of approx. 10,000 square feet, and will need to be ADA compliant with both parking and accessibility to restrooms that will accommodate wheelchairs.

The building will be easy to assess. It will be located in an area that is considered safe for youth.

Requirements

Staff will need to have the following certifications:

- First Aid and CPR
- Current TB Test
- Clean driving record
- Clean Criminal background check
- Pass an initial drug test

Building will need to be:

- Lead and asbestos free
- Leak free
- Safe from other hazardous materials
- Have adequate wiring and lighting
- Proper ventilation
- Meet all County Inspection requirements
- Elevator for easy assess to upstairs
- Handicap Accessible

Insurance:

The center will have the proper and adequate insurance for theft, damage, liability to cover injury for the youth, adequate auto (when applicable).

Marketing

G.H. would provide services and programs reaching youth 5th -12th grades. We will service the elementary schools, middle schools, and high school in the Mount Holly, Stanley area. The schools are:

- Stanley Middle
- Mt. Holly Middle
- East Gaston High
- Ida Rankin Elementary
- Pinewood Elementary

Objectives

- Bringing youth dreams to fruition and instill in others to dream
- Decrease dropout rate
- Increase business support
- Increase interaction with the senior population in our community
- Decrease crime and delinquency
- Improve school image
- Increase parental involvement and support in school and the center
- Eliminate the potential risk of latch-key youth
- Decrease teen pregnancy
- Parenting Skills
- Computer Classes
- GED

Key Groups

- Parents and Educators
- Youth group leaders
- Church leaders
- Community volunteers
- Civic groups
- Crime prevention programs; Law Enforcement
- Youth development programs
- City Political Youth Programs
- Business leaders
- Skilled Laborers
- Senior Citizens

Communication Strategies:

- Media relations
- Newspaper
- School partnerships
- Community partnerships
- Promotions (flyers, etc)
- Website and email (potential youth blog, facebook, etc)
- Church relations

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: Mayor and City Council	**Date:** 8-19-2015
From: Mark Jusko	**Meeting Date:** 8-24-2015

Agenda Item to be considered:

Presentation on the 2016 Bike Race

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ YES X☐ NO

Background/Purpose of Request : Matthew Gregory, a Parks & Recreation Commission member, will be speaking to the Council about the possibility of Mount Holly hosting a series of three bike races in Spring 2016. Mr. Gregory presented his idea to the Parks & Recreation Commission at their July meeting.

Fiscal Impact:			
Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	X☐ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	X☐ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	X☐ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	X☐ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	X☐ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	$		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	X☐ NO	☐ N/A

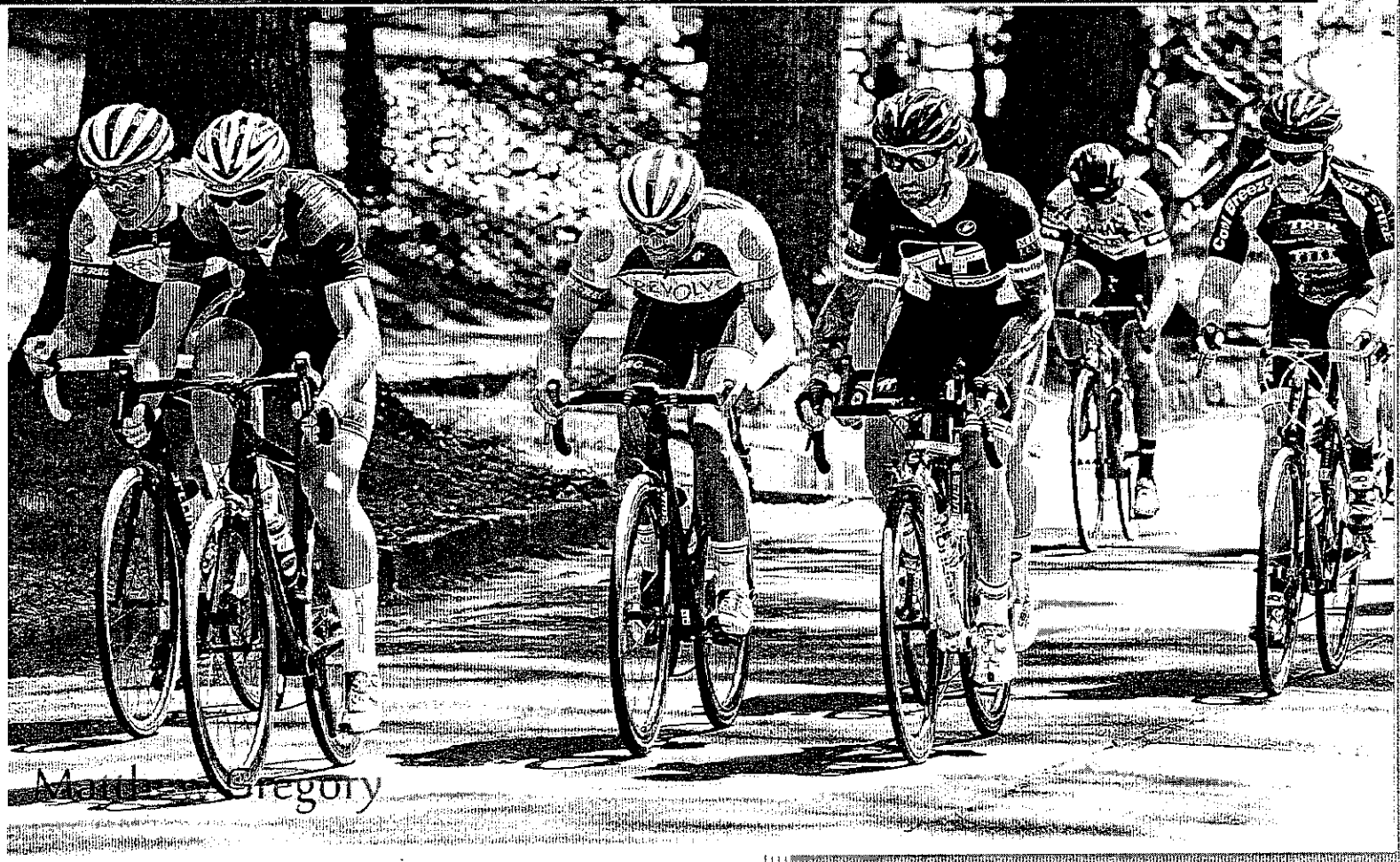
Manager/Staff Recommendation:

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments: Mr. Gregory's presentation

2016

Mount Holly Park and Rec Criterium Series



Matthew Gregory

Mount Holly Parks and Rec Criterium Series

When:

Spring / Summer 2016

Friday night series would start 5:00, may be problem with bank

Early Spring Better earlier need lights

Saturday any time, morning preferred

Where:

See 3 different course layouts

Why:

Establishment of Mount Holly connecting their parks with trails and exercise facilities. Per discussions with Caromont and YMCA. Extensions of Carolina Thread Trail essentially.

http://www.mountthollyfoundation.org/greenways.php Final easement documents have been signed for Phase One of the greenway, to be built between Tuckaseege Park and the Mount Holly Citizens Center. Possibly supporting cost of bridge across.

Connecting Caromont Emergency Center to River Street Park, believe already planned.

Connecting Tuckaseege Park to YMCA if not River Front Neighborhood to YMCA or Tuckaseege Park to River Front.

Connecting other parks with sidewalks, joining up with the sidewalk committee.

Other ideas from Park and Rec to help with sponsorship

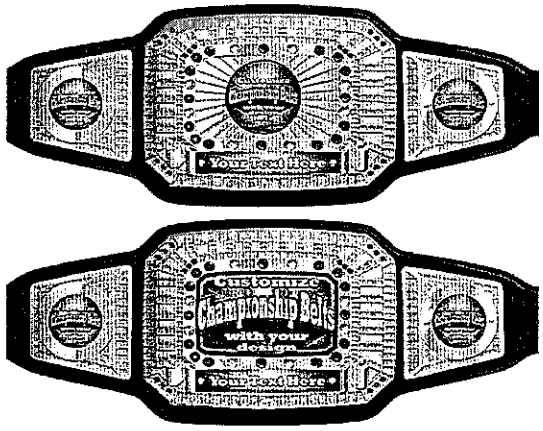
_____

_____

_____

What will make different than other crits

1. It is a point series of 3 races
2. 3 categories each race,
    a. Pro 1-2-3 40-45 minutes
    b. Cat 4-5 20-30 minutes
    c. Master's 35 30-40 minutes
3. Series Award, Not Money but a Championship Belt or nice trophy
    a. Most crits pay little out, 1st $50, 2nd $30, 3rd 25$ for each day of racing
    b. Title belt for series
4. Kids one lap race. Medals for participation



Other options we can do with crit.

1. Tie it in with other events with the city, ie
    a. Spring fest
    b. Movie night
    c. July forth Fireworks
    d. Farmers Market
    e. Baseball Tournament
    f. Car Show
    g. Band
    h. Kids play area

Expenses.

See spread sheet

Registration

$25-30, second race $15-20

$3.40 per rider for insurance

(essentially $6 going to expenses)

40-50 riders

Gaffney had 130 riders last time they did a series like this.

Mount Holly Crit

Cost			
Qty	Item	cost	Total
			$ -
3	paramedic medic on site/ can be volunteer		
			$ -
	Baracades		
	Volunteers every intersection / road	$ -	$ -
			$ -
	Police do not need, benefiscial		
			$ -
	Traffic Cones		
		$	$
3	Race Official plus milage	50.00	150.00
	Motor Official plus milage	$	$
3	.46/mi	40.00	120.00
		$	$
3	Awards Trophypartner.com	200.00	600.00
		$	$
18	Preems	20.00	360.00
			$ -
	Set up / breakdown		
		$	$
3	Portajohns	65.00	195.00
			$ -
3	Timing Finish gates		
			$ -
3	registration $1-2 per rider can do self		
			$ -
3	Carolina cycling Fee $1 per rider		
	advertising		
	half day under 5 hours		
	tent		
	Permit	$200	
	Race Director	$100 to get permit	
	hay bails		

3 Race Series

Income			
Qty	Item	income	Total
1	CaroMont	$10,000.00	
1	Stowe YMCA	$0.00	volunteers
1	Pace Car	$1,000.00	examples
1	Large Buisness sponsor	$2,000.00	Freight Liner
1	Large Buisness sponsor	$2,000.00	National Gypsum
1	Local Buisness sponsor	$250.00	Resturants
1	Local Buisness sponsor	$250.00	Bike shops
1	Local Buisness sponsor	$250.00	
1	Local Buisness sponsor	$250.00	
1	Local Buisness sponsor	$250.00	
4	Tailgate tents @$50	$200.00	
18	Preems @$25	$450.00	
6	Vendors @50	$300.00	
	_____		
	_____		
	_____		
		$17,200.00	

Ways to Market to public to

		$	$
3	Awards 1st - 3rd	315.00	945.00

Considerations

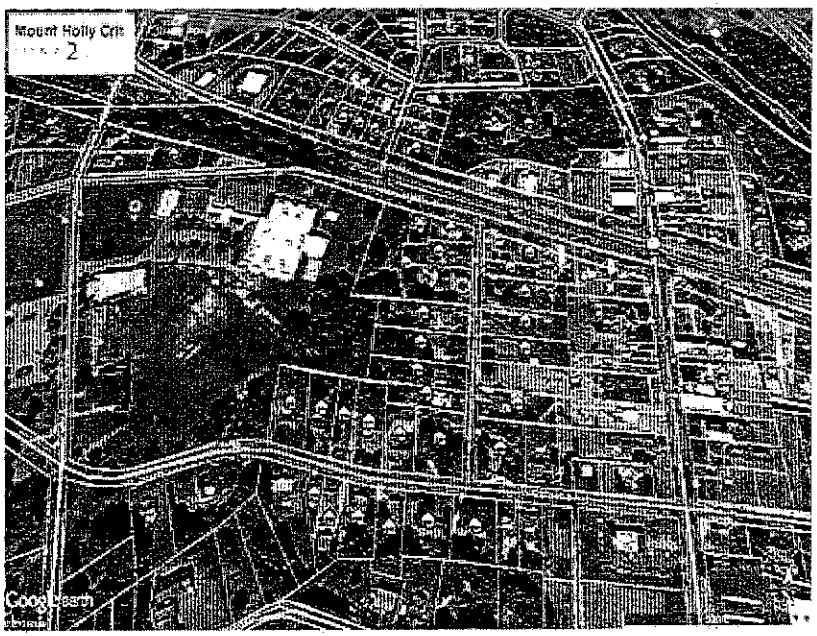
Closing buisness access
Peoples home access
Liability – riders buy insurance threw USA Cycling
Reliable Volunteers
Non-profit donation
kids crit

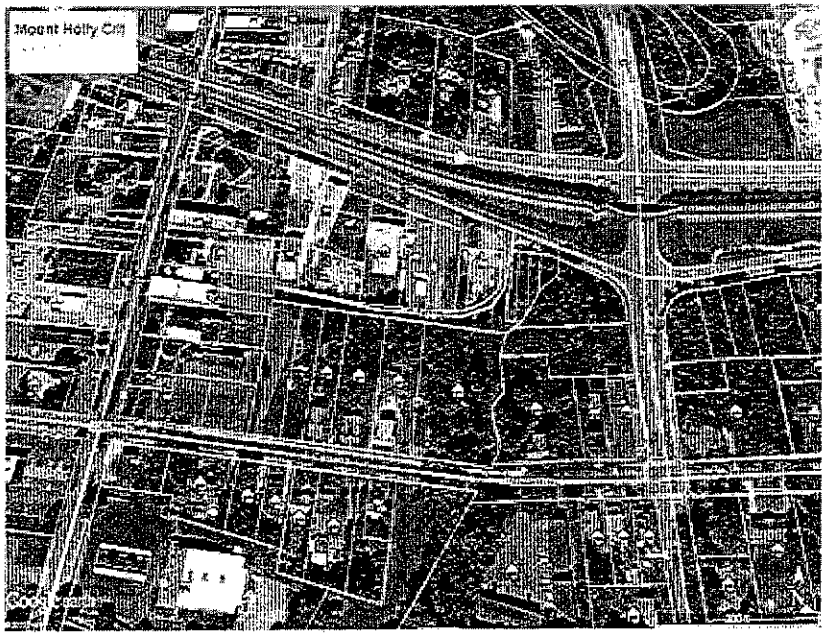
attend

Radio station remote
Waterbills
Mount Holly facebook
mount Holly Talks facebook
kids crit

Ways to Market Racers

Pre-Reg.com
Bike Shops
Bike clubs
Piggy Back with other events
Facebook





Mileage
race course 1 .51miles
race course 2 1.00 miles
race course 3 .63 miles

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To:	Mayor and City Council Ryan Baker, Fire Chief	**Date:** **Meeting Date:**	August 19, 2015 August 24, 2015

Agenda Item to be considered:

Approval to re-submit for the 555 Fitness Grant

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO**

Background/Purpose of Request :

In accordance with the City's Grant Policy the Fire Department is asking for permission to re-apply for the 555 Fitness Grant. The submission deadline for this grant is August 30-September 9, 2015. We will be re-applying for the fitness equipment that will replace older equipment we currently have at the Headquarters Station. This is a non matching grant with no financial obligations from the City.

This is a highly competitive grant and we will looking to apply each and every time we are eligible.

Fiscal Impact:

Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	0		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation:

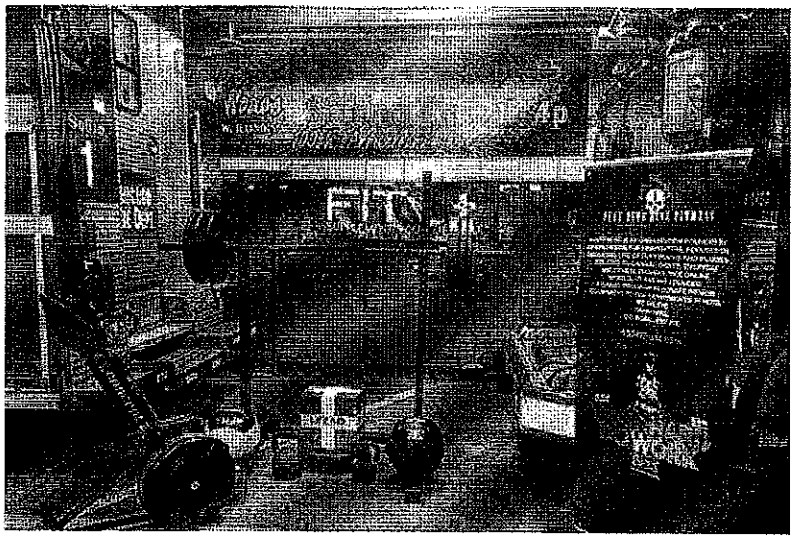
Result of City Council Decision:

___

Attachments: Copy of the grant information.

Home / Grant Program

Grant Program



Applications will have an open enrollment for 10 days. The applications are made available PRIOR to these days, and we encourage all applicants to have download and fill out the application before they are time period they are due. Any application that is NOT FULLY completed is disqualified and the sender of that particular application is NOT notified that it was incomplete.

Once an application is submitted, the staff of 5-5-5 will go through all entries and any applications that are not completed and signed are disqualified. Each 5-5-5 Staff member then picks from qualified applications to forward the top applications to a panel of judges that are not a part of the organization but are related to either the fire service and/or fitness world. All names and identifying marks are removed from all applications forwarded to the panel of judges. Each application is numbered and each judge votes for the application/s they deem most worthy simply by their number without knowing anything about who the applicant is or where they are from.

After the judges have ranked the applicants, the winning department is chosen, notified and allowed to package of equipment from three pre-set packages that best suits their member's needs. At this time, a date is set for delivery of the equipment and two of the 555 staff members come to the department to formally present the equipment and give the members of the department the necessary training on the equipment. Please visit http://555fitness.com/pages/grant-program if you wish to receive instructions on downloading

Current Open Grant

2015 Application Dates

Next Full Open Grant Process:
Mon, August 31 - Wed, September 9

FIRE-RESCUE INTERNATIONAL (FRI), GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER, ATLANTA, GA FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH & SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH THE FUTURE OF FIREFIGHTER FITNESS
One week left to have a chance to win our grant equipment at The FireFighter Throwdown at Fire Rescue International this month in Atlanta. Watch the videos for more details and remember, you have to be present to pick up the equipment at the event.
Watch the video for Details:

2015 FirefighterThrowdown Grant

OUR LOCATION

5-5-5 Firefighter Fitness, Inc.
Milltown, NJ 08850
555info@555fitness.com

POS and Ecommerce by Shopify

QUICK LINKS

Donate

Sizing

City of Mount Holly
Action Agenda Item

To: City Council	**Date:** August 20, 2015
From: Danny Jackson, City Manager	**Meeting Date:** August 24, 2015

Agenda Item to be considered: ***Agenda #4 – Update on Railroad Crossing Signalization***

Will this require a public hearing? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Background/Purpose of Request : ***This subject matter has been brought before the City Council for review. The City Council directed the City Attorney and the City Manager to seek additional information from the NCDOT Rail Division regarding circumstances involving liability. The City Attorney plans to update the City Council at the meeting on Monday night.***

Fiscal Impact:

Will Item affect current budget	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Reviewed by Finance Director	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Preaudit Certification required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Capital Project Ordinance required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Budget Transfer required	☐ YES	☒ NO	☐ N/A
Total City Dollars:	$		
Budget Code			
Reviewed by City Attorney	☐ YES	☐ NO	☒ N/A

Manager/Staff Recommendation: To be discussed at the meeting on Monday night.

Result of City Council Decision:

Attachments:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, City Manager, and City Council, City of Mount Holly

FROM: Marie M. Anders, Assistant City Attorney

RE: Resolution to revise Chapter 21 of the City Code – Parks and Recreation

DATE: August 19, 2015

As part of the ongoing effort of Staff and the City Attorney's office to modernize and update the City Code, attached for your review is a proposed revision to Chapter 21 of the City Code entitled, "Parks and Recreation." The revisions to this chapter are largely to correct typographical errors, bring the chapter in line with modern policies of the Parks and Recreation Department, and address recent legislation. In addition, the resolution which Council passed regarding the Conservation Easement Park has been incorporated into this chapter.

Two revisions which I would like to specifically point out are as follows:

- Sec. 21-14: The revision on the Firearms section is proposed in response to legislation. Previously, the section banned firearms in parks. However, the legislature has passed a statute intending to create statewide uniformity on the treatment of concealed carry handguns which removes the authority of municipalities to ban concealed carry in all but a few circumstances. The City is allowed to ban open carry, concealed carry without a permit, and concealed carry with a permit in the following locations:

  (a) On athletic fields and nearby facilities, such as restrooms, during an athletic event scheduled with the City,
  (b) City swimming pools, and
  (c) Facilities used for athletic events, such as a gym.

  This means that the City is not allowed to ban concealed carry with a permit in any other park locations. For example, the City is not allowed to ban concealed carry with a permit on greenways, trails, or playgrounds. The proposed revision would take the section from the most restrictive ban on firearms allowed under previous law to the most restrictive ban on firearms allowed under current law.

- Sec. 21-20: This proposed section revision provides a mechanism for the City to give permission for people or organizations holding special events in the park or park facilities, such as the Tuck Center, to serve alcohol at the event. Just as when alcohol is served at downtown events pursuant to a permit, alcohol would not be allowed to be taken and consumed outside a designated event location.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTIONS OF
CHAPTER 21 OF THE MOUNT HOLLY CITY CODE
ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION"

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends Chapter 21 entitled, "Parks and Recreation," of the Mount Holly City Code as follows:

Sec. 21-2 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-2. Construction of regulations.

In the interpretation of Mount Holly Recreation Department regulations, their provisions shall be construed as follow:

(1) Any terms in~~In~~ the singular shall include the plural,

(2) Any term in the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter,

(3) Any requirement or prohibition of any act shall, respectively, extend to and include the causing or procuring, directly or indirectly, of such act,

(4) No provisions hereof shall make unlawful any act necessarily performed by any officer or employee of the Department in the line of duty or work as such, or by any person, his agents or employees, in the proper and necessary execution of the terms of any agreement with the Department,

(5) Any act otherwise prohibited by law or local ordinance, shall be lawful if performed under, by virtue of, and strictly within the provisions of a permit to do so, and to the extent authorized thereby, and

(6) These regulations are in addition to and supplement the State Vehicle and Traffic Laws which are in force in all parks and which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof."

Sec. 21-3 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-3. Territorial scope.

All regulations of the Mount Holly Recreation Department, or the Mount Holly City Council shall be effective within and upon all parks, sites, and other recreational areas in Mount Holly and shall regulate the use thereof by all persons."

Sec. 21-4 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-4. Permits.

A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only insofar as it may performed in strict accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. Any violation by its holder or his agents or employees of any term or conditions thereof shall constitute grounds for its revocation by the Department, or by its authorized representative, whose action therein shall beby final. In case of revocation of any permit, all monies paid for or on account thereof shall, at the option of the Department, be forfeited to and be retained by it; and the holder of such permit, together with his agents and employees who violated such terms and conditions, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Department for all damages and loss suffered by it in excess of money so forfeited and retained but neither such forfeiture and retention by the Department of the whole or any part of such monies nor the recovery or collection thereby of such damages, or both, shall in any manner relieve such person or persons from liability to punishment for violation of any provision of any regulation.

Permits referenced in Sections 21-12, 21-24, and 21-25 and 21-27 shall be granted or denied under the authority of the Mount Holly Recreation Director. Permits referenced in Section 21-20 shall be granted or denied under the authority of the City Manager. Permits referenced in Sections 21-22 and 21-24 shall be granted under the authority of the Mount Holly City Council."

Sec. 21-7 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-7. Swimming and bathing prohibited.

Swimming, wading or bathing is prohibited on any lake, stream orof other type of waterway located on any property covered under this ordinance."

Sec. 21-9 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-9. Pollution of waters.

No person shall in the streams, lakes, or other waters ofor any park or site bathe dogs or other animals, wash vehicles or clothing, or throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in the streams or the waters of the park or in any storm, sewer or drain flowing into said waters any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may orof shall result in the pollution of said water."

Sec. 21-10 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-10. Traffic and parking.

(a) Vehicles, Where Prohibited—Vehicles are prohibited in all areas, except paved roads and those designated as parking areas. Vehicles are prohibited from entering

the Conservation Park on Mountain Island Road and may park in designated parking areas only.

(b) Parking—No owner or driver shall cause or permit a vehicle to stand anywhere in any park outside of designated parking areas except a reasonable time in a drive to receive or discharge ~~of~~ passengers.

(c) Obstructing Traffic—No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to obstruct traffic by unnecessary stopping.

(d) Speed Limit—Rate of speed in excess of ten miles per hour is prohibited.

(e) View Into Vehicles—Every car driven through any park or parked in any parking space in any park shall have the interior thereof open to full view at all times."

Sec. 21-11 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-11. Animals at large.

No person shall cause or permit any animal owned by him to enter any park, unless in his custody or under his control and each such animal found not under the custody or control of any owner may be seized and disposed of as provided by law or ordinance covering disposal of stray animals on highways or public property then in effect at the place when such stray animals may be seized. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3-7, while located within the confines of the fence in any designated dog park facility, dogs do not have to be restrained by a chain or leash if the dog is under the owner's direct control and is obedient to that person's commands. Any person having custody of any animal in any park shall be responsible for the removal of any animal solid waste."

Sec. 21-12 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-12. Camping.

No camping shall be allowed in any park or site maintained by the Mount Holly Recreation Department or owned by the City of Mount Holly, except by permit."

Sec. 21-14 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-14. Firearms.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms are hereby defined:

(1) "Recreational facilities" includes only the following:

(i) An athletic field, including any appurtenant facilities such as restrooms, during an organized athletic event if the field had been scheduled for use

with the municipality or county office responsible for operation of the park or recreational area.

(ii) A swimming pool, including any appurtenant facilities used for dressing, sorage of personal items, or other uses relating to the swimming pool.

(iii) A facility used for athletic events, including, but not limited to, a gymnasium.

(2) Exclusions. For purposes of this section, the term "recreational facilities" does not include any greenway, designated biking or walking path, an area that is customarily used as a walkway or bike path although not specifically designated for such use, open areas or fields where athletic events may occur unless the area qualifies as an "athletic field" as defined above or any other area that is not specifically described in subsections (i) through (iii) above.

(b) Possession or open carry of firearms or handguns. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or open carry firearms of any description or air guns within any park. The Mount Holly Recreation Director is authorized and directed to post, in conspicuous locations, notices regarding this prohibition in the parks.

(c) Possession or carry of concealed handguns. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or carry a concealed handgun with or without a permit within any recreational facilities as defined above. The Mount Holly Recreation Director is authorized and directed to post, in conspicuous locations, notices regarding this prohibition at or within the recreational facilities located at: Tuckaseege Park, Veterans Park, River Street Park, Catawba Heights Neighborhood Park, Woodlawn Park, Mountain Island Park, and the Old Gym. Nevertheless, a concealed handgun permittee may, at a recreational facility, secure the handgun in a locked vehicle within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or area within or on the motor vehicle.

(d) This section does not apply to a police or other law enforcement officer lawfully discharging his duty, or to a watchman or other person specifically authorized by the City of Mount Holly to carry firearms on such premises while acting lawfully and within the scope of his authority.

~~No person except duly authorized law enforcement officers shall carry or possess firearms of any description, or air guns within any park.~~"

Sec. 21-16 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-16. Fires, lighted cigarettes, etc.

No person shall kindle, build, maintain or use a fire other than in places provided or designated for such purposes. Any fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person over sixteen years of age from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished. No person within the confines of any park shall throw away or discard any lighted match,

cigarette, cigar, or other burning object. Any lighted match, cigarette, cigar or other burning object must be entirely extinguished before being thrown away or discarded."

Sec. 21-20 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-20. Intoxicating liquors or beverages.

No person shall sell or attempt to sell any beer, wine, whiskey or other intoxicating liquor or beverage within the confines of any park or any park facility without a permit. No person shall be or become intoxicated, or under the influence of intoxicants, in public while within the confines of any park.; ~~public~~Public display or use of beer, wine, whiskey or other intoxicating liquor or beverage or the containers thereof is prohibited outside of designated special event locations."

Sec. 21-21 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-21. Skateboard Park.

All persons riding a skateboard or similar device in a skateboard park owned by the City of Mount Holly shall at all times wear a helmet which shall meet the ASTM F1492 skateboard helmet standards, elbow pads and kneepads. All persons under the age of 16 riding a bicycle, skateboard, roller skates, scooter, or a similar device in any park shall at all times wear a protective helmet. Any person failing to wear this safety equipment shall be subject to a citation resulting in the penalties set forth in Section 21-28~~21.28~~ of this Chapter and may be barred from further use of the facility and/or park.

(adopted 8-24-2009)."

Sec. 21-24 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-24. Alms and contributions.

No person shall within any park solicit alms or contributions for any purpose without a permit."

Sec. 21-25 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-25. Hours.

No person except employees or officers of the Department shall be allowed within the park between dusk and dawn ~~the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M.~~ except under permit or under the supervision of the Mount Holly Recreation Department."

Sec. 21-28 reads as re-written:

"Sec. 21-28. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction, be punished by fine of not less that $10.00 nor more than $50.00, or by imprisonment of not more than thirty days. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City of Mount Holly from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation, including arrest and/or banning violators from park property."