



Parks & Recreation - Focus 2022

Town Council Update – Vision, Mission, and Focus for 2022

January 25, 2022



Mission

“The mission of the Town of Carolina Beach Parks and Recreation Department is to provide an excellent variety of leisure opportunities to enhance the individual’s quality of life through exceptional programs in attractive, safe, and well-maintained parks and facilities.”

Vision

“We Create Community through People, Parks, and Programs” articulates the vision of the Town of Carolina Beach Parks and Recreation Department. The staff and many volunteers strive continuously to create connections. Through our parks, greenways, and trails we connect neighbors with the opportunity to gather and enjoy the outdoors. The many programs we provide are offered through the talents of our community members and dedication of many volunteers. All of our parks and programs in some way are connected through the talents and vision of our citizens.



Parks & Recreation – Accomplishments 2021

Parks & Rec has had a busy 2021. Some of our accomplishments include:

- The Parks and Recreation Department took over the management of the Summer Boardwalk Music and Fireworks.
 - Due to Covid the events did not start until July, but the program was extended into September.
- A new storage building was installed at Mike Chappell Park. This will allow the laydown area near 8th Street to be removed this spring and it opened up additional green space for the park.
- Introduced new programs including flag football, a youth lacrosse league, youth gymnastics, youth and adult tennis lessons, and a coed adult softball league.
- The dog park at Mike Chappell Park received a face lift with painted planters, the addition of sidewalks and concrete patios to make the park ADA accessible, plus several loads of additional sand to fill in low lying areas. This work was coordinated with several local and enthusiastic volunteers.
- New security cameras are being installed at Mike Chappell Park at the playground, tennis and basketball courts, dog park, and parking lot. Six (6) new acrylic backboards were installed at Mike Chappell Park.
- Expansion of safety netting along 8th Street by the soccer field. This netting allows for safe play of all sports, so balls do not fly into the road or neighboring yards.
- Gained approval and signed a contract for a new restroom at Mike Chappell Park.
- Received LWCF grant for \$175,000 for Lake Park playground.
- Oversaw the installation of new bridges and gazebos were at Lake Park, along with several donated swing benches.
- Etc., etc., etc.



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The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan provides a “North Star” for committee decisions as it reflects the voice of the community. It renews every 5 years. Since we are at the tail end of the renewal cycle, it is important that we also reach back to the community for input as we make decisions – a lot can change in 5 years. Here are some areas of focus for 2022 driven by that master plan:

- The Lake Park Master Plan was adopted in June of 2020, so we have been ensuring that the plan is kept alive – we continue to pursue funding/grants for facilities (e.g. a flagship playground) and ensuring that dredging decisions compliment our approach.
- MOTSU Property – the committee is extremely interested in doing whatever part it can to secure additional land for park usage. We have been advocating for additional park space on the MOTSU land South of Mike Chappell park – the community is asking for additional practice fields, dedicated pickle ball, sand volleyball courts, etc. The committee would like to focus FY22/23 on a design for the areas south of Sumter, corner of 8th and Sumter, and existing space within Mike Chappell Park. The committee would like to work with the Parks and Recreation Dept. to develop a master plan for the park with feedback from the community and stakeholders through surveys and public meetings.
- Continue to advocate for improvements at Mike Chappell Park – restroom, skate park enhancements, etc.
- Collaborate with the newly formed Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways not for profit on projects and programs that are critical and complimentary to the parks and recreation department.
- We will also need to begin planning for our next 5-year parks and rec master plan.

Town of Carolina Beach | Preliminary Master Plan

Carolina Beach, North Carolina

LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN





Carolina Beach Parks & Rec
Looking to the Future





Big Idea

Working out a lease agreement with Sunny Point to extend Mike Chappell Park – play space, ball fields, etc. are in short supply

Improve our existing amenities: e.g. field house rebuild

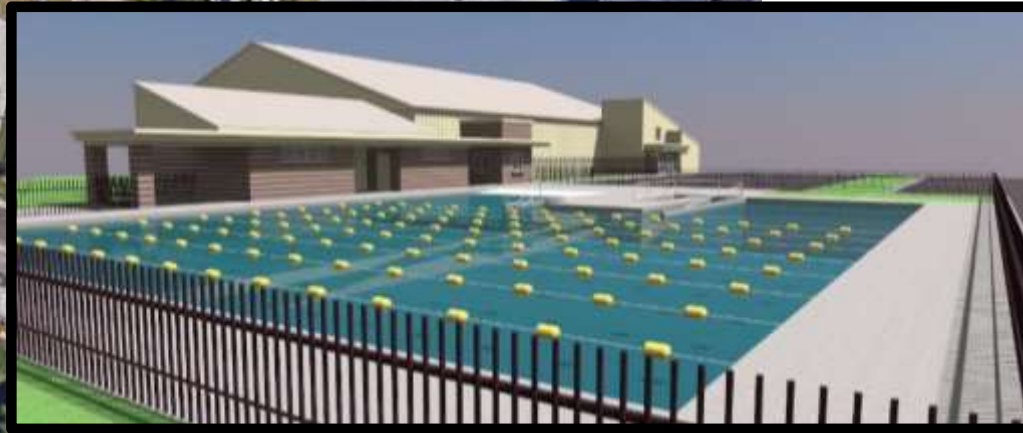
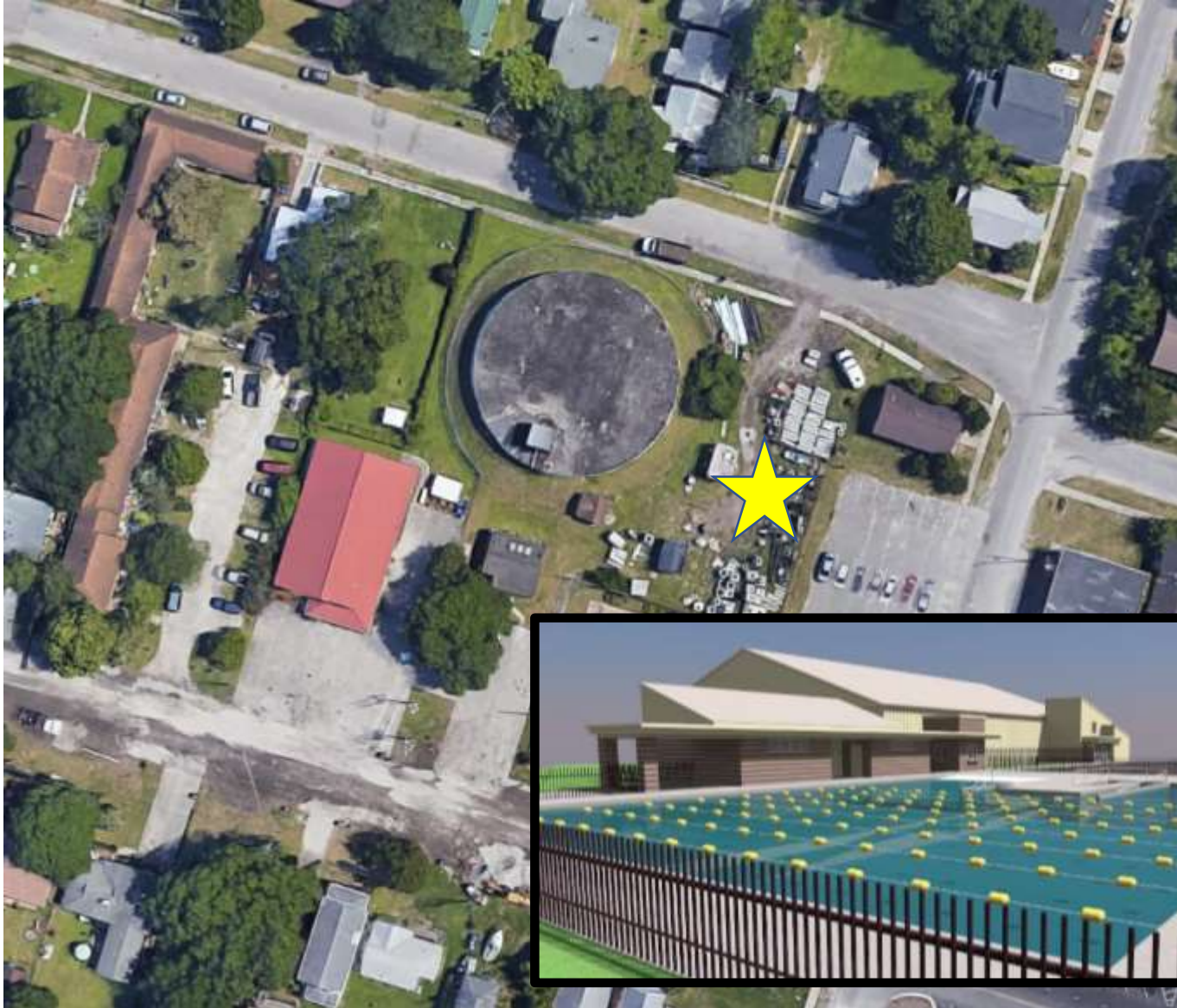




Big Idea

A re-design plan is already under way, but we have an excellent opportunity to enhance our most popular park – reclaim space, keep erosion at bay, provide enhanced amenities





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Develop a joint community center, senior center, aquatics facility at the current community center location

