

HIGH POINT PROSPERITY, LIVABILITY, & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 9:00 AM
Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Monica Peters, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peters announced that the Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee did not have a quorum, therefore, the meeting could not officially be called to order. She noted that Council Member McKiver was present in the chambers, Council Member Johnson was absent, and Council Members Harman was participating virtually. She explained that the only item on the agenda consisted of a presentation and a discussion and did not require a vote and that the committee would proceed with the presentation.

Present: Chair Monica Peters, Council Member Vickie McKiver, Council Member Harman (virtual)

Absent: Council Member Tyrone Johnson

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2025-369 **High Point University Rowing Operations and Boathouse Update**

Staff will provide an update on the High Point University Rowing Operations and Boathouse at Oak Hollow Lake.

Chair Peters introduced Lee Tillery, Parks & Recreation Director, who provided the staff report for the item. He introduced staff members Colten Marble and Tracy Pegram and indicated Mr. Marble would be assisting with the presentation. Mr. Tillery provided some history of the rowing program at High Point University (HPU) and stated that they had started talking with the university about the prospect of a boathouse at Sailboat Point. He spoke on the timeline and said an agenda item with a lease agreement would be on the upcoming City Council meeting agenda in September. He mentioned that rowing had been in the area for quite some time. He talked about other universities with rowing teams who have similar agreements with host cities.

He spoke on the process of site selection for the boathouse and showed a map of where it would be located at Sailboat Point. He indicated it was only a lease for where the boathouse physically sits and would not affect existing operations.

Mr. Tillery introduced Colten Marble, Special Facilities Division Manager, who spoke on the logistics of the rowing program and the utilization of the docks. He talked about some of the other groups that used the area at Sailboat Point, including Triad United Rowing and Oak Hollow Sailing Club. He provided a timeline of the installation of the new rowing docks and showed photos of the area. He emphasized that the docks were

all accessible to the public. He pointed out that HPU had invested in a new dock at Festival Park on the lake that was used in the recent Festival Regatta.

Chair Peters expressed concern about boat launches on the docks and an increase in traffic. In response to Chair Peters, Assistant City Manager Damon Dequenne said there would be no negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood. He indicated that the other regatta events were staged at Festival Park. Mr. Tillery pointed out that the rowing teams practiced at different times of the day.

Chair Peters said she had attended the regattas in the past and really enjoyed them, and said she appreciated the economic impact. She expressed appreciation to HPU for investing in activities at the lake.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Peters, Chair

Attest:

Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk