



Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2019



Board Member Attendance:

Chairman, Dr. Elliott McGlory	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present
Vice-Chair, Ianta Burks	BOC Chairman Appointee	Present
Carlos Frazier	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present
Carlos Benifield	District 3 Appointee	Present
Jarvis Jackson	District 1 Appointee	Present
Rickey Lovelace	District 2 Appointee	Present
Steve Lundquist	District 4 Appointee	Absent

Guest Attendance:

Troy Hodges	Director / Parks and Recreation	Present
Marsha White	Executive Assistant/ Parks and Recreation	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dr. Elliott McGlory called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Carl Rhodenizier Recreation Center in Rex, Georgia. Notice to the public was posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

No citizens present for today's meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The November 26, 2018 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. Mr. Hodges recommended we revise the November Minutes to include Board Member attendance and to be included on all Minutes going forward. Ianta Burks made a Motion to approve the Minutes with the recommended revision. Jarvis Jackson Seconded the Motion. All were in favor; no objections. The Motion was approved.

IV. BUSINESS

a. Security / Sporting Events

Dr. Elliott McGlory reported receiving several citizen concerns regarding security at youth basketball games. Mr. Hodges reported security at Championship Weekend games have been a priority for Parks and Recreation; however, Parks and Recreation does not provide security guards on a regular game weekend due to budget constraints. Mr. Hodges advised that he will evaluate the situation and if necessary consider seeking budgetary funds for security officers. The Advisory Board and Director Hodges discussed possible options for increased staff presence. Mr. Hodges informed the Board of discussions with local law enforcement requesting they be more visible during events and athletic games. Parks and Recreation is also posting additional signage that encourage parents to remember "it's a game."

b. Senior Citizen Month 2019 / Plans

Dr. Elliott McGlory presented the topic of Senior Citizen Month to the Board for discussion. Mr. Hodges advised the Board that Parks and Recreation and the Clayton County Senior Services Department are separate entities under the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hodges also informed the Board that the Senior Services Department hosts an annual Mayfest to celebrate Senior Citizens.

c. Follow-Up / Marketing

Ms. Ianta Burks distributed a handout to the Board for review. The handout included snapshots of the Atlanta Beltline website and the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website for review, comparison and discussion.

Ms. Burks recommends Parks and Recreation increase marketing for our trail system. The Board also revisited a prior recommendation suggesting Clayton County Parks and Recreation partner with local school's programs to assist in marketing initiatives. Mr. Lovelace suggested Clayton County Parks and Recreation stream event and program information on the monitors at the recreation centers. Mr. Hodges advised the Board that CCPR is currently looking into means for broadcasting event and program information via monitors at recreation centers. The Board also recommended the CCPR website be revised and suggested we visit the Atlanta Beltline website for user-friendly ideas. Mr. Jackson recommended Parks and Recreation host a blitz for the walking trails. The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members requested Ms. Amy Keeney and Ms. Ryann Gleaton, from the CCPR Marketing Division, attend the next Board meeting.

d. Tennis Center

Ms. Ianta Burks requested the Board review and discuss the Tennis Center information posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website. Ms. Burks noted the tennis center information appears displaced on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website making it very difficult for constituents to find information. Ms. Burks recommended the CCPR Marketing Division review and revise the location and presentation of the Tennis Center information. Ms. Keeney and Ms. Gleaton will be present at the next meeting for a continued discussion.

e. Ethics Disclosure Forms

It is a Clayton County requirement that all Board members renew their Ethics in Government – Disclosure Statement form annually. Forms were distributed to the each Board member, reviewed, signed, and returned completing this annual requirement. Forms will be hand delivered to the Clayton County BOC Clerk on the next business day following today's meeting.

V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update on current projects and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Hodges thanked the Board for their dedication to Clayton County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Hodges informed the Board, in preparation for the phase IV trail installation, a tree removal project at the International Park near Walt Stephens Road and removal of a large concrete wall is underway. Anticipated completion of the phase IV trail system is scheduled for July 2019. Mr. Hodges distributed and reviewed the 2018 Annual Report with the Board. Mr. Hodges also reported plans for a dog park at the International Park is being considered.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.