



Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes



November 26, 2018

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
Troy Stubbs	Assistant Director / Parks and Rec	Present
Marsha White	Executive Assistant/ Parks and Rec	Present
Alex Cohilas	Clayton County Deputy COO	Present
Stephanie Berens	Greenspace Administrator/ Parks	Present
Amy Keeney	Marketing Administrator / Parks	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 and the Clayton County Board of Commissioner website.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

No citizens present for today's meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The October 1, 2018 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No discussion by the Board. Ianta Burks made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Jarvis Jackson Seconded the Motion. All were in favor; no objections. The Motion was approved.

IV. BUSINESS

- a. Deputy COO Update to the Advisory Board
Deputy COO Alex Cohilas attended the November 26, 2018 Advisory Board meeting to present and discuss the vision, goals, projects, and logistics for the tentative International Park renovations. The presentation and discussion included phase IV trail system, District IV recreation center and administration building, demolition of the VIP complex, construction of an amphitheater, sound control, quality entertainment, creating more greenspace and less asphalt, parking and Lyft / Uber / Shuttle drop off location, filtration system and reconstruction of the beach to create a natural pool, and the relocation of the slides and children's pool. Projects are expected to be implemented simultaneously with an anticipated completion date of Spring 2020.

b. Division Update

Greenspace / Reynolds Nature Preserve

Ms. Stephanie Berens attended the November 26, 2018 Advisory Board to educate the Board of the functions and responsibilities of the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Greenspace Division.

Marketing and Communication

At the request of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Ms. Amy Keeney returned as a guest at the November 26, 2018 Board meeting to discuss and answer questions related to marketing of the trail system and greenspace. The Board members made a recommendation for the Parks and Recreation Marketing Division to reach out to local high schools to partner with marketing programs to increase marketing activity and bring more awareness to trails, greenspace, programs and events.

c. Board Involvement in Activities / Events

Vice Chairperson Ianta Burks recommended the Advisory Board sponsor an event or participate in other activities to bring awareness to the community as it relates to programs and events offered at through the Clayton County Parks and Recreation. Discussion included possibly hosting a wellness event at the Wild Azalea Festival in April at the Reynolds Nature Preserve.

d. ByLaws

i. Board Compensation

Board members reviewed and discussed the proposed revision to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ByLaws to include language allowing the Board Members to vote “for or against” receiving compensation for Board member’s meeting attendance. Following review and discussion, Dr. Elliott McGlory made a Motion to approve the revision of the ByLaws as presented to the Board. Carlos Frazier Seconded the Motion. No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion approved. The revised Bylaws will be submitted to the Board of Commission Clerk of Court.

ii. Proxy Voting procedure

Board members reviewed and discussed proposed revision to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ByLaws to include language allowing a Proxy Voting Procedure for voting purposes. The suggested language revision for Section 6 was discussed. Rickey Lovelace made a Motion to approve the revision of the Bylaws. Carlos Frazier seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.

e. Cheer / Football Camp

Carlos Benifield opened discussion with the Board to consider reports of low participation in the number of cheerleading groups at Panhandle Park. Mr. Benifield informed the Board of a parent volunteer’s request for Parks and Recreation to offer sports camps during the summer season to increase interest in cheerleading, football, tennis, and all sports. Mr. Hodges will present the recommendation to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Athletic Division for consideration.

e. **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 of his intent to expand our marketing efforts by partnering with local businesses to sponsor a child in the community interested in participating in a sports activity. Mr. Hodges also reported phase IV of the trail system is expected to be awarded at the upcoming Board of Commissioner meeting.

f. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Compensation

A motion was made by Dr. Elliott McGlory for the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members to receive compensation for meeting attendance as permitted by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. Carlos Frazier seconded the Motion. No further discussion. The Motion was approved. Ms. White will follow-up with each Board member following today's meeting to provide next step instructions to complete paperwork and setting up accounts.

Ethics Disclosure

Ms. White informed the Board that all Board Members are required sign an Ethics in Government Disclosure Statement annually. All Board Members are strongly encouraged to attend the January 2019 meeting for signatures.

g. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.