



# Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes



October 07, 2019

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

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dr. Elliott McGlory called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center in Rex, Georgia. Notice to the public was previously posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and the Clayton County Board of Commissioner website.

## II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

Three citizens were present at the meeting. Board Chairman, Dr. McGlory, welcomed citizens to the meeting. Board members, guests, and citizens were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

## III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The August 5, 2019 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. Jarvis Jackson made a Motion to approve the August 5, 2019 Minutes. Ianta Burks Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved. The approved Minutes will be provided to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Clerk for public posting and transparency, and will also be posted to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website.

## IV. BUSINESS

### a. Heat Advisory Education for All Coaches

Dr. Elliott McGlory asked the Parks and Recreation staff if all Clayton County coaches across all sports are educated on proper heat advisory procedures. Mr. Koboi Simpson informed the Advisory Board that all head coaches are trained for inclement weather procedures. Clayton County Parks and Recreation follows the Georgia High School Association Policy Standards.

**b. Athletic and Other Events – Security**

Dr. Elliott McGlory presented the question, “is it Parks and Recreation’s policy to provide security at only playoff games?” Mr. Hodges informed the Board that an assigned security officer is present at all games with the exception of soccer which is held across from the police precinct in Lovejoy, and games focused on the fundamentals of basketball.

**c. AED Device Update**

Dr. Elliott McGlory requested an update on the AED devices. Mr. Hodges informed the Board that all AED devices that needed annual servicing are all up to date. The Parks and Recreation Department received today, 10/7/19, four new AED devices to add to inventory.

**d. No outdoor practice / No outdoor Play**

Carlos Benifield presented the question, “is the policy for ‘no outdoor practice / no outdoor play’ implemented from the Georgia High School Association Standards?” Mr. Koboi Simpson advised the Board that the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Athletics Division follows the Georgia High School Association Standards. When a heat advisory is effect or inclement weather, modified or alternative game and practice schedules are carefully considered.

**e. Families are Setting-Up Tents in Front of Gate Opening**

Carlos Benifield presented a concern regarding families setting up tents and chairs at the gate opening of the #2 field causing overcrowding which could potentially be a safety hazard. Mr. Koboi Simpson advised safety concerns regarding chairs and tents obstructing an area should be reported to staff on the day of the occurrence to handle immediately.

**f. Heat Index Protocol**

This topic was addressed in agenda item (a).

**g. Safety Concerns**

Mr. Jarvis Jackson presented the discussion “security vs safety” to the Board. Mr. Jackson presented the concern: when Parks and Recreation’s Athletic Coordinators are also coaching a team, it potentially renders the Coordinator unavailable when issues arise. Mr. Jackson’s concern is with ensuring availability of staff when a confrontation occurs so that staff can intercede. Mr. Koboi Simpson reported that it is not the policy of Clayton County Parks and Recreation to utilize Athletic Coordinators to coach teams; however, if a volunteer coach resigns after a team has been assembled and we have an insufficient number of volunteers to pull from, staff may be assigned a team to fill the void.

Mr. Hodges and Mr. Simpson reported Parks and Recreation will be addressing sportsmanship with coaches and parents for the safety of all involved. A letter will be drafted, signs will be posted, and consequences will be implemented for unsportsmanship behavior.

## **V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update to the Board on current projects and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation to include: resurfacing of the tennis courts at Independence Park, District IV building construction, construction of a dog park at International Park, construction of the water park at International Park, completion of Phase IV trails, Jesters Creek trail enhancements, SW Intergenerational building construction, charrette meetings scheduled for August and September, results from the Lake Spivey Road Race, and upcoming events.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board greeted the guests and received citizen comments.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome ..... Dr. McGlory

**II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS**

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**IV. BUSINESS**

- a. Recommendation for Heat Advisory Edu for All Coaches ..... Dr. Elliott McGlory
- b. Athletic and Other Events – Security ..... Dr. Elliott McGlory
- c. AED Device Update..... Dr. Elliott McGlory
- d. No outdoor practice / No outdoor Play..... Carlos Benifield
- e. Families are Setting-Up Tents in Front of Gate Opening ..... Carlos Benifield
- f. What is the Protocol for Heat Index at Parks ..... Carlos Benifield
- g. Safety Concerns ..... Carlos Benifield

**V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**



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**Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Sign-In**  
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Board Members	Appointed	Signature
Dr. Elliott McGlory Chairman	CCP&R At Large	
Ianta Burks Vice Chairman	Chairman Appointed	
Carlos Benifield	District 3 Appointed	
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<b>Parks and Recreation</b>		
Troy Hodges	Director, CCP&R	
Troy Stubbs	Assistant Director, CCP&R	Via WebEX
Marsha White	Executive Assistant, CCP&R	
Koboi Simpson	Athletics Deputy Administrator	
Ricardo Newman	Park Services Deputy Administrator	absent
Amy Keeney	Marketing & Communication Deputy Administrator	Via WebEX
Debbie Norsworthy	Admin Services Deputy Administrator	absent
Ahmed Johnson	Recreation Services Deputy Administrator	
Stephanie Berens	Greenspace Deputy Administrator	Jenence Marcelle for Stephanie Berens



