



Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes



March 09, 2020

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	Absent
Steve Lundquist	District 4 Appointee	Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dr. Elliott McGlory called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. at the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center in Riverdale, Georgia. Notice to the public was previously posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and the Clayton County Board of Commissioner’s website.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

Eleven (11) citizens were present for today’s meeting. Dr. McGlory provided an opportunity for the Board members and guests to introduce themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The January 2020 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. Jarvis Jackson made a Motion to approve the January 13, 2020 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 as well as posted to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website for public access and transparency.

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board February 10th meeting was unable to be called or order and was cancelled at 6:50 p.m. due to the Board not meeting a quorum per the CCPR Advisory Board Bylaws; therefore, no Minutes were transcribed.

IV. BUSINESS

- a. Follow Up: STEM Program
Mr. Hodges and the CCPR Advisory Board discussed the most recent planning, implementation, and marketing efforts of the STEM Program. Director Hodges provided information on activities already up and running as well as upcoming activities being planned such as an introductory Drone Instructional class. The STEM Program is a partnership between Parks and Recreation and the Library System of Clayton County.

- b. Follow Up: School Partnerships
Director Hodges and the CCPR Advisory Board discussed the current partnerships with Clayton County Parks and Recreation and the Clayton County Board of Education. Director Hodges informed the Board of the various programs, projects, efforts and accomplishments that have proven beneficial as a result of the combined efforts between the two county entities. Director Hodges informed the Board that CCPR and the CCBOE will continue a strong relationship and assist one another as needed.
- c. Follow Up: Equipment Distribution
Chairman, Dr. McGlory informed the CCPR Advisory Board that the “Equipment Distribution” was previously on the agenda in August 2019 at which time the CCPR Deputy Administrator of Athletics, Koboi Simpson was present and provided information on the processes in place and best-practice safety precautions considered when determining equipment distribution. After the Board reviewed the previous information provided, no other discussion was conducted by the Board on this topic.
- d. Inquiry: Complaint Protocol
Mr. Carlos Benifield inquired about who a citizen should express concerns with related to a complaint against a CCPR employee. Director Hodges reviewed the chain of command with the Board to familiarize them on next level reporting.
- e. Follow Up: Head Coach Scholarship
Mr. Carlos Benifield inquired about the implementation of the Head Coach Scholarship Fund. Director Hodges informed the Board that the program has already begun with some sports and will begin with Football in the Fall of 2020.
- f. Inquiry: Coach’s Meetings
Mr. Carlos Benifield inquired about the Coach’s Meetings for the CCPR Athletic Division. Mr. Benifield requested the CPRC consider opening the coach’s meeting to other participants so that other volunteers could participate. Director Hodges informed the Board that specific Athletic guidelines and protocols are structured to ensure communication trickles down.

V. DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update to the Board on current projects, programs, and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation to include: Dog Park at the International Park, District IV Recreation Center construction, water park renovations planned at the International Park, completed walking trails in phases I-IV, and upcoming Clayton County Parks and Recreation events.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson suggested CCPR consider a “mini camp” for very young children to introduce them to sports and other programming.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Following the close of the CCPR Advisory Board official business, Board members remained on site to meet with the citizens and hear their comments and concerns.