



**Clayton County Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board  
Annual Organizational Meeting  
Minutes  
March 22, 2021**

Chairperson, Dr. Elliott McGlory	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present
Vice-Chair, Ianta Burks	BOC Chairman Appointee	Present
Carlos Frazier	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Absent
Carlos Benifield	District 3 Appointee	Present
Jarvis Jackson	District 1 Appointee	Present
Rickey Lovelace	District 2 Appointee	Present
Charlton Bivins	District 4 Appointee	Present
Troy Hodges – Guest	Director, Parks and Recreation	Present
Marsha White – Guest	Executive Assistant	Present

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dr. Elliott McGlory called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom conference call. This meeting was announced to the public on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website.

Dr. McGlory introduced the newest Board member, Mr. Charlton Bivins representing Commissioner DeMont Davis and District 4. Mr. Bivins will serve out the remaining appointed time vacated by Mr. Steve Lundquist.

**II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS**

No citizens were present.

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The January 25, 2021 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No corrections noted. Mr. Jarvis Jackson made a Motion to approve the January 25, 2021 Minutes. Ms. Ianta Burks Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved. Following approval of the Minutes, a copy is posted to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and a copy provided to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Clerk for public access and transparency.

**IV. BUSINESS**

a. Public Comment Framework

The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic resulted in the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board moving Board meetings to a virtual platform. In planning and preparing for virtual meetings, the Board recognized the need to

- develop a structure for virtual meetings
- setting up a structure for public comment in a virtual setting, and
- update the ByLaws to reflect virtual meeting and public comment structure

During the January 25, 2021 meeting, the CCPR Advisory Board agreed Chairperson, Dr. McGlory and Director Hodges would develop a framework for virtual meetings and public comment. The draft framework was presented in today's meeting (March 22, 2021). Dr. McGlory paused the meeting for 5 minutes to allow Board Members the opportunity to review the draft. Discussion and vote on the following sections:

1. Time allotted for each citizen holding the floor for comment. 2 Minutes. Vote was unanimous
2. Maximum time allotted for all public comment. 30 Minutes. Vote was unanimous.
3. Public Comment on the Agenda. Beginning of meeting. Vote was unanimous.

Other logistics of the Public Comment framework included: In-person meeting, citizens will use a sign-in sheet to request time to speak. Virtual meetings, citizens will request time to speak in the chat box and use the "raise the hand" feature on the Zoom platform. The logistics of offering public comment in CCPR Advisory Board meetings will be drafted in the CCPR Advisory Board Bylaws by the CCPR Executive Assistant. The draft will be presented at the May 17, 2021 CCPR Advisory Board meeting for review, discussion, and final vote by the CCPR Advisory Board. Notice of change to the Bylaws will then be forwarded to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners by the CCPR Director as per the Bylaws.

b. Board Representation

Vice-Chair Ianta Burks expressed the need for CCPR Advisory Board members to be active and be present at functions (events, grand opening, ribbon cutting ceremonies, etc...) to represent the Board. CCPR will ensure Board members receive notice of upcoming events. Director Hodges will continue to make event announcements in his Director's Update at CCPR Advisory Board Meetings. Board members will continue to receive announcements via County e-mail from the Clayton County Communications Department.

c. Concern Venue Pricing

Vice-Chair Ianta Burks requested an update on renovations to the VIP Complex / Amphitheater at the International Park. Director Hodges reported renovations are scheduled for August / September.

d. STEAM Update

Mr. Benifield requested an update on the STEAM Program. Director Hodges advised the Board that CCPR currently partners with the Clayton County Library System in STEAM activities.

e. Other Programs for Girls

Mr. Benifield inquired about CCPR Softball for girls. Director Hodges advised that girls softball, baseball, football, track and other sports traditionally offered by CCPR is on schedule for this year with limited numbers and safety protocols in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. McGlory inquired about CCPR expanding programming with dancing, acting and drama for the girl's community. Director Hodges reported, the newly opened Flint River Community Center has a state-of-the-art Black-Box Theater. Clayton County is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to expand programming utilizing the theater.

## **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: Current CAPRA National Reaccreditation process, CPRP certification accomplishment by employee Deborah Norsworthy adding to the list of 3 other CPRP's (Director Hodges, Kobo Simpson, and Amy Keeney), CCPR Podcast coming soon, partnering with Clayton County Humane Society hosting a 5k Pooch Walk, Summer Camp will be limited in number in staffing and participants, #ClaytonFit Campaign, Virtual Teen Club, 3v3 Youth Basketball Program, Sports programming and registration, Walk and Read program on the trails using a QR code to read pages of a book as you walk, Audio Tours at parks using a QR code providing information, Meet the People Campaign launched by our Marketing Division, Dr. Suess Night and Eggstravaganza events, CCPR 50-Year Anniversary video created and launched by our Marketing Division.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Charlton Bivins asked if the CCPR Advisory Board has a written Code of Conduct in the event of an incident occurring on CCPR property that generates attention from the media or questions from citizens.

Mr. Jarvis Jackson inquired about safety measure in place while participants are on the field to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Director Hodges advised that CCPR follows guidelines set forth by the CDC as well as other practices such as limited number of players on the dugout, no gathering around home base, etc...

Mr. Carlos Benifield inquired about the date for opening of the Beach at the International Park. Director Hodges reported an update on the renovations at the International Park.

Vice-Chair Ianta Burks inquired about programming at the Tennis Complex. Director Hodges reported CCPR has year-round programming for tennis.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.