



**Clayton County Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board  
Annual Organizational Meeting  
Minutes  
May 17, 2021**

Chairperson, Dr. Elliott McGlory	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Absent
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
Charlton Bivins	District 4 Appointee	Absent
Troy Hodges – Guest	Director, Parks and Recreation	Present
Marsha White – Guest	Executive Assistant	Present

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Ianta Burks 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.

**II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The March 22, 2021 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No corrections noted. Mr. Jarvis Jackson made a Motion to approve the March 22, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Rickey Lovelace 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.

**III. BUSINESS**

a. Public Comment / ByLaw Revision

During the March 22, 2021 CCPR Advisory Board Meeting, the Board discussed procedures for allowing the public, during Board meetings, an opportunity to voice their concerns, ideas, or kudos to the Board in regards to topics related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation. The procedure for public comment was documented and instructions were given to Ms. Marsha White, CCPR Executive Assistant, to draft a new section in the ByLaws according to the discussion during the March 22, 2021 meeting.

In today’s meeting, May17, 2021, the CCPR Advisory Board ByLaws were presented to the Board with the drafted new section (Article V, Section 8 “Public Comment”) for review, discussion, and approval. Included in the drafted revision was Section 7, 3; “Recognize Citizens” was replaced with “Public Comment.” Revisions were noted in red. (See III Business, B for voting of the revisions to the ByLaws)

b. Official Statements / ByLaw Revision

During the March 22, 2021 CCPR Advisory Board Meeting, the Board discussed expectations of CCPR Advisory Board Members regarding making official statements to citizens or media on behalf of Clayton County government. An official statement refers to speaking on behalf of the County in an official capacity to answer questions regarding incidents, physical injury, natural/unnatural disaster, or other highly sensitive or concerning matters. Following discussion, instructions were given to Ms. Marsha White, CCPR Executive Assistant, to draft a new section in the ByLaws according to the discussion during the March 22, 2021 meeting.

In today's meeting, May 17, 2021, the CCPR Advisory Board ByLaws were presented to the Board with the drafted new section expanding on Duties and Responsibilities of the Board (Article VII, Section 1.f) for review, discussion and approval. Revisions were noted in red.

The CCPR Advisory Board reviewed and discussed the changes in red in the ByLaws. Mr. Rickey Lovelace Made A Motion to approve the revisions as presented in the ByLaws. Mr. Jarvis Jackson Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. None opposed. The revisions to the CCPR Advisory Board ByLaws have been adopted.

c. Competitive Sports

Mr. Carlos Benifield inquired about activities within Clayton County Parks and Recreation that challenged youth on a competitive field. Director Troy Hodges reminded the Board that the County offers "recreation" activities and sports meant to introduce affordable recreation to the community to learn the sport without the intense practice and expense of a traveling team.

d. Cheerleaders

Mr. Carlos Benifield inquired about the numbers for Clayton County Parks and Recreation Cheer Sport participation numbers. Vice-Chair Burks advised she has been encouraging the young ladies in the community to join the Tennis League. Director Hodges advised that the numbers for Cheer continue to be maintain the standard registration numbers. CCPR continues to market all sports and activities.

#### **IV. 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: Updates on the construction of Spivey Splash Waterpark, construction of the Nassau Building, renovations of the VIP Complex, CCPR National Accreditation with National Recreation and Park Association, processing of seasonal staff for the summer of 2021, upcoming events such as the Mut Strut, Fishing Derby, Movie Under the Stars, JuneTeenth Celebration, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, GRPA, updates on Rotating Recess and Walk & Read Program.

#### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.