

# Parks Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2020 | Ike Owings Community Center | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM



**Members present:** Faye Dobb, Chad Griffin, Steve Hord, Barry Gamel, Eric Collins, Toby Foster, Francisco Artley  
**Member absent:** Charles Jones, Emily Lightner, Kelly Bethea, Leslie Lunsford  
**Guest:** Brittany Gilbert (CAC), Chris Bass, Chris Cartwright, Charles Thomas, Jesse Mosely, Travis Landrum

Call to Order: Toby Foster

## 1. Travis Landrum introduced Jesse Mosely as the new Athletic Coordinator

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion made by Barry Gamel and second by Chad Griffin to approve the November meeting minutes. Motion approved.

## 3. Old Business

1. Administration
  - i. Accreditation Update – The accreditation self-assessment is due in April and the site visit will be held the week of June 15-19, 2020.
  - ii. Mill Village Park groundbreaking will be held on 1/30/20 at 3:30pm. All advisory board members are invited.
  - iii. Ordinance Change Proposed
    - i. City council has voted to allow dogs in the park. Signage will be placed throughout all parks with rules and regulations pertaining to dogs.
    - ii. Charter Amendment regarding City Property was approved on 12/16/19.
2. Recreation/Facility Operations
  - i. The Breakfast with Santa and Toys for Tots events were a huge success. The next holiday events are Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt.

## 4. New Business

### a. Division Update

1. Administration
  - i. The Assistant Director vacancy has been filled by Chris Bass.
  - ii. The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan will be published at the end of the month. A survey was sent out to advisory board members and community partners to provide input in the plan.
2. Recreation/Facility Operations
  - i. The Hawthorne Center renovations are 80% complete. The last phase includes redesign of the lobby and resurfacing of the basketball court.
  - ii. The outside basketball courts at Jessie Davis are 90% complete.
  - iii. Tennis Court conversion with the old tennis courts in out for bid. Half of the courts will be converted to basketball courts and the other half will be converted to a soccer field.
  - iv. Outdoor exercise equipment is being installed at Hunter Park. This weatherized equipment will be placed on the left side facing the Ike Owings building opposite of the playground.

\*The next Parks Advisory Board Meeting: TBD

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3. The West Pines training facility is 90% complete. Advisory board members are invited to tour the facility during operations hours. An advisory board meeting will also be held at the facility.
4. Registration is open for youth baseball, adult softball, and adult basketball. Interest meetings were conducted on 1/21 and 1/22 for all sports.
5. Chairman Foster asked that the backstop padding on Webb Field be replaced. Director Landrum mentioned the Chuck Combs is working on replacing this padding before the upcoming spring season.
6. Chairman Foster requested that the city recognize John Thornton Chevrolet for their contribution to the Hunter Park youth baseball league. Director Landrum will work with the Clerk of Council to get this on council agenda.

## 5. Other Business

- a. GRPA will host a workshop in Gwinnett County on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Any advisory board members wanting to attend should email Chris Bass to RSVP. The department will cover all cost for advisory board members.

## 6. Comments/Announcements/Questions

- a. Mill Village Groundbreaking – 1/30/20
- b. Next Meeting – February 2020