

# Parks Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2020 | Virtual Meeting - Zoom | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM



**Members present:** Francisco Artley, Eric Collins, Toby Foster, Barry Gamel, Chad Griffin, Sherman Hampton, Steve Hord, Charles Jones, Elena Hudson

**Member absent:** Faye Dobbs, Emily Lightner, Leslie Lunsford, Kelly Bethea

**Guests:** Chris Bass, Chris Cartwright, Chuck Combs, Travis Landrum, Jesse Mosely, Charles Thomas, Shajra Thrasher, Amy Belle (GMC), Samuel Jenkins

**Call to Order:** Travis Landrum

**1. Welcome:** Toby Foster

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion made by Chad Griffin and second by Steve Hord to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion approved.

**3. Old Business**

a. **Presentation**

1. Douglasville North Side Trail Study
  - i. Continue to update

b. **Accreditation Update**

1. Self-Assessment
  - i. Submitted
2. Site Visit: Virtual
  - i. June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

c. **Division Updates**

1. Administration
  - i. COVID19 City Operations
2. Recreation/Facility Operations
  - i. Hawthorne Upgrades are on schedule
3. Recreation Programming
  - i. New Staff – Shajra Thrasher
4. West Pines Operations
  - i. Preparing for reopening on May 4<sup>th</sup>
5. Maintenance
  - i. Continuing regular maintenance and completing special projects
6. Athletics
  - i. Adult Softball league, League of Stars, all tournaments have been cancelled
  - ii. Adult Basketball league is postponed; Youth Baseball league is postponed until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, in which a final decision will be made

**4. New Business**

a. **Staff Presentation**

1. GMC was awarded the contract agreement to move forward with the projects at Jessie Davis Park
2. Two design options for the gym:
  - i. Gym A
    - i. Dual gymnasiums
    - ii. Second level with indoor track
    - iii. 21,000 sq ft (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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- iv. 7,000 sq ft (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- v. Walking track – 10' wide with three lanes
- vi. Linear design
- ii. Gym B
  - i. Dual gymnasiums
  - ii. Second level with indoor track
  - iii. A little smaller on the first floor than Gym A
  - iv. Gymnasium seat count is the same in both Gym A and Gym B
- iii. The Board prefers Gym B
  - i. Better flow, better aesthetics, etc.
  - ii. Voted: Eric Collins, Chad Griffin, Toby Foster, Sherman Hampton, Charles Jones, Francisco Artley, Barry Gamel
  - iii. This feedback will be presented to Mayor and Council
- iv. Senior Center
- v. New Community Center
- vi. The old gym will be kept
  - i. Multiple gyms are needed to expand programming
  - ii. The department is looking at offering a youth basketball program in the future
  - iii. The new facilities will expand programming efforts across the board
  - iv. The department hopes to start providing therapeutic recreation programming opportunities to appeal to special needs populations

## b. Division Updates

### 1. Athletics:

- i. Youth volleyball league – one of the goals for the Athletics Division in the next Fiscal Year
- ii. Baseball is cancelled as of May 6<sup>th</sup>; we believe this is the safest option at this time
- iii. Summer opportunities: virtual opportunities and small group skills camps and activities
- iv. Looking forward to hopefully starting athletics programs back up in the fall

### 2. Programming:

- i. Virtual – Rec At Home (daily on social media)
- ii. Rec In A Bag – bags out to the community (concluded last Saturday)
- iii. Virtual Summer Camp Program
- iv. Employee Only On-Site Summer Camp Program
- v. Looking to start a Therapeutic Recreation Program in the Fall

### 3. West Pines:

- i. Only one rider per golf cart
- ii. Tee times are 15 minutes apart instead of the usual 8 minutes apart to provide for space between players
- iii. Driving range has social distancing barriers to keep everyone spread out
- iv. Heavy golf cart sanitation in the morning and after every use
- v. Driving range is up 40%
- vi. Revenue is up 18% for the same days last year (May 4<sup>th</sup>-May 21<sup>st</sup>)
- vii. The clubhouse is closed, so food and beverage revenues are down
- viii. Private lessons have resumed – female golfer signed a college golf scholarship

### 4. Maintenance

- i. Routine mowing and cleaning of the parks and the golf course
- ii. Irrigation installed in the skim fields on Fields 1, 2, 7, and 8 at Hunter Park

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- i. Should improve the dust levels in the summertime
    - iii. Will be looking at the irrigation at the football field at Jessie Davis next week
    - iv. Added bunker sand to several of the bunkers at West Pines
  - 5. **Recreation/Facility Operations**
    - i. Facilities are still closed
    - ii. Taking this time to deep clean both Alice Hawthorne and Ike Owings
    - iii. Preparing for reopening
    - iv. Alice Hawthorne Community Center
      - i. Kitchen cabinet install is completed
      - ii. Moving forward with the last phase of the upgrades
        - i. Reception area update
        - ii. New surveillance system

## 5. Other Business

- a. Mayor and Council Presentation
  - 1. Discussion regarding City Operations – COVID19 (5/14 & 5/18)
    - i. COVID-19 testing continues at Hunter Park on Monday-Saturday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
    - ii. The disc golf course, Memorial Garden, walking track, and tennis courts at Hunter Park were opened on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be open Monday-Saturday from 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM and Sunday from 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM
    - iii. Proposal to Mayor and Council for June 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Re-opening
  - 2. Programming Operations and PGA Opportunity (5/28 & 6/1)
    - i. Proposal to Mayor and Council for Phased Re-opening Plan (5/28)
      - i. Recreation programs
      - ii. Senior and youth programs
      - iii. Athletic programs
      - iv. Phase 1 – June 1<sup>st</sup>
        - i. Utilizing outdoor space
        - ii. Outdoor Recreation Program Plan
          - 1. Transitioning indoor programs outdoors
      - v. Phase 2 – TBD
        - i. Moving towards normal operations

## 6. Comments/Announcements/Questions

## 7. Adjourn