

Duluth



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**Meeting Minutes -Draft
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF DULUTH, GA
3167 Main Street
Duluth, GA 30096**

April 10, 2019

The Lodge – W.P. Jones Park

7:00 pm

7:11 p.m. – Meeting called to order by David Jones

1) Melody Lane Official Public Opening

DPAC Board Members and Parks Advisory Board Members met at 6:30 p.m. at Melody Lane W.P. Jones Park to officially cut the ribbon for the musical interactive instruments. Mayor Nancy Harris, DPAC Chairman Ashley Lunch and Parks Advisory Board Chairman David Jones cut the ribbon to officially open the area for public enjoyment. Mayor Harris welcomed the public and spoke on the City's Art Master Plan, DPAC Chairman and Parks Board Chairman expressed their gratitude to the respected board members, staff, and to the public for their support of the project. Channel 11 interviewed the Mayor and DPAC Chairman regarding the successful completion of Melody Lane. Kids initiated the first official tunes by playing the instruments. The musical instruments at Melody Lane are a wonderful addition to the W.P. Jones Park.

2) Approval of March 13, 2019 Parks Board Meeting

Motion made to approve March meeting minutes; Sharon Parris
Motion 2nd by: Mark Carter

3) City Easter Egg Hunt

Jason Rogers and Kathy Marelle informed the board of the 25th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Buntun Road Park on Saturday, April 13. The egg hunt schedule is as follows:

- 11 a.m. – ages 4 and under
- 1 p.m. – ages 5 years and up
- 3 p.m. – ages 5 years and up

Kid friendly activities conducted by the Duluth First Baptist Church, the official Bunny will be hoppin on site for pictures.

Staff received positive feedback from the public on the 2018 Egg hunt which inspired staff to implement the same format for the 2019 egg hunt.

4) Community Meeting April 20, 2019

City Manager James Riker and Parks Director Kathy Marelle will meet with residents from the Hill Street Community at 1 p.m. on April 20 to discuss park improvements for the Church Street Park. A Pre meeting in March between City staff and Chairperson Angela Whitlock from the Hill Street Community met to discuss information on proposed park improvements, the history of the park and immediate items of concern.

On April 20, staff hopes to obtain short term and long term recommendations for the park.

5) Arbor Day- April 26, 2019, Bunten Road Park

The City will celebrate 30 years of Tree City USA by planting a tree on Friday, April 26 at Bunten Road Park in recognition of Arbor Day. The official 2019 tree will be provided by Woody's Nursery. Staff will announce the dedication for the planting during the ceremony.

6) Department Updates

Chattahoochee Dog Park – Staff was asked to consider installing shade structures on the bench seating at the dog park for the human patrons. Discussion on funding the request, types of shade structures, and significance of shade structures were discussed with no immediate action to be taken. Staff has visited other local dog parks and found no shade structures for humans.

Basketball Season – Staff and participating board members reported on the positive feedback from participants from the first City recreational basketball season. The City operated recreational basketball for players 5 years – 18 years. Staff conducted a participation survey and received feedback on program improvements for the 2020 season. Overall, the public was very positive with their experience in the league. Staff is expecting a 15-20% increase in participation for the 2020 season.

City Kickball League - Opening day is Sunday, April 14. Seven teams have registered for the 2019 Spring Season.

The Rogers Bridge Project – On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, representatives from GDOT, City of Johns Creek, Gwinnett County, Federal Highway, DPE Design Firm, Environmental Firm and the City of Duluth met to discuss the proposed construction plans and project procedures for the coordination of the Rogers Bridge project. The meeting was very successful with project timelines being confirmed and the coordination of project roles being defined. The meeting concluded with an onsite visit to the bridge site. Estimated date to advertise for construction in November of 2020.

I-9 Sports – Staff reported that 80 kids registered to participate in the basketball and baseball program offered by I-9 sports. I-9 Sports is an instruction sports program that provides instructional and game experiences for the players.

Day Camp Registration- Registration for the City residents opened on April 1, and will open April 29 for non-city residents. Currently, a few age groups are 50% full.

Pickleball – Action taken on the request to paint pickleball lines on the basketball court for pickleball play will be implemented by staff.

Rogers Bridge Trailhead/ Restroom Facility – On April 8, 2019, Mayor and City Council approved the SPLOST funds to complete the design and construction documents for the Rogers Bridge Trailhead and Restroom facility.

7.) Matters from the Board

7:59 p.m. -Motion to adjourn by: David Jones

Motion to 2nd: Alexis Server

Vote: unanimous

Next meeting of the Parks Advisory Board, Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 7 p.m.
The Lodge at W.P. Jones Park

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