

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 7, 2018**

**The Lodge @ W.P. Jones Park**

**Present:** Bob Bennewitz, Mark Carter, Mike Humphreys, Luke Livingston, Maryanne McCrary, Mary Odum, Alexis Server

**Absent:** David Jones, Jim Hall, Sharon Parris

**City Reps:** Kathy Marelle, Kelley Kelkenberg

**Meeting Call to Order at:** 7:09 p.m. by Kathy Marelle

### **Agenda**

1.) Bridge Update – Informational discussion by Kathy Marelle informed the Board that the Historical eligibility of the bridge is still under review. While the bridge's eligibility was previously determined to not be historical by GDOT, SHPO will have the final ruling. Should the bridge be deemed historical, additional requirements will be added to the scope of the project which will increase the budget and delay construction schedule.

2.) Church Street / Georgia Piedmont Land Trust - The City and Georgia Piedmont Land Trust are investigating the possibility of donating the Georgia Piedmont Land Trust Property (GPLT) to the City for development of a passive park. As part of the investigation process, the City conducted an environmental assessment of the property. In September of 2017, the board approved SPLOST funds for the Environmental Assessment report. The final report is expected to be presented to council late February or early March. Residents from Norman Downes subdivision have invited Kathy Marelle and Mark Carter to the HOA meeting on February 20, 2018 to provide information on the GPLT / City interest in the possible development of a passive park.

3.) Easter Egg Hunt – The Department will be hosting a City Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 at Buntin Road Park. Duluth First Baptist Church will provide kid friendly activities during the event. The City will conduct three (3) scheduled hunts beginning at 11a.m. – preschool hunt for ages 4 years and under, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. hunts for school ages 5 and up.

4.) Scott Hudgens Storm water – staff reported that the storm water head walls and several of the pipes have deteriorated. Staff has roped off and secured an eroded headwall for public safety until a plan of action by the City engineer can be determined. Kathy also asked Bob Bennewitz to provide suggestions for a solution.

**Motion to Adjourn** by: Mike Humphreys at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Bob Bennewitz

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7 p.m. @The Lodge W.P. Jones Park  
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