



**Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
City of Duluth, GA  
August 8, 2018  
The Lodge @ W.P. Jones Park**

**7:01pm**      **Chairman** *David Jones, called the meeting to order*

**Present:** David Jones, Sharon Parris, Mary Odum, Luke Livingston, Mark Carter, Curt Lindner

**Absent:** Mike Humphries, Jim Hall, Alexis Server, Maryanne McCrary

**City Representative:** Kathy Marelle, John Keating

- I. Business Items**
  - a. No meeting in July

**II. New Business**

**Welcome new board member, Curt Linder**

**Park Project Update**

John Keating presented a power point presentation to the board on replacement of the bridge railings at Bunten Park. Discussion followed on several proposed park projects that will be presented to the Elected Officials at a later date. Proposed projects included the following;

**A.) Bridge Railings at Bunten Park-** the wooden bollard railings on the three stone headwall bridges located on the asphalt walking path have exceeded their life expectancy. Staff proposed a metal or aluminum railing design and cost option. Staff also included the concrete swells that will need to be constructed on the banks of the bridges to stabilize erosion and channel the runoff.

**B.) Scott Hudgens** – due to eroding headwalls, the storm water drainage system will need to be reconstructed to adequately channel the water. The current system lacks proper drainage, and pipe capacity. An additional parking area will need to be designated for park use as a result of the twelve acre property development that was previously owned by The Atlanta Classic Foundation and utilized by the City Park for soccer parking.

**C.) Rogers Bridge- The Bridge** – The Bridge Project is progressing through the Federal Highway Administration 4F Programmatic Review phase. It hoped that this phase will be approved within the next few months. City Engineer has submitted additional project funding from the ARC for the project to account for the extended design phase and construction phase due to the Federal 4F Programmatic phase.

**D.) Bunten Road Field Redesign-** Staff is considering minor renovations to one of the large baseball fields. Field 1 or Field 2 is being considered for a Multi-Purpose field that would have multiple uses as opposed to a primary baseball use. This is due to the declining fall and spring baseball use and the demand for soccer use.

**E.) Bunten HVAC Project** – 100% complete. System working efficiently

**F.) Rogers Bridge Trailhead/Restroom** – Staff will present a proposed public – private partnership concept for construction and park operations at a scheduled fall meeting.

**2) Summer Camp 2018 Update**

Staff reported camp enrollment of 1750 campers from ages 5 yrs. – 13 yrs. over the ten week period of summer.  
82% of enrolled campers were City residents.

**III. Other Business**

Board discussed and recommended program marketing for the City fall youth basketball program. Ideas included distributing information to local schools, presenting program information at scheduled PTA meetings, Fall Festival booth, City website, eblast and facebook.

Curt Linder recommended getting the information to the kids as a method to gain the parents attention. Due to the diversity of the community, kids are the best informants to the parents regarding community programs.

**IV. Adjourn**

**8:08p.m. – David Jones motioned for adjournment**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Parris**


**All in favor**

**September 12, 2018 is the next scheduled meeting of the Parks Advisory Board.**

**7 p.m. – Bunten Road Park**

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Marelle, Director

  
Chairman/Co. Chairman