

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

April 12, 2017

The Lodge at W.P. Jones Park

Present: Mike Humphreys, Sharon Paris, Mark Carter, Sherry McCann, Luke Livingston,
Maryanne McCrary, Jim Hall, Mary Odum, Bob Bennewitz,

Absent: David Jones

City Representative: Kathy Marelle

Visitor: Alexis Server

New board members were welcomed, Mary Odum, Bob Bennewitz, and Jim Hall.

Discussion:

Update on the **Bridge Over The Chattahoochee** project. Group discussions on the options for bridge rehab versus bridge rebuild. Board discussed and defined the benefits for bridge rebuilt which would include a 14ft wide span as opposed to bridge rehab that would keep the same width of the existing 12 ft. wide span. Board voted in favor of bridge rebuild as most cost effective, project timeline, as well as the increase to the width of the span. The design options for the bridge rebuild offered a replica truss and a tied arch option. The board was split on their preference as to which bridge rebuild design was preferred. (Please see attached information on the rehab/ rebuild options for the Bridge project)

Playground Update

Taylor Park- the Water Tower climbing structure at the Taylor Park playground was removed to make way for the new, power coated steel replica structure. The wooden structure deteriorated and failed the playground safety inspection. The new replica water tower climbing structure is a custom design build structure that will last for years. SPLOST funds were appropriated for the demo of the old structure, purchase and installation of the new structure and required site work.

Church Street Park – The wooden playground structure and swing set structure failed the safety playground inspection. The current wooden structure was deteriorated and aged out beyond its use expectancy. The deteriorated playground equipment will be removed. Staff has solicited input from the park stakeholders for suggestions and recommendations for replacement of playground or park equipment that would be desirable for the park. Board recommended installing a camera / motion light at the park for security.

Maxine Garner Activity Building – “The Max” – The Bunten Activity Building soon to be “The Max” will officially dedicate the building in honor of the leadership legacy of past Council person Maxine Garner. Staff proposed a dedication ceremony to be schedule in mid-August or early September of 2017. Dedication plans to be finalized with the Garner family. (Please see attached)

2017 Board Positions-

David Jones – Chairman (Nominated by Sherry McCann, seconded by Mark Carter)

Motion to appoint David Jones as Board Chairman – vote unanimous

Sharon Paris – Co Chairperson (Nominated by Sherry McCann, seconded by Mark Carter)

Motion to appoint Sharon Paris as Board Co-Chairperson – vote unanimous

Alexis Server – board recommended Alexis Server to be appointed to the Parks Advisory Board to fulfill the unexpired term vacated by Kirkland Carden.

8:15 p.m. – Sharon Paris motioned for adjournment, Sherry McCann seconded – vote unanimous.

Next scheduled meeting is May 10, 2017, 7 p.m., The Lodge at W.P. Jones Park.