

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Parks Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017
The Lodge @ W.P. Jones Park

Present: David Jones, Mary Odum, Alexis Server, Jim Hall, Maryanne McCrary, Luke Livingston, Mark Carter

Absent: Sharon Paris, Bob Bennewitz, Mike Humphreys

City Reps: Kathy Marelle

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:05 PM

By: David Jones

Agenda

City Park Trail

Kathy provided a map of the existing Duluth Parks and sidewalk walkability for informational purposes. Gwinnett County is performing an overview assessment of all of the parks for pedestrian and cycling connectivity. The long range plan is to establish regional connectivity. The completion of the Rogers Bridge Park Bridge would establish a regional trail system that would eventually connect to the Silver Comet trail on the Fulton county side of the bridge and too many of the cities on the Gwinnett county side.

Currently, pedestrians can access all parks with the exception of W.P. Jones Park to Scott Hudgens Park, which is not as safely traveled due to several major intersections that pedestrians must cross to reach Scott Hudgens Park from W.P. Jones Park. The City's updated park master plan indicates proposed trail pedestrian and cycling connections throughout the City and County to Suwanee and Norcross.

Church Street Park Proposed Expansion

The Duluth Parks and Recreation Department received a formal letter by Carol Hassell from the Georgia Piedmont Land Trust (GPLT) pertaining to the tract of land near the Church Street Park. The GPLT board believed that this tract of land should be used for a park and has set stipulations of use for the property as a passive park that would be an addition to the Church Street Park. The interest from the GPLT board was due to the April 7, 2017 letter from the City requesting suggestions for the Church Street Park improvements.

The expansion of land could provide walking trails and potentially a dog park, but final plans for park development would require the approval of the GPLT governing board. The additional park greenspace could be beneficial for future City development.

Motion by David Jones to propose accepting the land transfer and donation from GPLT with conditions as stipulated for a Passive Park. The motion was seconded by

Mary Odum. Motion carried unanimously.

Save the Date - The Max, October 8, 2017, 2pm - 4 pm

Nancy Harris, Brooks Coleman, and David Jones are scheduled to speak at the dedication ceremony. Maxine was the first female to be elected to the Duluth city council (with the exception of the first female mayor). Refreshments and Music TBD.

Matters from the Board

Brief overview of the success of summer camp.

Motion to Adjourn by: David Jones and seconded by Jim Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 PM

Next Meeting:

Bunten Road Park

September 13, 2017