

# City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

February 8, 2017

Members present: W. Bennewitz, M. Humphreys, D. Jones, P. Bender, S. McCann, M. Carter, L. Livingston, R. Marcus, M. McCrary

Members not present: Kirkland Carden, S. Parrish

City Representative: Kathy Marelle

Guest: David Gentry

Project Priorities per Park:

Members shared their suggestions for capital improvements or other suggestions for each city park. These suggestions include (italics indicate non-capital projects) :

## Rogers Bridge Park

New bathroom  
Build trail system  
Bridge  
Playground updates  
Parking areas/ circulation  
*Landscaping*  
*More seating areas (benches)*  
*Green space (field)*

## Scott Hudgens Park

Walking trails  
property acquisition  
2 nd bathroom  
Storm water drainage

## Bunten Road Park

Technology upgrades  
HVAC  
Athletic fields/ court lighting  
-ballfields  
-soccer fields  
-tennis

## W. P. Jones Park

Caboose design (park art)  
build trail system  
technology upgrades (heating/ lighting)  
tennis court lighting upgrade  
*landscaping*  
*Frisbee golf trails (equipment)*

## Taylor Park

playground equipment update

## Church Street Park

determine purpose  
basketball court upgrades  
trail  
pavilion  
playground

This year's SPLOST funds are expected to be \$1.3 million. This list will be prioritized at the next meeting.

The guest, David Gentry, asked if a community garden could be considered. K. Marelle indicated it could be placed in any park that had a water supply, which included all parks except Church Street . Rogers Bridge Park and W.P Jones seemed like the better options.

Board Vacancies:

W. Bennewitz, P. Bender, and R. Marcus have “termed out “and will be leaving the Board in April.

Dog Park Advisory Committee:

W. Bennewitz, P. Bender, and K. Marelle attended the organizing meeting for the Chattahoochee Dog Park Advisory committee. This was established due to concerns citizens had expressed.

The Bridge at Rogers Bridge Park:

The government agencies involved in the Rogers Bridge Project will be meeting on Feb. 15 at 2pm in the Duluth City Hall with the design team. They will be looking at all options including rebuilding the bridge or redesign and reconstruction. Due to the fact that the bridge has not been determined to be historic, the project can move a little quicker.

Senior Report:

The Valentine lunch will be held Friday, February 10, 2017 at Bunten Road Park Building.

Festival Center Changes:

The Festival Center will be maintained under the events program starting March 15.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2017, at Bunten Road Park building at 7pm.