

City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

March 8, 2017

Members present: Paula Bender, Randy Marcus, Luke Livingston, Mary Ann McCrary, David Jones, Mike Humphrey, Mark Carter

Members not present: Sherry McCann, Sharron Parrish, Wanda Bennewitz

City Representative: Kathy Marelle

Chattapoochee Citizen Committee Update:

P. Bender shared concerns regarding the focus of the first two meetings for the Chattapoochee Dog Park Advisory committee. The committee will meet quarterly.

Recognition of Advisory Board members:

Three members will be leaving the board due to tenure restrictions: W. Bennewitz, P. Bender, R.Marcus. These members will be recognized at the City Council meeting on Monday, March 13.

Youth Fund Raising Events:

Kathy M. explained the requirements for a group who would like to use City facilities for private fund raising event for Duluth youths. The groups using City facilities are required to donate a percentage (10%) to the City to help defray cost of the event.

Private/ Public Partnership (at Rogers Bridge Park):

The City is considering a partnership with a private tubing business at Rogers Bridge Park. There is a proposal to add a bathroom facility to this park; the tubing company would like to see this building expanded to provide an office area for their company. The partnership could defray the cost of the building and provide a monthly stipend to the City. The Ten Dollar Tubing company already uses the Launch for their business and pays the City for this convenience.

Parks SPLOST Fund Projects:

Kathy M. presented the board with the list of proposed capital improvements generated from the last meeting of the Board. The Board then prioritized the different projects per importance. The projects with the highest numbers would be put on the list of projects for the next SPLOST. The projects ranked in order were: the bathroom at Rogers Bridge Park, parking and traffic circulation at Rogers Bridge Park, updating the Taylor Park Playground, and upgrading the HCVC unit at Bunten Road Activity Building.

Rogers Bridge Project:

On March 30, the designs proposed for the Rogers Bridge will be available for review at the City Hall. There are 4 designs including options to either rebuild the bridge or renovate the bridge.

The next meeting will be Wed. April 12 at W.P. Jones Park.