

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Parks Advisory Board

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Bunten Activity Center (The Max)

Present:

Bob Bennewitz,, Mary Odum, Alexis Server, Jim Hall, David Jones

City Reps:

Kathy Marelle

Absent:

Maryanne McCrary, Mark Carter, Luke Livingston, Sharon Paris

Meeting Call to Order at:

By: Alexis Server at 7:07PM

Agenda

1. Update on GPLT Proposed Property Donation

- Staff presented to Council an update on the proposed Georgia Piedmont Land Trust property on Church Street. A 2006 environmental assessment noted a 55 gallon drum covered in kudzu, household trash, and evidence of urban camping.
- Carol Hassell from GPLT is going to meet with Kathy Marelle and City Manager James Riker to discuss the possibility of obtaining a "Right of Entry" to the property. The "Right of Entry" would allow the city to conduct an updated environment assessment to determine the environmental conditions of the property. The cost for an updated environment assessment is \$5,000 - \$10,000. Bob Bennewitz suggested contacting the same company that conducted the 2006 environment assessment as a means to potentially receive a discount since they already performed previous work in 2006. There are still many variables to determine next steps.
- Group consensus to move forward with investigating documentation require for obtaining the property. Alexis Server motioned, seconded by Mary Odum. All in favor.

2. October 8, 2017 - "The Max" Dedication

- Dedication to take place from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday, October 8, 2017.
- Speeches by Mayor Nancy Harris, Brooks Coleman, and presentation by David Jones
- Refreshments to be served

Department Update

- Handicap Swing to be installed at Bunten

- located at the end of the swing set at the most shady area

- Tree Pruning @ Chattapoochee Dog Park, Buten W.P. Jones

- regular pruning maintenance

- **Direction on Chattahoochee Dog Event, Easter Egg Hunt**

- **Chattahoochee Dog Event**

- Halloween dress up for 2018, hold the event on a national dog day, partnering with a rescue group for pet adoptions

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

- Easter Egg Hunt has grown over the years. Atlanta Classic Foundation Property has been part of the Scott Hudgens Park for years. The Atlanta Classic Foundation Property has been useful for the Easter Egg Hunt. The challenges are finding a place big enough for an Easter Egg Hunt with enough parking. There have been complaints for various reasons from parents of Easter Egg participants. The City is meeting with the First Baptist Church on 9/28/17 to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt for the upcoming year. The biggest challenge remains that it is difficult to make everybody happy amidst the growth of the City and the lack of space to hold the event. Further discussion for Easter Egg Hunt for discussion by the Board in October.

3. Quilt Raffle

- In exchange for meeting at a City facility, the Quilters Guild makes and donates a quilt to the City. They also donate whatever is left in their funds for camp youth scholarships. The quilt the Quilters Guild made this year is to be auctioned and the funds to be added to the camp youth scholarship fund.

4. The Bridge

- GDOT requests an update as to whether to light the bridge at Rogers Bridge or not.
- Options:
 - (1) add lighting to the design and keep bridge lit from the time it opens
 - (2) do not add lighting to the design
 - (3) do not add lighting to the design but advise the designer to design the bridge in such a way so as not to preclude the future addition of lighting in the event both Cities program evening/nighttime events.
- Motion by David Jones to review option 3 until it becomes cost prohibitive. Seconded by Mary Odum. All in favor.

5. Matters from the Board

- **Update on W.P. Jones**

- Break-in at W.P. Jones Park. Insurance covering the replacement of the patio furniture and replacement of damaged doors. Additional safety measures to be put in place to secure the building, connect the security system, and enclose the patio to provide yearlong use.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Next Meeting:

The Lodge at W.P. Jones Park

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

7:00 PM

