

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

August 11, 2020

A meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Present:

Bill Carver
Jill Flamm
Elliott Hennington
Wynn McCurdy
Keylan Mitchell
Nathan Wade

Absent:

Bill Jones
Joe Mayes
John Pape

PARKS Staff present:

Jimmy Gisi, Director
Michael Brantley, Operations Division Manager
Mario Henson, Services Division Manager
Caroline Johnston, GIS Analyst
Barbara Savage, SPLOST Assistant Program Manager
Shannon Woody, Administrative Supervisor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Keylan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Nathan Wade opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Keylan Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- July 14, 2020 minutes
-MOTION: Motion made by Nathan Wade and seconded by Wynn McCurdy to approve the July 14, 2020 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.
-VOTE: APPROVED unanimously
- June 9, 2020 minutes
-MOTION: Motion made by Bill Carver and seconded by Wynn McCurdy to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes as submitted.
-VOTE: APPROVED Unanimously

V. COBB-MARIETTA COLISEUM & EXHIBIT HALL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT-

- Keylan Mitchell opened discussion regarding the formal process document. After conversations with Jill Flamm and Bill Carver, edits were suggested. These included allowing the Cobb-Marietta Galleria & Exhibit Hall Authority to submit a nomination for consideration.

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- Jill Flamm made a motion to accept the revised guidelines dated 8/11/20 and to add in item (3) and remove the “s” from nominations in the first sentence of item (3). Keylan Mitchell seconded the motion. Bill Carver added that in item (1) “prevue” needed to be corrected to “purview”.
- Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
- Keylan Mitchell opened discussion on a timeline moving forward. September meeting gives about two weeks, October meeting pushes process into November/December when a quorum may be more challenging. Keylan will send an email with specific dates/deadlines.

VI. SPLOST REPORTING

Barbara Savage provided a brief summary of SPLOST projects.

- 2011 projects – close to the end
 - Fellton – perimeter fence to be installed. Tree clearing began today. Fellton’s will stipulates that we must install memorial plaque on property, currently working on. Home featured on cover of August 1967 *Southern Living* Magazine
- 2016 projects winding down
 - Discovery Blvd – retaining walls installed, restroom building plans submitted, expect completion around end of October
 - East Cobb stage roof replacement to be complete next week
 - 20 pavilion and concession stand roofs replaced with standing seam
 - Fullers – LED lighting installed and ready for synthetic turf, estimate completion April 2021
 - Harrison – added 44 parking spaces including 2 ADA spaces
 - Hyde Farm – concrete floors in barn sealed, waiting on Cobb EMC to connect power then complete. Bollards to be installed to keep vehicles from driving through property
 - Larry Bell – sanitary sewer line project bid, working on insurance
 - Miller – mobile stage in production
 - Nesbitt Union Chapel – 1 acre site deeded to trust in 1886, developing scope for future plans depends on funding, no timetable
 - Old Clarkdale – in permitting, hopefully complete next summer
 - Security cameras – nine facilities in planning
 - Stout – in design for 3 areas of master plan, working with stormwater & DOT
 - The Art Place – roof about half complete, completion early September

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES – REOPENING PLANS

Jimmy Gisi – introduction of Caroline Johnston, GIS Analyst

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Caroline Johnston –

- Ponds project, signage installed last week. Mirrors new signage design, shows fishing status, limits, QR code to scan directs you to pond website with additional information on all ponds and a survey. Site has been live for a few days now.
- PARKS virtual passport – QR codes located in each park to scan for a park “stamp” on your phone
- Playground story map – will be similar to pond story map
- Keylan asked if historical assets could be incorporated into a self-guided tour

Mario Henson -

- Jono Davis creating a live performance and outdoor cabaret at the Civic Center
- Drive-in movie series completed, averaged 20-25 cars/night
- Adult athletics – June 36,400 meals, July 32,200 meals for 68,600 total
- Drive thru back to school – over 400 bags of school supplies last weekend, Fair Oaks & Ron Anderson this weekend
- Adult softball – started yesterday, 90 teams registered
- Kickball starting
- Cornhole league registration open
- Natural resources – looking to start community gardens in various parks
- Tennis – Lost Mountain wheelchair tournament August 28-30

Michael Brantley –

- Playground updates – hoping to have East Cobb open in the next 2-3 weeks
- Pitner Road Dog Park – hopefully complete end of next week
- Mableton Town Square – hopefully begin around 8/24
- Looking at larger facilities and alternative projects since they are currently closed to the public
- Hyde – all artifacts previously stored by National Parks Service have been moved to our space
- COVID cases in PARKS – several cases among staff, some hospitalized

Jimmy Gisi –

- All open except large venues. Have received approval for reopening plan, however we have to work through – moving slowing on those venues
- North Georgia State Fair – cancelled this year, planning to do Fair Food Drive Thru event on those weekends.
- Sponsorship program – coming back. Getting values on properties.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Carver and second by Elliott Hennington to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board at 7:39 P.M.