

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

September 8, 2020

A meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Present:

Bill Carver
Jill Flamm
Elliott Hennington
Wynn McCurdy
Keylan Mitchell

Absent:

Bill Jones
Joe Mayes
John Pape
Nathan Wade

PARKS Staff present:

Jimmy Gisi, Director
Michael Brantley, Operations Division Manager
Mario Henson, Services Division Manager
Tom Bills, Senior Project Manager
Shannon Woody, Administrative Supervisor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Keylan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Bill Carver opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jill Flamm led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. CONSIDERATION OF August 11, 2020 MINUTES

- MOTION: Motion by Bill Carver and seconded by Jill Flamm to approve the August 11, 2020 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.
VOTE: APPROVED unanimously

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

- Keylan Mitchell opened discussion regarding the process. Jimmy asked for clarification of process for discussion of candidates; discussion among board members about preference for a time limit on candidate introductions and questions. Question of whether it will be open session or executive. The candidate discussions and vote will take place in open session of the meeting. Discussion about ranking of candidates depending on votes received and how to move forward with candidate interviews in November. Discussion of how to conduct interview session. Preset questions? time limit for presentation/Q&A? Presentation time limit – 10 minutes? 5? Do we want to vote that night? 10 minutes is too long. Decided:
 - Ask the same questions of each candidate for consistency. Candidates should not be in the room during other interviews. 5-minute limit on presentation. Keep questions/comments brief.

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VI. SPLOST REPORTING

Tom Bills provided a brief summary of SPLOST projects.

- 2011 projects – close to the end
 - Lions Park – upper restroom/maintenance building improvements, breezeway construction
 - Wildhorse Creek – Atlanta Hawks outdoor, lighted court project
 - Hyde Farm – artifact storage, collected and labeled by National Parks Service, all has been moved into PARKS possession at Swingtime, will be used for rotating displays
 - PARKS Admin building – construction of pole barn, will be used for storage of equipment and materials; vehicle wash station for vehicles and equipment
- 2016 projects winding down
 - Discovery Park at the River Line, parking construction, retaining wall, prefab restroom building
 - Art Place Roof – almost complete
 - East Cobb Park stage roof replacement – built from original design drawings, maintenance building roof replacement underway
 - Fullers Park – turf field conversion to synthetic turf for baseball & football/lacrosse
 - Hyde Farm – barn complete, working on punch list, gutters & concrete apron to be added
 - Security Camera installation – entrance roads, interior & exterior
 - Mobile Stage & LED screen – came at a great time for new programming with social distancing

VII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES – REOPENING PLANS

Mario Henson -

- Aquatics-outdoor pools now closed
- Arts- Movie & Band series at Al Bishop on 9/18-19 9/25-26 at Civic Center for Cabaret
- Mobile stage & screen working really well, good feedback
- Natural resources – community garden at Fair Oaks & Mabry
- Fruit/vegetable giveaway
- Friends of Green Meadows, Jim Bearden volunteer of the year from GRPA
- Cornhole league started, 20 teams
- Adult kickball
- Therapeutic unit – daily zoom and virtual lessons, bingo, scavenger hunts, etc.
- Tennis – wheelchair tournament on 8/28, 40 participants
- Court resurfacing completed, converted tennis to pickleball at Oregon

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Michael Brantley –

- COVID hit – 7 positive tests in one zone and 6 others quarantined currently
- Security camera installation
- Equipment upgrades approved today, mowers, skid steer, etc. from Cell Tower Funds
- Community gardens-plots being added at Fair Oaks
- Bartlett – 3 houses in rough shape, 1 on Factory Shoals all to be demolished; started to become a magnet for vandalism & criminal activity
- Winter project list to begin soon

Jimmy Gisi –

- Pond program launched
- Fair Food event two weekends at Miller, socially distanced
- Finalizing MOU with Cobb Veteran's Memorial Foundation for fundraising efforts to begin, will be beautiful when completed if the money is raised, price tag estimated \$3.5-4 million

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Elliott Hennington and second by Jill Flamm to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cobb County Recreation Board at 7:22 P.M.