

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
June 14, 2016
6:00 pm

Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

Chairman Wansley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Maribeth Wansley, Diana Wilson, Kay Long, and Roland Alston. John Graham was absent. A quorum was represented.

Public Comments

None

Wansley welcomed new Public Works and Parks Manager Darold Wendlandt.

Approval of Agenda

Alston made a motion to approve the agenda. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
Long made a motion to approve the May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Items for Discussion

1. Coalition for Recreational Trails Award – Diana Wilson
Wilson reported that she, Mayor Reed, Maribeth Wansley, Roland Alston, and Pete Edmondson flew to Washington, D.C. on June 8th to accept the Coalition for Recreational Trails Award. Congressman David Scott attended the ceremony and had many positive things to say about the city. Mayor Reed also gave a speech at the ceremony. As a result of the award, the American Trails website has dedicated an entire page to Cochran Mill Park.
2. Cochran Mill Park app – Diana Wilson
Wilson reported that beta testing has been ongoing and is almost done. The app includes interactive maps that will show your location on the trail and the Interpretive Trail map and information. It will be available for download from the Apple App Store for free.
3. Parking Fee Update – Maribeth Wansley
Wansley reported there have been 297 resident and 279 non-resident decals distributed to date. The Pay and Display kiosk was installed on May 31st. Total

revenue was \$5,227.92 and expenditures were \$15,817.51 since the last meeting. Total revenue for the fiscal year to date is \$38,505.08 and expenditures are \$32,556.56. The available funds are \$5,948.52.

4. Financials – Kyle Jones

Finance Director Kyle Jones reported that May was a record month for non-resident passes and this was due in part to the support of the Police Department. Staff has approved several items that have been or will be purchased prior to June 30th which is the end of the Fiscal Year.

Items for Consideration

1. FY2016 end of year purchasing – Diana Wilson

Wilson requested that Public Works and Parks Manager Darold Wendlandt meet with her to discuss what items are appropriate to purchase.

Commission Member Comments / Suggestions

Wilson presented a copy of the QR code that links to the Cochran Mill Park website. She said that it can go at the kiosk and on trail maps and brochures. She also presented a copy of the updated trail map.

Alston mentioned that he had noticed trash at the falls and said it was too far out for staff to pick up. He said he did not mind picking up trash as he uses the trails but he was not prepared to that day.

Wansley said that she had two stories to relate from the police officers. Officer Michael Lynch said that he encountered 150-200 people at Cochran Mill Park over Memorial Day weekend and only received one negative comment from someone who felt like they should not have to pay. Officer Trent Williams said that he had met a couple that traveled from Huntsville, AL to specifically hike the trails at Cochran Mill Park.

Staff Reports

Chief Greg Brett said there is a need for published “rules of the park”. He will defer the solution to new Public Works and Parks Manager Darold Wendlandt. He has ordered signs to be used for marking six of the primitive campsites. The security system installation will be complete by June 24th. There is fence repair work at Hutcheson Ferry Park that will need to be completed, and Greystone Power will be relocating the security light at Rico Park to the concession stand.

Wansley thank Chief Brett for all of his hard work filling in as Interim Public Works and Parks Director.

Darold Wendlandt said he was looking forward to working with the Parks Commission.

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Adjournment

Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 19th day of July, 2016.

Maribeth Wansley, Chairman

Attest:

**Dana Wicher, City Clerk
(Seal)**

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