

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission  
City of Chattahoochee Hills  
June 13, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order** – Determination of Quorum

*Diana Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Diana Wilson, Laurie Searle, Tom Blum, and Roland Alston. Kay Long was absent. A quorum was represented. Also present was Public Works and Parks Manager Darold Wendlandt.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Wilson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Public Comments**

*None*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Searle requested that the agenda be amended to add “Chattahoochee River Assessment Boat Tour” under Items for Discussion. Blum made a motion to add the item to the agenda. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Wilson requested that the agenda be amended to remove the “Cochran Mill Park Bridge repair/replace recommendation” presentation. Searle made a motion to remove the item from the agenda. Blum seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Alston made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Blum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes  
*Alston made a motion to approve the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Blum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Presentation**

1. Cochran Mill Park Bridge repair/replace recommendation – Robbie Rokovitz  
*(Removed from agenda)*

**Items for Discussion**

1. RTP Grant Update – Diana Wilson  
*Wilson reported New South Associates completed the archeological survey. The report states no artifacts were recovered in any of the excavated shovel tests and no archeological features were observed in the shovel tests or on the surface of the four survey areas. The planned park improvements will have no effect on significant archeological resources and no additional archeological investigation is recommended. Wilson will send the survey to Historic Preservation as part of the review of the grant application.*

2. **Chattahoochee River Assessment Boat Tour – Laurie Searle**  
*Searle reported she is coordinating with Bud Benefield, Deputy Chief with Carroll County Fire Rescue, regarding scheduling a boat tour of the Chattahoochee River via their search and rescue watercraft. The boat only holds four people. She initially thought she, Diana Wilson, and Fire Chief Greg Brett would go on the tour; however, Public Works and Parks Manager Darold Wendlandt could go in place of Chief Brett or Diana Wilson. The purpose of the trip would be to get an assessment of the section of river within the city in preparation for community input meetings, master planning, and grants. After discussion, Wendlandt said since the trip was only for an assessment, he did not need to go.*

### **Commission Member Comments / Suggestions**

*Blum said he had read the article in Searle's community newsletter about the trails and bridge in Carrollton. He said he did not think that bridge cost the \$500,000 estimated for the Cochran Mill Park bridge repair and replacement.*

*Alston said volunteers will be building the third foot bridge in Cochran Mill Park on Saturday. He also is working on changes to the signs for the Beavers House.*

*Wilson said that she has a set of posters, one advertising trail work days and the other advertising the Cochran Mill Park website, that can be posted in various places. She has posted them at City Hall, Smith's Grocery, and bike shops in Peachtree City, Serenbe, and Douglasville. She asked Commission members for other suggestions. Resident Susan Tillander took three sets to post in some of the churches. Wilson will ask staff to print and laminate additional posters.*

*Searle said she has been in touch with Chattahoochee Hills resident Sara Love who is the Archeological Outreach Coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Love suggested several grants that the city could apply for but most of the deadlines for this year have passed. One grant she recommended is the Georgia Trust Places in Peril grant. She is willing to help as a community volunteer but also has professional facilitating experience.*

### **Staff Reports**

1. **Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher**  
*Wicher reported there have been 340 resident and 323 non-resident decals distributed to date. Total revenue since the last meeting is \$7,567 and expenditures are \$1,439.92. Total revenue for the fiscal year is \$58,545 and expenditures are \$12,267.64. Total available funds are \$46,277.36.*
2. **Darold Wendlandt**  
*Wendlandt reported that the playground behind city hall is being used by residents and on court days, so he recommends getting it refurbished. He will work on getting an estimate for repairs. He also reported staff removed several tents from the Beavers House property.*

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**Adjournment**

*Alston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Blum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.**

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**Diana Wilson, Chair**

**Attest:**

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

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