

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
March 12, 2019
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, Roland Alston, Kay Long and Tom Blum. All members were present. A quorum was represented. Also present was Public Works/Parks Director Darold Wendlandt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Wilson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Wilson requested that the agenda be as follows:

- 1. Add a “City Nature Challenge” presentation by Clifford Blizard.*
- 2. Remove “Hutcheson Ferry Park Master Plan” from Items for Discussion.*

Blum made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Long made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

1. City Nature Challenge – Clifford Blizard

Mr. Blizard said the “City Nature Challenge” is a worldwide event intended to get people to notice the biodiversity in their urban environment. The event takes place April 26th – 29th. Mr. Blizard proposes focusing on Cochran Mill Park on April 26th and 27th. He has reached out to experts in the field, and Malcolm Hodges and Giff Beaton have agreed to assist. Friday, April 26th will be focused on botany and wildlife, and Saturday will be focused on reptiles and amphibians.

Items for Discussion

1. Cochran Mill Park – Roland Alston

Alston reported that he attended the Cochran Mill Park Trail Race which was hosted by Peak Racing. He said the turnout was good and the energy was great. Wilson said Alston and Wendlandt did a lot of prep work to get ready for the race and Peak Racing did a great job organizing the event.

2. Campbellton Park – Diana Wilson

Wilson reminded everyone about the Sweep the Hooch event on April 6th. She said she was just at Campbellton Park and there is trash to pick up. Road side trash pick up on Cochran Road and Cochran Mill Road will also be done.

3. Hutcheson Ferry Park Master Plan – Diana Wilson *Removed from agenda.*

4. Chattahoochee Riverlands – Diana Wilson

Wilson gave an update on the Chattahoochee River corridor study. The project has been awarded to a New York based landscape architecture company named Scape. For the study, 100 miles of the river will be divided into three sections. The third section of the study will be from Highway 166 to Chattahoochee Bend State Park. This section is less developed than the other two sections and presents more opportunity.

Items for Consideration

1. April 2019 – March 2020 Meeting Schedule – Dana Wicher

City Clerk Dana Wicher presented the item. She recommended amending the November meeting date to November 12th. Blum made a motion to approve the meeting schedule with the date change to November 12th. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Member Comments / Suggestions

Blum said the City of Woodstock is currently doing a master plan for a new park similar to Hutcheson Ferry Park. There is a community meeting being held this Thursday, and he plans on attending.

Wilson announced that the Georgia Trails Summit will be on May 5th – 6th in Columbus. She will email information to Commission members. She also said Chattahoochee Riverkeeper is celebrating its 25th year. They are planning a “Relay Down the Hooch”. It should come through Chattahoochee Hills sometime in July.

Staff Reports

1. Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher

Wicher reported total parking fee revenue for the fiscal year to date is \$46,636. She also reported that the parks activity fees were \$150 for pavilion rentals and \$348 for primitive camping. There have been 332 resident and 268 non-resident 2019 parking decals distributed.

2. Darold Wendlandt

Wendlandt reported that the rumble strips and crosswalk at the trail crossing on Cochran Mill Road have been installed. He also reported that staff has been working on the Rico Park ball field in preparation for the upcoming ball season. Staff also will be adding posts to keep cars off of the septic tank near “Judy’s Home Plate” concession stand.

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Adjournment

Blum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 16th day of April, 2019.

Diana Wilson, Chair

Attest:

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

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