

Minutes
Joint Meeting of the Historic Commission and Parks Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
November 12, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

Mayor Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for the Historic Commission were Laurie Searle, Sarah Love, Lila Rhyne, and Brian Gross. Allison Duncan and Kim Taylor-Cloud were absent. Present for the Parks Commission were Diana Wilson, Kay Long, Roland Alston, and Tom Blum. Clifford Blizard was absent. Also present was Public Works/Parks Director Darold Wendlandt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Reed led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items for Discussion

- 1. Coordination of Historic Commission and Parks Commission roles**
- 2. Planning ahead for possible new matters that may involve either or both Commissions**

Mayor Reed opened the discussion by stating that his goal for the meeting was to have a conversation about those areas where the Historic Commission and Parks Commission overlap, what priorities might be common, and who is responsible for what. He said he was curious about the Commission members thoughts about specific areas such as the Beavers House/Campbellton Park area. The city is working with the Atlanta Regional Commission and the City of South Fulton on master planning the area of Old Campbellton.

Members discussed the condition of the Beavers House and high cost to repair it to make it usable by the public. They also discussed the historically and archeologically sensitive areas of Old Campbellton in relation to the gas station that is planned and other future development of the area. Love said she would like to see monitoring during the development process to make sure archeological resources are not disturbed.

Searle suggested allocating a portion of the city's budget or parking fee funds to create a historical context study for the city's parks. She also suggested a process for a formal archeological review for the newer parks before trails are built. Love said she will look into the possibility of an internship project for tracking these cultural resources and entering them into the GNAHRGIS database.

Mayor Reed spoke about opportunities with the Trust for Public Land's Chattahoochee Riverlands project. The Old Campbellton concept could possibly be rebuilt down to the river. Discussion included possibilities of rezoning the area, design guidelines, and the ongoing master planning process.

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Mayor Reed suggested that future joint meetings be held on an as-needed basis.

Potential joint projects include the following:

- 1. Public education events and outreach programs regarding historical resources on public land (Love will send out an email to the group).*
- 2. Historic Structure Reports for Beavers House, the Scout Hut, and other potential structures on park property (Love will reach out to students at University of Georgia and Georgia State).*
- 3. Rewrite the historical/interpretive trail aspect of the Cochran Mill Park trail app.*

Adjournment

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Approved by the Parks Commission on the 10th day of December, 2019.

Approved by the Historic Commission on the 13th day of January, 2020.

Allison Duncan, Vice Chair, Historic Commission

Diana Wilson, Chair, Parks Commission

Attest:

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

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