

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
October 13, 2020
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, Kay Long, Roland Alston, and Clifford Blizard. All members were present. A quorum was represented. Also present was Public Works/Parks Director Darold Wendlandt. The meeting was held via videoconference/teleconference.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Blizard made a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

There were no presentations.

Items for Discussion

1. Cochran Mill Park Update – Roland Alston

Alston reported that he had cleared several downed trees and replaced a few missing arrows on trail markers. He also said there is a new rain gauge.

2. Campbellton Park Boat Ramp Update – Diana Wilson

Wilson reported that the concrete ramp was set into place on October 5th, and the concrete for the additional section of the ramp and the A.D.A. parking space has been poured. Installation of rip rap on the banks and creating the gravel parking lot still needs to be done. The Department of Natural Resources would like to do a grand opening for mid-November (probably the week of November 16th). Wilson asked Commission members for ideas for the grand opening. She said the Trust for Public Land and the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers should be invited. Blizard recommended inviting the major landowners along the river since they have a vested interest. Alston suggested having the new EMS boat at the opening if it is ready.

Wilson said she recently participated in a webinar about Hardman Farm, which is located near Helen, Georgia on the Chattahoochee River and is owned by the Department of Natural Resources (State of Georgia). She encouraged Commission members to watch the webinar because it may give them ideas for restoring the

Beavers House, Varner House, and the Scout Hut. Sue Turner, who did the preservation of the main house at Hardman Farms, gave a presentation of the renovation project during the webinar. Wilson will email the website link to Parks Commission and Historic Commission members.

Items for Consideration

There were no items for consideration.

Commission Member Comments / Suggestions

Long said that there have been recent Facebook posts complaining about the parking at Cochran Mill Park – people say they are enjoying the park but that there are problems with incorrect or illegal parking. Wendlandt said the police department is patrolling the park and issuing parking citations.

Wilson said she met a park user who had recently retired and makes a point to hike in a different park every week, and he said the trails at Cochran Mill Park were the best that he had hiked.

Staff Reports

1. Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher

Wicher reported the total parking fee revenue for the fiscal year to date was \$39,908 and parks activity fees are \$350. There have been 491 resident and 693 non-resident parking decals distributed to date. The 2021 decals have been ordered and should be delivered in the next couple of weeks.

2. Darold Wendlandt

Wendlandt said there was not much to report and the parks have been running business as usual. He said since there has been an increase of campers, staff is looking into adding some additional campsites next year.

Adjournment

Alston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 17th day of November, 2020.

Diana Wilson, Chair

Attest:

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