

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
November 17, 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, Roland Alston, and Clifford Blizard. Kay Long joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m. 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

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alston made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Blizard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

There were no presentations.

Items for Discussion

1. Cochran Mill Park Update – Roland Alston

Alston reported that there was a lot of storm damage with the recent hurricane. He estimated that approximately 50 trees came down. Volunteers have cleared 95% of the downed trees. The trees left to clear are in more distant places, including on the Green Trail between the nature center and the charter school.

2. Campbellton Park Boat Ramp Update – Diana Wilson

Wilson reported that the boat ramp is finished. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. There will be several speakers, including Mayor Reed, Senator Matt Brass, Senator Donzella James, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Chair. She said parking at the boat ramp is limited so additional parking will be at the Beavers House and the church.

Wilson also said that she and Anne Marie Hoffman, who helped with the Campbellton Park Master Plan and is interested in starting an outfitting company, recently kayaked from the Campbellton Road boat ramp to the new boat ramp at Campbellton Park.

3. Proposed Barn Quilt at the Beavers House

Wilson said Councilmember Laurie Searle would like the city to establish a Barn Quilt Trail as a way of promoting tourism and asked City Manager Robbie Rokovitz to explain how the program would work. Rokovitz said the program is a Tourism Development Project so Hotel Motel Funds would be used to pay for materials for the barn quilts. Councilmember Searle would like to put a barn quilt on the garage at the Beavers House and asked for feedback from the Parks Commission. She chose the garage since it is not a historical structure.

Long arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Wilson asked for input from the Commission members. Alston, Long, and Blizzard all were supportive of the idea.

Items for Consideration

1. Recommendation to reduce parking citation fine from \$50 to \$25.

Rokovitz said staff is recommending that the parking citation fine be reduced to \$25. That will give the opportunity for park users to also purchase a parking decal at the time of paying the fine for the total cost of \$50.

Alston made a motion to recommend to City Council that the parking citation fine be reduced from \$50 to \$25. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Member Comments / Suggestions

Blizzard reported that he is working with a local Boy Scout Troop on a project to remove invasive plants. They will be working on removing an outcrop of Privet at the nature center.

Staff Reports

1. Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher

Wicher reported the total parking fee revenue for the fiscal year to date was \$51,925 and parks activity fees are \$1,200 for primitive camping. There was a total of 491 resident and 693 non-resident 2020 parking decals distributed. 2021 parking decals are now being issued, and there have been 43 resident and 43 non-resident parking decals distributed to date.

2. Darold Wendlandt

Wendlandt reported that the “boat ramp” signs have been posted at Campbellton Park. Staff also has been clearing the nature center access road of the recent storm damage.

Adjournment

Blizzard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Approved this 8th day of December, 2020.

Diana Wilson, Chair

Attest:

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

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