

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
July 9, 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, Clifford Blizard and Tom Blum. Kay Long was absent. 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

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Blizard made a motion to approve the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

There were no presentations.

Items for Discussion

1. Cochran Mill Park Walk and Learn Hike – Clifford Blizard

Blizard said he believes a critical role of the parks is environmental education, especially since Cochran Mill Nature Center is no longer operating. He will be hosting a series of educational walks from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on September 15th, October 20th, and November 17th. The target age range is grade school and older. He will need help with publicity. Suggested places to post information included the Cochran Mill Trails Facebook page, the kiosk at the park, Serenbe, and the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School. Alston volunteered to make the posters.

2. Cochran Mill Park update – Diana Wilson

Wilson said she had been riding her bike at Cochran Mill Park almost every day and had met a lot of different groups of people, including a group that had ridden their bikes from Grant Park and camped overnight. She also said the last couple of work days have been canceled due to weather. The next work day is July 13th, and volunteers will be focusing on cutting back brush along the trails.

3. Campbellton Park – Diana Wilson

Wilson said the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers 25th anniversary “Relay Down the Hooch” will be coming through the area in late July and early August. Newnan Paddlers is organizing a paddling trip on for the section of the relay from Capps Ferry to Moore’s Bridge. She also said she recently met with Jeff Bishop and Tim Scarborough for an update on the boat ramp. The design has not been finalized and the permits have not been applied for, so construction will probably not be completed until next year.

Items for Consideration

There were no items for consideration.

Commission Member Comments / Suggestions

Alston asked if there were electronic copies of the Hutcheson Ferry Park Master Plan. Wilson answered that she had just received electronic copies and had forwarded them to the city manager.

Blizard proposed that the city install a pollinator garden at the grassy area near the entrance to Cochran Mill Park at some point in the future. He said the process would likely require a grant and other planning.

Wilson commented that the parks are being very well maintained.

Staff Reports

1. Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher

Wicher reported the final revenue numbers for Fiscal Year 2019. Total parking fee revenue was \$74,022 and total parks activity fee revenue was \$1,192. There have been 421 resident and 414 non-resident 2019 parking decals distributed. She also reported on horse trailer parking statistics. Through May 2019, there were 15 non-resident 3-axle decals sold for the year. Daily parking fee transactions for the month of May 2019 were 1,301 2-axle and 20 3-axle.

2. Darold Wendlandt

Wendlandt reported that staff has discovered graffiti on the rocks near the new bridge at Cochran Mill Park and are working with the police department on the matter. The paper towel dispensers will be removed from the bathrooms at Cochran Mill Park because of problems with paper towels clogging the toilets. Hand dryers are already installed in the bathrooms. Staff has filled in the hole that was behind the Beavers House at Campbellton Park.

Blum asked if the Historic Commission had begun working on any projects relating to the Beavers House. City Clerk Dana Wicher said the Historic Commission is still working on getting up and running and has not started any projects yet.

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Adjournment

Blum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 13th day of August, 2019.

Diana Wilson, Chair

Attest:

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

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