

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission  
City of Chattahoochee Hills  
September 8, 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, Clifford Blizard, Tom Blum, and Kay Long. All members were present. A quorum was represented. Also present was Public Works/Parks Director Darold Wendlandt. The meeting was held via videoconference/teleconference.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Wilson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Public Comments**

*There were no public comments.*

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Alston made a motion to approve the July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Blum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Approval of August 11, 2020 Joint Historic/Parks Meeting Minutes**

*Blizard made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 Joint Historic/Parks Meeting Minutes. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Presentation**

**1. Emergency response in Chatt Hills Parks – Greg Brett**

*Fire Chief Greg Brett said that he has a growing concern about emergency response preparedness in the parks with the increase in park users and the addition of new park property. Additionally, with two parks along the Chattahoochee River, there are 18.5 miles of river to support. He said the department currently averages two incidents per month. The department has already taken steps including additional training, GPS units for tracking, special protocol for Fulton County dispatch, and mapping of put/take point along the river. The department has also received a donation of a boat from Dr. K.D. McMurray and has received water rescue training with equipment.*

**Items for Discussion**

**1. Sweep the Hooch Report – Tom Blum**

*Blum reported that there were 18 volunteers for the Sweep the Hooch clean-up day. Volunteers had a hard time finding trash and only picked up about one pick-up truck*

*load. For the overall Sweep the Hooch event, there were 1,000 volunteers covering a 100-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River. 37 tons of trash was collected, including 10 tons of recyclable materials and 742 tires.*

**2. Cochran Mill Park Update – Roland Alston**

*Alston shared pictures of new and proposed trail signage, the “You Are Here” trail map boxes, and the new trail map. He said he has done several solo volunteer work days clearing downed trees, and equestrian volunteer Shirley Woodward worked with him one day clearing brush.*

**3. Campbellton Park Boat Ramp Update – Diana Wilson**

*Wilson shared photographs of the boat ramp construction and said they are making good progress. The Department of Natural Resources will not set a deadline for when construction will be complete because so much depends on weather.*

**Items for Consideration**

*There were no items for consideration.*

**Commission Member Comments / Suggestions**

*Blum said there are several issues that overlap between the Parks Commission and Historic Commission and suggested that they continue to hold joint meetings in the future. Alston and Wilson agreed that is was a great idea, and Wilson said they will do that on an as needed basis.*

*Wilson said she had recently ridden the “Dirty Sheets” bike route and said the gravel roads are in amazing condition.*

**Staff Reports**

**1. Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher**

*Wicher reported the total parking fee revenue for the fiscal year to date was \$21,397 and parks activity fees are \$50. There have been 419 resident and 665 non-resident parking decals distributed to date.*

**2. Darold Wendlandt**

*Wendlandt said the park was filled over the Labor Day weekend. Staff spent much of today cleaning up and emptying trash cans. There was not a lot of trash on the ground, so visitors have been using the trash cans. He will be working at Campbellton Park on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, to build a ditch to redirect water that is running from the road to the new boat ramp parking lot.*

**Adjournment**

*Blum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7: 00 p.m. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

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**Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.**

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**Diana Wilson, Chair**

**Attest:**

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

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