

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission  
City of Chattahoochee Hills  
December 8, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order** – Determination of Quorum

*Diana Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Diana Wilson, Kay Long, Roland Alston, and Clifford Blizard. 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**

*Wilson requested that the agenda be amended to add an item to change the date of the January meeting under Items for Consideration. Blizard made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Alston made a motion to approve the November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Blizard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Presentation**

*There were no presentations.*

**Items for Discussion**

**1. Eagle Scout Project in Cochran Mill Park Update – Clifford Blizard**

*Blizard said he recently met with the Eagle Scout who will be doing the invasive species removal project at the park. They met at the Bear Creek Nature Center and walked with to the outcrop area, along with the nature center's director. The project will move forward in January, and they would like to place a plaque acknowledging the project as is often done with Scout projects. Wendlandt said he had no problem with a plaque, and Wilson said she thought it was a good idea. Blizard will let Commission members know when a date has been set.*

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

*Alston reported that volunteers are still working on clearing the downed trees. The Green and Red Trails are cleared. There are still trees on the Yellow Trail, but he thinks those will be cleared this weekend. He also shared the "You are Here" signs that he designed for Cochran Mill Park.*

### **3. Campbellton Park Update – Diana Wilson**

*Wilson reported that the boat ramp grand opening was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There were about 60 people in attendance. There were several speakers including Senator Matt Brass, two officials from the Department of Natural Resources, and Mayor Tom Reed. There was a good article in the “Chatt Hills News”, and Henry Jacobs from Chattahoochee Riverkeepers took some drone video and photographs. She also said the Parks crew is doing a fantastic job with maintenance. Staff installed two new signs hazard signs at the creek. Barn Quilt squares have been installed on the garage at the Beavers House and on the Fountain’s barn across the road.*

### **Items for Consideration**

#### **1. Change next meeting date from January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Wilson said there is a City Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> and recommends that the Parks Commission meeting be moved to January 19<sup>th</sup> because of the conflict.*

*Alston made a motion to move the meeting to January 19<sup>th</sup>. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Commission Member Comments / Suggestions**

*There were no Commission Member Comments/Suggestions.*

### **Staff Reports**

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

*Wicher reported the total parking fee revenue for the fiscal year to date was \$59,969 and parks activity fees are \$620 for primitive camping. The amount for primitive camping is less than reported last month due to keying error in the previous month. There have been 72 resident and 125 non-resident parking decals distributed to date. City Council voted unanimously to approve the reduction in the parking fine to \$25 as recommended by the Parks Commission and staff.*

#### **2. Darold Wendlandt**

*Wendlandt reported that the signs prohibiting the removal of artifacts have been made. After discussion, the consensus was to place two signs at Cochran Mill Park and two signs at Campbellton Park. Wendlandt also said the restrooms at Rico Park have been closed and winterized and the restrooms at Cochran Mill Park are being closed when temperatures are below freezing. He said there have been no issues with the practice of closing the restrooms. Wilson offered to get thermometers for the restrooms in order to monitor the temperatures inside the restrooms.*

### **Adjournment**

*Blizard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Alston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

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**Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.**

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**Diana Wilson, Chair**

**Attest:**

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

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