



# Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Work Session

## Minutes

September 18, 2023



### Board Member Attendance:

Ianta Burks, Chairman	BOC Chairman Appointee	Present
Ronald Miller	District 1 Appointee	Present
Rickey Lovelace	District 2 Appointee	Present
Carlos Benifield, Vice Chair	District 3 Appointee	Present
Tyrone Dillard	District 4 Appointee	Absent
Carlos Frazier	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present
James Hellerud	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present

### Guest Attendance:

Troy Hodges	Director/Parks and Recreation	Present
Tiffany Moen	Deputy Office Administrator	Present

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Notice to the public was posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and social media.

### II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Recreation Center Manager Omari Jones introduced himself to the board and welcomed them to the facility.

There were no citizens present.

### III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The August 21, 2023 meeting Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No revisions noted. Rickey Lovelace made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Carlos Benifield seconded the Motion. All in favor; no objections. The Motion was approved.

### IV. BUSINESS

#### A. Website Marketing of Parks

Chairman Burks asked how Parks advertises other than the website. Director Hodges replied that the website is up and running and registration is completed online for classes and athletics. He said that each recreation center has a newsletter that is emailed to constituents. Mr. Omari Jones added that each center has a fairly new Facebook page and constituents are encouraged to follow the pages when they visit the centers. Chairman Burks inquired as to whether the main page is sharing posts from the other pages and Ms. Moen informed her that she is managing the Facebook page now and does share posts on the main page from the centers and athletics.

**B. Status of Falling Siding at Lake Spivey Recreation Center**

Mr. Hellerud stated that the outdoor siding is slipping, one piece has actually fallen down, and he thinks it is a contractor issue. He feels it could be a safety concern if one fell on a constituent or an employee. Luckily, the area where the siding is loose is not in an area where people should be walking as it is greenspace. Director Hodges informed the board that it is a contractor issue, and the county is going after the builder who is going after the subcontractor. It is an installation issue and the builder used round head screws when they should have used flat head screws so the pieces do not sit flush as they should. Due to pending litigation, the final resolution could take at least a year. Mr. Miller asked is staff work in the area below the loose siding due to potential liability and Director Hodges said staff does maintain all the facilities and could potentially be working in the area. Mr. Benifield asked is there will be any cost to taxpayers and Director Hodges replied no.

**C. Inclusive Play Spaces Considerations**

As the county prepares to renovate the playgrounds, Mr. Miller referenced that he scheduled a presentation regarding inclusive play spaces. He thought it could be beneficial for board members to learn about options available for inclusive play spaces.

Mr. Ken Erdoes of Playground Creations was present in person and Ms. Jill Moore of Landscape Structures was present via Microsoft Teams. Mr. Erdoes and Ms. Moore provided information and gave a presentation about inclusive play spaces.

Chairman Burkes inquired about whether an interest survey could be completed to determine the interest in playgrounds having inclusive play spaces.

**D. Trail Development**

Mr. Miller stated that he invited DCOO Landry Merkison and he was not able to attend the work session tonight. Mr. Miller made a Motion to table this item until the board's next work session and Chairman Burks seconded the Motion. All in favor and the Motion was approved.

**V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update on current projects and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation. Director Hodges informed the Board of the following:

- Rivers Edge Trail Phase 2 is about 40% complete overall and should be completed around the end of November but more realistically by the end of the year. Phases 3 and 4 construction documents are about 70% complete.
- Development of trails in the Ellenwood area continues to be talked about by the county. Logistics are being worked out presently.
- Youth football and fall baseball have started. Youth fall basketball registration will be starting soon.
- The Tennis Complex is bringing in more and more people at night.
- The signature Fall Festival is coming up at Flat Shoals Park on 10/21/2023. Some of the centers also have smaller fall events planned.
- South Clayton has the Breast Cancer Walk coming up on 10/14/2023.
- The final movie in the park is at Rex on 9/30/2023 and will be the Little Mermaid.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tiffany Moen reminded the board members that the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled for the Lakeview Event Center (formerly the VIP) at CCIP. This meeting will be the first trial for having the meeting available via Zoom as well.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Carlos Benifield made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Carlos Frazier seconded the Motion. The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.