

**Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency
Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

Regular Meeting – 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Chairman Strozier, Jason Nelms, Steve Pressley, Amy Turcotte, Michael Brantley, Director of Parks Division and CRPA Staff. Absent: Director Reynolds

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The October minutes were approved. Motion by Jason Nelms, second by Steve Pressley. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

There were no appearances or public comment.

4. Reports / New Business

a. Chairman

i. 2017 Meeting Dates

On a motion from Jason Nelms and a second by Steve Pressley, the board approved the 2017 meeting schedule. Motion carried. 4-0. That schedule is attached as a part of this summary.

b. Board Members

Michael Brantley gave the board an update on AED's in the Parks.

c. Director

i. Review & Consideration of Changes to the Fees for Union Hill Community Center

The board approved changes to the fees for the use of the Union Hill Community Center as recommended by staff. Motion by Jason Nelms. Second by Steve Pressley. Motion carried 4-0. The new fees are listed below.

Monday – Friday: \$45 per hour

Saturday & Sunday: \$75 per hour

5. Old Business

Chairman Strozier reminded everyone to go view the Anna Crawford, Holiday Lights of Hope at Hobgood Park: December 8-23, 2016.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Jason Nelms to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m., second by Steve Pressley. Motion carried 4-0.

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Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016 – Cherokee Hall

Work Session – 5:30 PM

1. Update from Director

a. Status of Capital Projects

Patriots Park - Groundbreaking was held on March 1, 2016. There was a good turnout for this event. Currently the work onsite consists of clearing, grading, and storm water installation. Fencing and athletic field installation will begin in the next 60 days.

Cherokee Veterans Park – Groundbreaking will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:30 am. Currently the project is in Phase I. Clearing, grubbing and grading will be ongoing for several months.

Sequoyah Park – A restroom near fields 3 and 4 will be added this summer.

Hobgood Park – The artificial turf has been installed, athletic field lights erected and parking lot expanded. The contractor is working on punch list items. Substantial completion is scheduled for April 29th.

b. Comprehensive Master Plan Status

The first public meeting was held on March 2nd at the recreation center and more than 75 people attended. There was a lot of interest in trails at this first meeting. The staff and steering committee have been interviewed and an on-line survey is available until Friday, April 29th. The next public meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016. This meeting will be in conjunction with CRPA's Food Truck Friday event on the same day. We expect to have a final version of the master plan for advisory board review and BOC adoption in the fall.

2. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Items

The board discussed the regular meeting agenda items. The board talked about the vacant member seat for the advisory board. Director Reynolds updated the board about HB 727; a new GA law that if signed by the governor will give local jurisdictions more control over the use of consumer fireworks. CRPA's website has been updated, and Director Reynolds discussed and showed how the website should be user friendly. CRPA's website can also be visited from a mobile device.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Nelms called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. Those present: Jason Nelms, Chairperson, Robert Strozier Vice Chairperson, Amy Turcotte, 2nd Vice Chairperson, Steve Pressley, CRPA Director Bryan Reynolds and CRPA Staff.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Vice Chairperson Strozier motioned to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Steve Pressley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

There were no appearances or public comments.

4. Chairman

Chairperson Nelms thanked Vice Chairperson Stozier for the work that he does with Miracle League, and he also stated that some of the comments posted after the March 1st groundbreaking were nice. Vice Chairperson Stozier said the Miracle League teaches him humility and integrity. He also thinks that the Park will help to increase the Miracle Leagues participation. Chairperson Nelms also thanked Director Reynolds and CRPA's staff for the 2015 Annual Report presentation and the Comprehensive Master Plan initiative and motivation that it takes to get these tasks accomplished.

5. Board Members

There were no Board Reports.

6. Director

a. Presentation of FY15 Annual Report

Director Reynolds gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY2015 Annual Report from October 2014 – September 2015. During the presentation the following information was discussed: Highlights, Financial Summary, Capital Projects Update and the Impact of Recreation and Parks on Cherokee County. Chairperson Nelms and the advisory board thanked Director Reynolds and the staff for their work.

b. Discussion on Hockey Rink @ Recreation Center

Director Reynolds informed the board that the first complaint about the Hockey Rink was on March 8th, and then there were 2 more on March 13th and 29th. There was a discussion of what actions have taken by CRPA staff, Cherokee Hockey In-Line League (CHILL), and Cherokee County Marshal to address the complaints and to make sure that CHILL was in compliance with the County's noise ordinances. At the conclusion of their discussion, it was recommended that if there are any more complaints about the Hockey Rink, to have them come speak before the Advisory Board. No further action was taken.

7. Adjourn

Vice Chairperson Robert Stozier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Amy Turcotte seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency
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Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2016 – Cherokee Hall

Work Session – 5:30 PM

1. Director's Update

Director Reynolds provided an update for the Board on construction progress at Patriots and Cherokee Veterans Park, the Comprehensive Master Plan as well as summer activities at CRPA.

2. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Items

The board discussed regular meeting agenda items.

Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Present: Chairman Nelms, Vice Chair Robert Strozier, Steve Pressley, Director Reynolds, CRPA staff & members of the public. Absent: Amy Turcotte.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The April meeting minutes were approved. Vice Chairperson Strozier made a motion to approve the previous minutes, and Steve Pressley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

Camille Driscoll addressed the board to advocate for a track & field facility to be included in the upcoming master plan.

Matt Hackett with Cherokee Hockey In-Line League requested the board review the decision by staff to prohibit music during youth athletic events.

4. Reports / New Business

a. Chairman

i. Election of Advisory Board Officers

Chairman Nelms presented the slate of officers for July 2016-June 2017 as follows: Chairman: Robert Strozier, Vice Chairman: Amy Turcotte, 2nd Vice Chairman: Steve Pressley. Motion to Approve: Jason Nelms Second: Steve Pressley. Motion carried 3-0.

b. Board Members

i. Discussion of Agency Marketing

Robert Strozier led a discussion on marketing the Agency including the use of Facebook and other social media. Director Reynolds presented the board with a handout that lists the marketing methods currently used. No board action was taken.

c. Director

i. Discussion of Changes in Georgia State Law Regarding Consumer Fireworks & the Impact for Parks

Director Reynolds provided an update for the board on the changes to state law regarding consumer fireworks and the impact for parks. Under state law, the use of

consumer fireworks is not allowed in public parks without a special use permit issued by the county. Director Reynolds recommended to the board that consumer fireworks continue to NOT be allowed in county parks. No board action was taken.

5. Old Business

No old business came before the board.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Vice Chairperson Strozier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Pressley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency
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**October 12, 2016
Work Session – 5:30 PM**

1. Director's Update

Director Reynolds provided an update for the Board on construction progress at Patriots and Cherokee Veterans Park as well as summer and fall activities at CRPA.

2. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Item

The board discussed regular meeting agenda items.

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Present: Chairman Strozier, Steve Pressley, Amy Turcotte, Director Reynolds, CRPA staff & members of the public. Absent: Jason Nelms.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The August minutes were approved. Motion by Amy Turcotte, Second by Steve Pressley, Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

There were no appearances or public comment.

4. Reports / New Business

a. Chairman

b. Board Members

i. Discussion of AED's in Parks

Vice Chairman Amy Turcotte discussed the recent death of a second grader who played soccer at the Outdoor YMCA. Amy informed the board Georgia does not require AED's to be placed at facilities that have public assemblies going on. She wanted to see if CRPA can do anything to assist with getting AED's put in our facilities. There was a discussion on what it would take to get AED's in our facilities such as cost, protection from them being taken and a responsible person from the Youth Associations to check them out to take to the playing location and to return the AED's when their event is over. No board action was taken.

c. Director

i. Review & Consideration of Changes to the Youth Athletic Association Policies & Procedures

Director Reynolds discussed the recommended changes to the Youth Athletic Association Policies & Procedures. He discussed the hand out for the 2 recommended changes for the Youth Association Manual and Schedule of Fees & Charges. The changes are to Section I.9 Youth Athletic Association Requirements – Facility Use Permits and Section II.24 Facility Use and Operations – Public Address Systems. Vice Chairman Amy Turcotte motioned to approve the consideration of changes to the Youth Athletic Association Policies & Procedures and Schedule of Fees & Charges. Steve Pressley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Adjourn

Chairman Strozier asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Pressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vice Chairman Amy Turcotte seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.