

COBB COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

October 12, 2021

Cobb County PARKS Recreation Board – October 12, 2021, 6:00 PM

Present:	Absent:	PARKS Staff Present:
Bill Carver	Tina Clark	Michael Brantley
Jill Flamm	Bill Jones	Shelly Norton
Nathan Wade	Wynn McCurdy	Melanie Johnson
John Pape		Barbara Savage
Elliott Hennington		Derrell Walker
Keylan Mitchell		Jordan Wood

- **CALL TO ORDER**
Bill Carver called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.
- **INVOCATION**
Bill Carver opened the meeting with a prayer.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**
Keylan Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance
- **CONSIDERATION OF September 14, 2021 MINUTES**
 - **MOTION:** Motion by John Pape and seconded by Keylan Mitchell to approve the September 14, 2021 Recreation Board minutes as submitted.
 - **VOTE:** APPROVED 6-0; Tina Clark, Bill Jones, and Wynn McCurdy absent.
- **JOE ATKINS UPDATE**
 - The Galleria has now started booking full/sold out shows.
 - The budgeted cash flow for 2021 is \$5 million. Some reserves will still be used until 2022.
 - 112 events were scheduled in 2021 (25% less than 2019). Future bookings are looking great.
 - Cobb Energy Center has officially reopened
 - This month already has 2 sold out Comedy Shows; the Opera and Nutcracker is coming back this year
 - We will have our next Board meeting on December 2nd at 9:30am and the Recreation Board is always welcomed to attend.
 - We surveyed our patrons again about what they would like to see in the area. Biggest request was still the Hotel. We are still looking into building from ground up the hotel, but we are concerned with the Hotel/Motel taxes. Still a work in progress with negotiations and requirements.
 - Mr. Atkins would love to host our next Recreation Board Meeting at the Galleria.

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- **SPLOST UPDATES**

Barbara Savage

- Lions Park – Set the steel for the roof trusses, which are on order. When they come in, they will be able to install the roof and make the final touches.
- Old Clarkdale – Making good progress; Buildings and storage have been laid out; ordered trees to be planted in the next few weeks; Hope to be completed by end of February/early Spring.
- Mable House Complex Signage – Will be advertised this Friday; Package will be installed by early Spring.
- Noonday Restroom Renovation – 2011 SPLOST funds; restroom is located at the football concession building by field 5; We repaired the roof earlier this year; we will be gutting the building and installing epoxy floors and will paint the building.
- Stout Park – Working on a new design for an updated memorial area for Mrs. Stout to beautify the area so others can enjoy it. We have removed a lot of trees down the road to make it safe. Project is in the permitting stage.
- Nesbitt Chapel – Went to the BOC and was approved today to move forward for the construction contract; Should start after 1st of the year.
- Terrill Mill Turf – Went to the BOC today and was approved to move forward with turfing the field as well and will begin after the 1st of the year.
- Miller Arena – We have reached a resolution with the fire protection issues with the Fire Marshal and can move forward; bleachers are in the permitting stage, and we will be going forward and will be ready by next year.

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Derrell Walker (for Mario Henson)

- Aquatics – High School swim season begins in October.
- Arts/Special Events
 - Harvest Festival at Mable House was October 9th, great community event with constant flow of people throughout the day.
 - Fall Festival Drive Thru – October 23rd at Jim Miller Park from 4pm-8pm.
 - Mable House Art Center – Jurassic Journey – Interactive opportunity for youth to experience throughout the ages of dinosaurs.
 - New Art Coordinator – Marie Jernigan is now our Coordinator at Sewell Mill Art Center (she comes from Mable House)
- Recreation
 - Youth Basketball Associations preparing for the upcoming season.
 - Adult Athletics – Kickball, Adult Softball, Cornhole, and Spikeball.
 - Adult Basketball will start the first week of November.
 - Collaboration with Cobb Senior Services to allow Seniors to visit Fullers Park to learn pickleball at no cost to them.
- Natural Resources
 - Natural Resources continues to provide educational opportunities, most recently, Frey Elementary School visited Wright Environmental Educational Center.
 - Hunting Program at Lake Allatoona currently in season.

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- Upcoming event MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) Annual Butterfly release at Hyde Farm on October 26th.
 - Tennis
 - Currently 474 students registered for 91 classes for the Fall Session I
 - Fall ALTA and USTA Leagues – There are 126 teams competing with 1515 athletes participating.
- Elliott** – This is in regard to the Recreation Centers, does the early voting sites hurt our rental agreements?
- Derrell** – It does, but it is only for 3 weeks a year.

Jordan Wood

- Miller Event Center – Generator install is scheduled for November/December
- Cobblestone Golf Course – We have the punch list walk through scheduled for Friday.

Michael Brantley

- We presented our 2023-2024 budget to the BOC about 3 weeks ago.
- Discussed the staffing issues within the department.
- Discussed how we are trying to boost the moral for our employees.

- FINAL COMMENTS

Elliott – Please thank Clinton and Charlie for helping at Welcome to South Cobb event.

Jill – We need to look at the election procedures to Coliseum vote and modify procedures so that we do not have any issues. Election of Rec Board officers was discussed and conversations are needed to see if Nathan is still going to be Chair for 2022. Once that is decided, a nominating committee will be formed for Chair-elect.

Bill – We will look into scheduling a tour of the Galleria after our November 10th meeting sometime. *Shelly will reach out to Joe.

- ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bill Carver to adjourn 7:51 P.M.