

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Present:

Shirelle Hicks – Recreation Commissioner

Kynthia Gaines- Recreation Commissioner

Bobby Ferrell-Recreation Commissioner

Anita Godbee – Director, Parks and Recreation

Mary Catherine Domaleski – Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

- I. Call to order: 6:32 PM
- II. Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge: Shirelle
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Minutes
 - a. November 2024: motion to approve-Bobby, second by Kynthia; all in favor.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Youth Association Presidents' Meeting Recap
 - i) One organization was not in attendance to the meeting. Ms. Godbee noted that this association will be fined \$500 as set forth by the Recreation Commission.
 - ii) Ms. Godbee also sent a reminder to all associations regarding the required mandatory submissions due by the end of January 2025.
 - b. Multiuse Facility Update
 - i) The Construction Manager at-Risk (CMAR) solicitation was due in December 2024 and have been scored by the selection committee. The CMAR selection will be listed as an agenda item in the February 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.
 - ii) Tentative project schedule:
 - (1) Demo existing building in the spring of 2025
 - (2) Construction of the new facility in June 2025
 - (3) Project completion by the end of 2026
 - iii) Informal internal review of the construction documents has been completed. Once the CMAR has been contracted, the intent is to have the company review the documents and provide comments before submitting the revised set for permitting.

VI. New Business

a. Goals for 2025

- i) Ms. Godbee noted that the goals have not been formally set yet. However, one possibility is to pursue both public and private grant opportunities for capital improvement projects. She has asked for the Recreation Commission's assistance in finding grants that the county could apply for. The Park Commissioners strategized on what grants may be available, what avenues could be used to locate the grants, and how best to apply for these grants in, for some cases, abbreviated deadlines.

b. 50th Anniversary

- i) 2025 marks the 50th year for the Parks and Recreation Department. A new logo was created and will be used in media materials, presentations, signage, t-shirts, pins, etc. The logo will be used throughout the course of the year. Other items may include anniversary signage in the parks, a mosaic sign denoting the history and timeline of the Parks Department, informational table at various county-wide events, and general signage.
- ii) A Parks Proclamation honoring this anniversary will be presented at the April 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.
- iii) July is designated as National Park and Recreation Month. The Parks Department will plan community events observing this month, with activities that may include a scavenger hunt or a 50th Anniversary celebration. Ms. Godbee noted that monies will be included in the FY 2026 budget but will check with the marketing team to see if there is any available funding. Shirelle noted that the Parks Department or the Recreation Commission should look into private donations to help with the celebration.
- iv) The time capsule that was encapsulated 35 years ago is scheduled to be tentatively opened in April 2025. Ms. Godbee noted that a new time capsule will be created and asked the Recreation Commission to start thinking of things that could go into the new one.
- v) Regarding the multipurpose building's groundbreaking ceremony, Ms. Godbee asked that the Recreation Committee start thinking of ideas that will help commemorate the event.

VII. Staff Reports

- a. Ms. Godbee reported that the Parks Department received a grant in the amount of \$2,380 from the Atlanta Hawks Foundation and the Georgia Recreation and Park Association. This grant is scheduled to be approved by the Board of Commissioners this week. The funding will be used to buy equipment for e-sports.
- b. Ms. Godbee noted that budget planning for FY 2026 starts in February.
- c. Ms. Domaleski presented at the Leadership Fayette/Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and discussed health and wellness initiatives available around the county. She also discussed the breakdown of parks and their associated municipalities, including the use of the school system's

gymnasiums for some of the associations. She also discussed the Special Olympics Winter Games, as well as a few of the area's private organizations and sports complexes.

VIII. Board Reports

a. None

IX. Adjournment: Motion- Bobby, Second – Kynthia, all in favor 7:54 pm

Next Meeting – February 11, 2025, at 6:30 PM