



Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024



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	Present
Carlos Frazier	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Absent
James Hellerud	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present

Parks and Recreation Staff:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burks called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Notice to the public was posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and social media.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens present to speak to the board but we had four citizens on Zoom. Ms. Deloach requested an update on Independence Park and requested more lights inside the Park.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The March 18, 2024 meeting Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No revisions noted. Mr. Lovelace made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Mr. Dillard seconded the Motion. All in favor; no objections. The Motion was approved.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Recreation League Contract

Mr. Hodges stated all rules have been reviewed and all teams participating will be required to abide by all changes.

B. Agenda Items

Mr. Miller asked about more information on the Clayton Focus Group and how much is P&R involved? Mr. Hodges stated it is a County initiative and not just P&R but the Focus Group is about developing a 5-year plan.

C. Survey Data – Basketball Season

Mr. Hodges stated all surveys will be emailed to the Board and discussed at the next meeting. Motion made to table by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Benifield. Approved

D. National Tennis Month

Mr. Miller mentioned that May is National Tennis Month and how involved will P&R be with the new Tennis Vendor at the International Park Tennis Complex? Mr. Hodges stated Atlanta Tennis and P&R will have a grand re-opening of the Tennis Complex once the remodel is complete.

E. 2024 Meeting Calendar

May 20, 2024 will be the Advisory Boards next meeting.

F. Spring Football League

Mr. Benifield stated that he has heard of citizens who were interested in a Spring football league and Mr. Hodges stated, he will get with our Athletics Department and see about the interest. Board had a question about how P&R advertised for sports and Mr. Hodges stated, all media outlets are covered. Mr. Miller suggested P&R should push to have more volunteer groups help boost awareness. Mr. Benifield also suggested P&R partner with the Board of Education and start a feeder program at the middle school level.
Request from Ms. Burks to have Mr. Simpson at our next meeting to update the Board on some Athletic concerns.

V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update on the following:
Mutt Strutt, HBCU Concert, SS Opening Day, GRPA State Track Meet

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Guest on Zoom, Ms. Ward requested P&R look at having more levels of competition for Baseball.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Benifield seconded the Motion. The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.