



**Clayton County Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board
Annual Organizational Meeting
Minutes
January 25, 2021**

Chairman, Dr. Elliott McGlory	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present
Vice-Chair, Ianta Burks	BOC Chairman Appointee	Present
Carlos Frazier	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Present
Carlos Benifield	District 3 Appointee	Present
Jarvis Jackson	District 1 Appointee	Present
Rickey Lovelace	District 2 Appointee	Present
Vacant	District 4 Appointee	
Troy Hodges	Director, Parks and Recreation	Present
Troy Stubbs	Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dr. Elliott McGlory called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom conference call. This meeting was announced to the public on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website as the Board’s Annual Organizational Meeting.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

No citizens were present.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The last meeting held by the Board was March 9, 2020. The Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No corrections noted. Dr. Elliot McGlory made a Motion to approve the March 9, 2020 Minutes. Mr. Jarvis Jackson Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved. Following approval of the Minutes, a copy is posted to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and a copy provided to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Clerk for public access and transparency.

IV. BUSINESS

a. Installation of Officers

Director Hodges reported Board Member Steve Lundquist, representing Commissioner DeMont Davis of District 4, has resigned his position on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Davis will present a replacement candidate at the upcoming Clayton County Board of Commissioner’s Meeting for approval.

Recent re-appointments to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board were recognized:

- Mr. Carlos Benifield representing Commissioner Felicia Warner of District 3 was reappointed by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to serve an additional four years.
- Mr. Rickey Lovelace representing Commissioner Gail Hambrick of District 2 was reappointed by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to serve an additional four years.
- Ms. Ianta Burks representing Chairman Jeffrey Turner was reappointed by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to serve an additional four years.

b. Approval of the Calendar

Dr. Elliott McGlory presented the proposed 2021 meeting calendar. Dates were sent to Board members prior to today's meeting for review of the dates. Dr. McGlory presented the following virtual meeting dates for approval:

- January 25, 2021
- March 22, 2021
- May 17, 2021
- July 19, 2021
- September 20, 2021
- November 15, 2021

After review and discussion, Dr. Elliott McGlory made a Motion to approve the 2021 Virtual Meeting Calendar for the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Jarvis Jackson Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

c. Reminder to Complete and Return Ethics Forms

Dr. Elliot McGlory reminded Board members to complete and return the annual Ethics Disclosure Statement to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Clerk of Court. Failure to complete and return the form may result in temporary suspension of duties.

d. Identifying Time Frame for Public Comment

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed protocol for setting a structure allowing citizens an opportunity to address the Board. Prior to today's meeting, the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings were in person hosted by local recreation centers. Due to the current pandemic, safety precautions warrant the need for virtual meetings. Following discussion, a recommendation was made for Dr. Elliot McGlory and Director Troy Hodges to draft a meeting framework that would allow for public transparency and an opportunity for addressing the Board. The framework will be presented to the Advisory Board at the March 22, 2021 meeting.

e. Covid-19 Attendance Requirements for Parks and Recreation Events

Mr. Carlos Benifield requested information from Parks and Recreation regarding protocol at events as it relates to safety during this current pandemic. Director Hodges provided steps taken by staff to ensure the wellbeing of all citizens and staff at Parks and Recreation events and programs. Safety precautions include but are not limited to: body temperature screening, face mask screening, encouraging 6-foot social distancing, limiting participation numbers in events/programs, limiting occupancy numbers inside facilities, limiting the time on equipment or in gymnasiums. Director Hodges also reported on efforts by our Park Services Division to routinely sanitize facilities and playground equipment using high-volume backpack sprayers.

- f. Marketing Plan for the 3v3 basketball event.
Mr. Carlos Benifield requested information from Parks and Recreation regarding marketing efforts for the 3v3 Basketball. Director Hodges reported the 3v3 Basketball program was organized as an effort to limit the number of players, staff and other participants in an enclosed setting. The Parks and Recreation Athletics Division reports a successful season with over 150 players. The marketing efforts were completed through the Athletics Division on our website and through social media.

V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update to the Board on current projects, programs, and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation to include: Greenspace Audio Tour, Jester's Creek reconstruction of the boardwalk, replacement traffic markers at the International Park, Eagle Scouts projects at Reynolds Nature Preserve, a new Pollinator Garden at Reynolds Nature Preserve, assisting with Finding the Flint project, completion of our Annual Report, construction of the waterpark at the International Park, marketing initiatives to include "Meet the People" and RecTv channel, GRPA employee awards, Cycling Club, routine disinfecting of facilities and playgrounds, pesticide treatment at ballfields, and repurposing of bleachers.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jarvis Jackson inquired about the S.T.E.A.M Program Drone Course. Director Hodges reported the department is in search of an instructor that can meet requirements related to liability insurance.

Ms. Ianta Burks requested "Board Representation" be placed on the March Advisory Board Agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.