



**Clayton County Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2020**



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
Steve Lundquist	District 4 Appointee	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dr. Elliott McGlory called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center in Riverdale, Georgia. Notice to the public was previously posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and the Clayton County Board of Commissioner’s website.

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting paused for a group photo taken by the Parks and Recreation Marketing Superintendent.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS

One citizen was present for today’s meeting. Dr. McGlory provided an opportunity for the Board to introduce themselves to the guest(s).

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The October 7, 2019 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. Rickey Lovelace made a Motion to approve the October 7, 2019 Minutes. Steve Lundquist Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved. The approved Minutes will be provided to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Clerk for public posting and transparency, and will also be posted to the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website.

November 2019 – Meeting Cancelled – No Minutes
December 2019 – No meetings held in December.

IV. BUSINESS

- a. Marketing the STEM Program
Dr. Elliott McGlory presented the discussion “Marketing of the STEM Program.” Mr. Hodges reported, we will be adding several items to the STEM Program to include a Drone Instruction class, Earth Day, and the new initiative “Off the Beaten Path” sponsored by Lake Spivey Road Race. The Board asked questions related to the STEM program’s logistics and marketing to the community. Mr. Hodges will provide additional information to the Board at the February Board Meeting.
- b. Tennis: Courts, Teams, Memberships
Rickey Lovelace made a motion to table agenda items B and D until another meeting date. Steve Lundquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved.
- c. “Meet the Board” Events
Ms. Burks presented “Meeting the Board” discuss to identify opportunities for the Board to get out in the community and meet the people. Ms. White informed the Board that a new Parks and Recreation initiative is underway, “A Mini Show on the Road.” With this initiative, the Advisory Board will receive an invitation to attend and set up an informational booth at Parks and Recreation signature events. This initiative will begin with the Eggstravaganza scheduled for March 2020. This will provide the Advisory Board the opportunity to meet the people in the community as well as the Parks and Recreation staff.
- d. Swimming Lessons / Swimming Program
Rickey Lovelace made a motion to table agenda items B and D until another meeting date. Steve Lundquist seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was approved.
- d. Update: School Partnerships
Dr. Elliott McGlory noted the Advisory Board discussed the partnership taking place with the school system in Agenda Item A. The Off the Beaten Path initiative will partner with the school system’s 3rd grade classes.

Mr. Carlos Benifield asked what are all of the different types of partnerships Parks and Recreation has with the Clayton County school system. Mr. Benifield requested Parks and Recreation consider a feeder program partnership with the school system. Mr. Hodges advised that the Clayton County Parks and Recreation offers a Football Clinic at the beginning of every season that is offered free of charge. Mr. Benifield recommended Parks and Recreation consider initiating a feeder program with the middle and high schools. Mr. Hodges reminded the Board that Clayton County Parks and Recreation Athletics is a noncompetitive recreation program; however, if the coaches at the high school or middle school are in need of creating a feeder program for their competitive sport we support their effort.

The Board discussed the need for submitted agenda items to be more specific in nature.

e. All Star Games

Mr. Carlos Benifield recommended Clayton County Parks and Recreation consider All Star Games in all sports offered by the county. The Board discussed that this agenda item has been previously presented for discussion. Mr. Hodges reminded the Board that Clayton County Parks and Recreation Athletics does not offer All Star Games due to safety concerns and remaining true to the noncompetitive nature. Mr. Hodges advised that any coach, team, or player are welcome to participate in an All Star Game; however, Clayton County Parks and Recreation will not sponsor or promote competitive programming.

Mr. Carlos Benifield advised that a petition is being circulated to collect signatures for an All Star Game. Board Chairman reminded everyone in the meeting that this agenda item has already been presented in a previous meeting and if a petition is circulated, upon completion the petition should be presented to Mr. Hodges for review. If the petitioner does not feel satisfied with the reasoning for the petitioning subject's approval or rejection, the proper protocol would be for the petitioner to take their concerns to the next chain of command.

f. Televised Board Meetings

Mr. Carlos Benifield recommended the Clayton County Parks and Recreation consider televising the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings. Mr. Hodges advised that the CCPR department does not have the equipment to televise live streaming of the meetings. Mr. Hodges reminded the Board that meeting dates, times, and locations as well as Minutes are posted on the Clayton County Board of Commissioner Calendar and the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website. The Clayton County Advisory Board Meetings are open to the public. Locations alternate between recreation centers for convenience of attendees.

g. Sign Ethics Disclosure Forms

The Clayton County Advisory Board members are required to sign Ethics Disclosure forms annually. This task was presented and completed in today's meeting.

V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges provided an update to the Board on current projects and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation to include: Dog Park at the International Park, District IV Recreation Center construction, water park renovations planned at the International Park to include the State's longest lazy river, completed walking trails in phases I-IV, Intergenerational Center in Flint River Rd, Clayton County Parks and Recreation Annual Report coming soon, Branding Project survey, Trail Ambassador Program implementation, and upcoming Clayton County Parks and Recreation events.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Carlos Frazier made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Lundquist Seconded the Motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2020 at the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center.