

Fayette County Recreation Commission Meeting
July 12, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM

Present:

Charles McCollum (presided)
Bradley Klinger
Terrence Williamson
Stephen Cox

Absent:

Lisa Mahaffey

Anita Godbee, Fayette County Parks and Recreation Department

Guest:

Lelia Richardson
Elnora C. Houston
Erika Wilson-Radney

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge led by Charles McCollum

Minutes: Stephen Cox made a motion to accept the June 2016 minutes. Terrence Williamson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Kenwood Park Monument and Memorial Garden:

Charles McCollum recognized the guest who had presented the request at a previous meeting of the Kenwood Park Monument and Memorial Garden and thanked them for all their hard work and diligence in making sure the plan was in compliance with the donation guidelines. Terrence Williamson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Fayette County Parks and Recreation Department accepted the proposed donation of the Kenwood Park Monument and Memorial Garden in honor of Commissioner Pota Coston. Stephen Cox 2nd the motion. Lisa Mahaffey had submitted a letter prior to this meeting stating she would "vote yes for the Kenwood Memorial Project". Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

None

Staff Reports:

Anita Godbee reported July is “National Park and Recreation Month”. The theme this year is “Parks Have The Power To Change Lives”. Anita also reported the county’s newest association, RowAmerica Peachtree, is having their grand opening activities at Lake McIntosh on Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The boats and dock has arrived for their program. Public works is finished with the gravel pad for the storage area and fencing will be installed the week of July 18. EPD approved the use a small gas powered safety boat for their program as long as it is removed from the water daily. Lastly, Anita reported the Recreation Department had formed a partnership with the Fayette County Animal Wellness and Control Department to provide mobile dog and cat wellness clinics in the park system once a month during the work day.

Board Reports:

Terrence Williamson asked about the status of the security cameras at McCurry Park. A report was made that maintenance was doing a study on the electrical assessment of the voltage requirements for the McCurry Park camera locations. Once the assessment was finalized, specifications would be written and sent out to potential electrical contractors. It was also reported the security camera company was at Kiwanis and Kenwood Parks recently installing battery backups to the cameras.

Charles McCollum reported he had met with a Commissioner regarding the SPLOST and the need to have Parks and Recreation included. Inclusion for this year’s SPLOST was too late but it was something we could look at down the road or at a minimum make sure we continue to provide funding to maintain all our recreation needs.

Terrence Williamson inquired about the financial status of the Balloons Over Fayette Event. It was reported the event did extremely well for a first year event and had basically broke even. A financial report was submitted for their review. It was also reported that an alternate site is being considered for next year’s hot air balloon event due to traffic and parking issues associated with this year’s event.

Stephen Cox made a motion to adjourn. Terrence Williamson 2nd the motion. Passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM