

Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency

Advisory Board

Agenda

April 11, 2018 – Cherokee Hall

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman White called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Vice Chairman White, Steve Pressley, Carlos Carbetta, Director Reynolds and CRPA Staff. Absent: Chairman Nelms, Amy Turcotte

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The December 13, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion by Steve Pressley, second by Carlos Carbetta. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

Peggy Moore – a representative for Aidan’s Emergency Devices Corp. & Richard Lamphier – a representative with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Ms. Moore’s purpose was to spread awareness of the need to have AED’s on all sports fields during practices and games. Their mission is (1) Spread awareness of the importance of having AED’s on all youth sports fields during practices and games; (2) To provide FREE CPR/AED training to all volunteer coaches and assistant coaches; (3) To provide AED’s to those in need who cannot financially afford one; and (4) To spread awareness and educate through fundraisers, events and seminars. Mr. Lamphier informed the board about Project S.A.V.E – Sudden cardiac arrest, Awareness, Vision for prevention, Education. Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta started Project S.A.V.E. in 2004 with the mission of promoting and facilitating the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) in children, adolescents and others in the Georgia communities. Ms. Moore and Mr. Lamphier both appealed to the board that they are available, if there is anything they can do to let them know. Vice Chairman White along with the rest of the board thanked Ms. Moore and Mr. Lamphier for their informative and educational presentation.

4. Reports

a. Chairman

There was no report.

b. Board Members

There were no reports from any board members.

c. Director

i. FY2017 Annual Report

Director Reynolds presented the board a booklet and a PowerPoint of the FY2017 Annual Report. The FY2017 Annual Report included with the minutes as an official attachment.

ii. 2008 – 2018 Capital Improvement Plan Report

Director Reynolds presented the board with a notebook and a PowerPoint of the 2008-2018 Capital Improvement Plan Report. The 2008-2018 Capital Improvement Plan Report is included with the minutes as an official attachment.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Carlos Carbetta to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m., second by Steve Pressley. Motioned carried 3-0.

Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency

Advisory Board

Agenda

August 15, 2018 – Cherokee Hall

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Chairman Nelms, Vice Chairman White, Steve Pressley, Amy Turcotte, Director Reynolds and CRPA Staff. Absent: Carlos Carbetta

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The April 11, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion by Steve Pressley, seconded by Amy Turcotte. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

Bryan Jones with S3 Beach Volleyball discussed a proposal to get permission to build three volleyball courts at Badger Creek Soccer Complex and assistance in funding the fencing and lighting. Mr. Jones gave history about the Southern Select Sand Volleyball Club. Their mission is to produce and train a very select and successful group of beach volleyball players. Currently S3 volleyball's base of operations is out of Rally's beach complex in Emerson, GA. S3 Volleyball is seeking a location that is not so far. They have participants from Cherokee, Newnan and Alpharetta.

The cost for fencing - \$8,000, lighting - \$20,000 and grading, drainage, sand, netting and poles total cost in round numbers \$65,000. S3 Volleyball is willing to invest \$37,000 for installation as well as keep up with weekly/bi-weekly maintenance on the courts and immediate surrounds areas. They discuss their role in return for their investment. Mr. Jones answered several questions coming from the advisory board.

Motion by Amy Turcotte, second by Vice Chairman White to have Director Reynolds and the CRPA staff conduct a swat analysis, and bring back a revised proposal to be later presented the BOC. Motion approved 4 -0. The board thanked Mr. Jones for his time and thinking of Cherokee County.

4. Reports

a. Chairman

i. Election of Officers for 2018-2019

Chairman Nelms discuss the structure of the board with the new elected Chairman.

He stated to the advisory board that we could see what his will is, and who his nominee is to place on the advisory board.

Motion by Amy Turcotte, second by Steve Pressley to elect Pressley White – Chairman, Carlos Carbetta – Vice Chairman and Steve Pressley – 2nd Vice Chairman. Motion carried 4 – 0.

b. Board Members

There were no reports from any board members.

c. Director

i. Agency Update

Director Reynolds gave the advisory board an update on what has been going within the Agency since the last advisory meeting: The Adventures Express summer day camp expanded to Hickory Flat Elementary. KAOS camp was held at Woodstock Elementary. Touch A Truck will be held Saturday, October 7 at the Cherokee Fire Training Center. The Great Pumpkin Fest will be held Saturday, October 13 at Cherokee Veterans Park. The Aquatic Center is now open weekends only. Paws in the Pool will be held Sunday, September 9, 2018. Registration for Cherokee Youth Basketball started on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. The tennis and pickleball courts have been resurfaced at Kenney Askew Park. Veterans Monument is in permitting. Construction is set to begin immediately after the permit is received. Bricks are still on sale.

ii. Public Meetings & Survey for LB Ahrens Recreation Center

- a- Public Meetings August 28 & September 6 @ 7pm @ Macedonia ESCafeteria
- b- Online Survey thru Survey Monkey August 20th thru September 7th

5. New Business

a. Consider Naming Pickleball Complex @ Cherokee Veterans Park for Tom & Ann Earley

L. B. Ahrens, Cherokee County Commission Chair, thanked the advisory board for their service. Chairman Ahrens discussed with the advisory board the draft resolution to consider naming the Pickleball Complex at Cherokee Veterans Park for Tom and Ann Earley.

In honor of and appreciation of the Earley's vision and contribution to the residents of Cherokee County and promotion of this fast growing sport worldwide, the Pickleball Complex at Cherokee Veterans Park will be name in honor of Tom and Ann Earley. Something like, **'The Earley Pickleball Courts at Cherokee Veterans Park'** [or other so named....] Motion by Steve Pressley, second by Amy Turcotte to consider naming the Pickleball Complex at Cherokee Veterans Park for Tom & Ann Earley. Motion carried 4 – 0.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Amy Turcotte to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., second by Steve Pressley. Motioned carried 4-0.

Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency

Advisory Board

Agenda

October 10, 2018

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Chairman White, Vice Chairman Carbetta, Steve Pressley 2nd Vice Chairman, Director Reynolds and CRPA Staff. Absent: Jason Nelms and Amy Turcotte.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The August 15, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion by Steve Pressley, seconded by Vice Chairman Carbetta. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

There were no Appearances/Public Comment.

4. Reports

a. Chairman

There was no report from the Chairman.

b. Board Members

There were no reports from any board members.

c. Director

i. Agency Update

Director Reynolds provided the advisory board with agency updates on what has taken place since the last meeting. The two public meetings for the LB Ahrens recreation center were held on August 28 & September 6. There was 650 responses from the online survey on what individuals would like to see offered in the Recreation Center. The staff has met with the Architect to discuss phase I of the design. Work will continue on this design with the goal to present a recommended design to the Board of Commissioners in January or February of 2019.

A public forum was held on Thursday, October 4 at Hickory Flat Elementary Gym to discuss ideas on what programs the public would like to see offered. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting. There is an online programming survey for individuals to give feedback on the type of programs and events they would like to see take place in the gym. The survey will remain up for six weeks. At the next meeting, the Architect will put together some concepts and have suggestions to make sure everything is structural sound.

Cherokee County has received a grant through Gametime, Inc. for additional playground equipment at Cherokee Veterans Park. The Park will have new playground equipment installed this winter. This

will double the existing playground equipment. Also included in this grant is an outdoor fitness area planned for Hobgood Park.

Cherokee County received a grant from USA Archery to train two staff members as level two instructors and \$4000 worth of archery equipment. This will allow us to begin offering archery programs through CRPA.

The construction of the monument for Veterans Park is on schedule for completion. Touch-A-Truck took place Saturday, October 6. There was a tremendous turnout for this event, and it is a great partnership for the Fire Department and CRPA. The Great Pumpkin Fest and Fun Run is Saturday, October 13 at Cherokee Veterans Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Fun Run starts at 9:00 a.m.

Cherokee Youth Basketball early and late registration has concluded for grades K–8. Currently, there are 3,300 participants signed up for the program. The high school registration will conclude on Friday, November 2. There will be a free agent workout Saturday, November 3. Steve Pressley asked if the issue from last year has been addressed with the CYB high school players getting the opportunity to play.

5. New Business

a. Request from Jim Lindenmayer regarding a Statue in Cherokee Veterans Park

Mr. Lindenmayer with Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program, gave the advisory board a packet discussing the Homeless Veteran Statue. He informed the board about the homeless veterans and homeless individuals' condition in Cherokee County.

They requested to put one male and one female statue at Cherokee Veterans Park. The statue will be totally funded by private enterprise including grants, a GoFundMe account and a Cherokee County Veteran owned businesses. They are not looking for any funding from the County. After the discussion, Steve Pressley motioned to approve a concept, continue working directly with CRPA's staff, and get a final design and approval from the Cherokee County BOC, second by Carlos Carbetta. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Old Business

Steve Pressley asked about the status on AED's in the parks. Chairman White inquired about the inmate detail work force. Director Reynolds gave updates and answered both questions.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Chairman White to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m., second by Carlos Carbetta. Motion carried 3-0.

Cherokee County Recreation & Parks Agency
Advisory Board Minutes
December 12, 2018
Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Carbetta called the meeting order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Vice Chairman Carbetta, Steve Pressley 2nd Vice Chairman, Jason Nelms, Amy Turcotte, Director Reynolds and CRPA Staff.
Absent: Chairman Pressley White.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The October 10, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion Steve Pressley, seconded by Jason Nelms. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Appearances / Public Comment

Spencer Muldrow addressed the board regarding his disqualification as a volunteer. Mr. Muldrow wanted to address the board about his background check disqualifying him from being an assistant CYB coach at Cherokee Charter Academy. He told the board about his passion for helping youth and working with young people. He was devastated when he learned he was disqualified to help coach CYB because of his background check. Mr. Muldrow informed the board about his past. Mr. Muldrow talked about his childhood and how he was raised, where he came from, his troubled past, his adult work experience and how one statement helped him turn his life around. Mr. Muldrow has worked at Cherokee Charter for 3 ½ years. The staff, students and parents have embraced him, and he loves what he does. He understands policies and rules are in place, but he asked the board to reconsider his case.

Charlie Smiley spoke to the board on Mr. Muldrow's behalf. He told the board that was his first time hearing Mr. Muldrow story, and he was taken back. For the past 3 years, Mr. Smiley has been a gym director at Cherokee Charter. He feels that the CRPA's staff is doing an outstanding job with the CYB program. He is responsible for finding coaches for CYB. Mr. Smiley got to know Mr. Muldrow by going to the school to eat lunch with his daughters. Mr. Muldrow is the janitor at the school, and he has such an impact on the students as a mentor and leader.

The board informed Mr. Muldrow they appreciate him coming to share his story, and they believe he has a good heart. Unfortunately, the board could not reinstate him to be an assistant coach for CYB. The board told Mr. Muldrow by trying to be a CYB coach, he may be thinking too small. The board informed him he might have a greater influence on juveniles by sharing his story to them in schools, in the court system and his story makes the board want to try to help him more. The board wished Mr. Muldrow the best.

4. Reports

a. Chairman

i. 2019 Meeting Schedule

The board asked if these meeting dates the normal 2nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. A work session may be added to individual meetings if needed as determined by the board. If added, the work session will be advertised in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

Steve Pressley motioned to approve the 2019 advisory board-meeting schedule, second by Amy Turcotte. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Board Members

There was no board member reports.

c. Director

i. Agency Update

Director Reynolds updated the board members on events that have been going on since the last board meeting.

- a- The first annual Great Pumpkin Fest was held on October 13. There were over 2,000 visitors at Cherokee Veteran Park.
- b- Veterans Monument at Cherokee Veterans has opened. Brick sales have reopened. The next brick installation will be prior to Memorial Day 2019.
- c- Lights of Hope events at both Hobgood and Cherokee Veterans Parks are ongoing.
- d- Homeless Veterans Statue was approved by the BOC and construction is set begin next week.
- e- Installation of Playground equipment at Cherokee Veterans and Exercise Equipment at Hobgood Park will begin in January.
- f- Cherokee County will host the 2019 GRPA Class A State Swim Meet. We last hosted the swim meet in 2016.
- g- 2018-19 CYB season is underway with games beginning the first weekend in December. Play will continue until February with the end of season tournament the week after winter break.
- h- The 2019 VIP Volunteers in the Parks banquet will be Thursday, January 24, 2019 in the banquet hall.
- i- Hugs in a Blanket donations collected 260 blankets and 200 pairs of socks.

ii. Recommended Update to CRPA Background Screening Policy for Volunteers

Director Reynolds discussed the recommended update to CRPA's background screening policy for volunteers by the staff. He informed the board this recommended change would keep CRPA in line with National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines. The current background check policy which was updated in December 2015 includes the following definition of guilty:

Guilty means that a person was found guilty following a trial, entered a plea, entered a no contest pleas accompanied by a court finding of guilty, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or a withholding of guilt.

In order to provide clarification for results that include "deferred adjudication" or "adjudication withheld", the following revised language is recommended.

Guilty means that a person was found guilty following a trial, entered a guilty plea, entered a no contest plea accompanied by a court finding of guilty, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilty (conviction) or a withholding of guilt, including reportable deferred adjudications that result in completion/closure as a non-conviction or dismissal.

This language has been recommended by our background check provider. It is consistent with national guidelines for background screening policies for volunteers in recreation programs as recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association. The language has been reviewed and approved by the county's in-house legal counsel. It is, therefore, recommended by CRPA staff. Jason Nelms motioned to approve the recommended update to CRPA Background Screening Policy for Volunteers, seconded by Amy Turcotte. Motion carried 4-0.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. Adjourn

Jason Nelms motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Steve Pressley seconded motioned. The motion carried 4-0.