

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 14, 2015  
RECREATION CENTER MEETING ROOMS 1 & 2 AT 7:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leo Bell, Jr.  
Reginald Hurd  
Don Johnson, Chairperson  
Alexander McLachlan  
Ed Priest

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roderick Lee (Excused)  
Calvin Wells

The City Council conducted a Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:57 p.m. in the Duncanville Recreation Center Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 located at 201 James Collins Boulevard. With a quorum of City Council present, to-wit:

David L. Green	Mayor
Cliff Boyd	Councilman, District 1
Steven Rutherford	Councilman, District 2 (Absent)
Stan Smith	Mayor Pro Tem, District 3
Ron Dotson	Councilman, District 4
Patrick Harvey	Councilman, At-Large and Council Liaison

Staff Present: City Manager Kevin Hugman, City Secretary Mary Jones, Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison and Timothy Hamilton, Parks/Athletics Manager.

Chairperson Don Johnson in accordance with Council noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m. for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Introductions were made.

WORKSHOP

Item #1 – The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall deliberate and formulate at Work Plan for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for FY 2015-16:

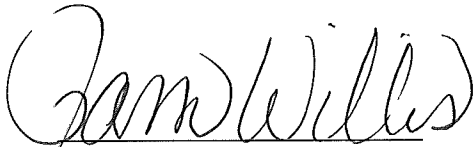
City Manager Kevin Hugman gave a presentation of the City Council's Organizational Work Plan for FY 2015-16 which included the Council's Mission Statement, Values, Four Pillars; and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's role and purpose in achieving the overall Work Plan. Mayor Green began discussion regarding the Board's role in providing a forum of communication between the citizens and City officials in the stewardship and conservation of Duncanville's natural, recreational and cultural resources; and to advise the City Council and/or Parks and Recreation Department in the planning, development, and usage of park and recreational facilities and services. Discussion continued regarding the importance of the Board offering the four age groups which compile Duncanville's population suitable park and recreation resources; contributing to the planning and use of the 240 acres and 17 parks in the City; upping the "quality of life" while preserving a sense of place in the community by using our parks, recreation and open spaces; also, parks, recreation and open spaces are essential in maintaining housing values.

Item #2 – The City Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall develop a work plan for the Board base on Agenda Item 1 and Council's objectives, pillars, and community benefit adopted on the City Council Organizational Work Plan FY 2015-16:

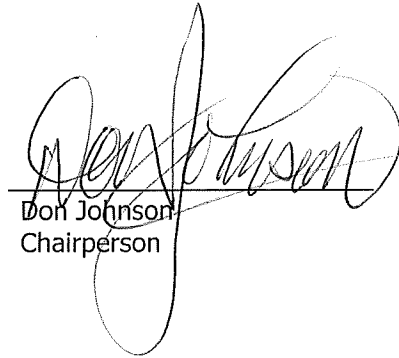
The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board considered several tools to use to accomplish their role including; interfacing with citizens, organizations and groups to communicate parks and recreation needs and requests to the staff and City Council; possibly working with other boards (Senior Advocacy Commission, Multicultural Commission, etc.) for ideas in developing programs and activities to achieve goals

of City Council; participating in the development of the city-wide Comprehensive Plan and other Master Plans (Parks, Bicycle) to attract future development to the city. Council Liaison Harvey noted that the city has at least nine parks that need upgrades. He suggested working with what the city has at the moment and then branching out. Councilman Cliff Boyd wants to see more citizens getting involved. He suggested approaching vendors for sponsorship; seeking out Service Groups, i.e. Rotary and Lions Club. Mayor Green requested Bart Stevenson to tell the Council what had been accomplished so far with the Innovation Fund money. Mr. Stevenson replied that Armstrong Park will have a canopy by July 1, 2015; I-pads were purchased for parks staff; pump regulator purchased for Waterview Park; staff added for litter control; replacement of playground equipment for Red Bird Park and the addition of restrooms; addition of Park Ranger for parks; lightning detection system purchased and installed in six city parks; and including the clean-up of City owned property and Wheatland and Venice. Chairperson Johnson responded to the Council that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board accepted their challenge and request to aid the Council in meeting their goals. Council Liaison Patrick Henry commented that he was excited to hear and see the strong leadership and assertiveness of this Board. Board member Ed Priest inquired on the replacement of trees that were lost after a storm at Lakeside. Council agreed that these should be replaced. Other subjects of discussion included finding sponsorship for renewing Kidsville, increasing citizen participation with Juneteenth and bringing back the close community feeling for Independence Day activities.

The Joint Council meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Pam Willis  
Recording Secretary



Don Johnson  
Chairperson