

**Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes  
Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Monday, February 11, 2019**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A joint meeting of the Duncanville City Council and the Park and Recreation Board was called to order for City Council by Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Thomas and for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board by Chair Sandy McLachlan on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:03 p.m. in the Northside Room at the D.L. Hopkins Senior Center with a quorum of the City Council to wit:

Leslie Thomas	Mayor Pro Tem
Dennis Schwartz	Councilmember
Don McBurnett	Councilmember
Mark D. Cooks	Councilmember
Barry L. Gordon	Mayor – Absent
Patrick LeBlanc	Councilmember At-Large – Absent
Johnette Jameson	Councilmember – Absent

and with a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to wit:

Sandy McLachlan	Chair
Reginald Hurd	Vice Chair
Mary (Beth) Farrell	Board Member
Don Johnson	Board Member – 6:24 p.m.
Leo Bell, Jr.	Board Member
Pamela Rogers	Board Member

2. **CITY COUNCIL WILL DELIBERATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, HOWEVER NO VOTE OR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN.**

2.A ***Discuss recent Parks related accomplishments and upcoming Parks related bond projects.***

Chair McLachlan spoke on the accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Discussion on the following took place; Park Master Plan, Harrington Park renovations, youth sports organizations, park capital improvements, a new basketball court at Armstrong Park, WiFi availabilities in city parks, and upcoming bond projects. Board Member Bell spoke on the new regulations at Lakeside Park for fishing; limiting the number of poles used and the number of fish being caught. Mayor Pro Tem Thomas questioned the feedback from the community on the new look for Kidsville and the addition of a Splashpad. Chair McLachlan stated engaging the citizens at the community meetings and providing the facts to why Kidsville needs to be brought up to code and safety standards for the safety of patrons has changed a lot of views. Citizens provided their concerns and needs to a new park and splashpad. The board will be working diligently with the consultants to make sure the needs of the citizens are addressed. Parks and Recreation Director Stevenson spoke on grants that are available to provide assistance and stated he will provide City Council a timeline of events.

**2.B Discuss guidance for Facility Rental Policy.**

Chair McLachlan discussed the current facility rental policy and provided information on the changes the board would like to see. Currently organizations can book the facilities as on-going events with no end date; this does not allow for other patrons to book events. Updating the rental policy will set guidelines on booking multiple on-going events. City Council recognized the boards hard worked and stated they would like to see the facilities filled but not abused at the same time.

**2.C Discuss Goals and Objectives of City Council related to Parks and Recreation Board.**

Councilmember Cooks stated he would like to see the city's youth football program utilizing city parks. Board member Bell stated during the lead up to the cities strategic plan for the Park Master Plan citizens ranked their needs and wants and only a couple stated the need for football fields. Councilmember Cooks stated some of the representatives were not contacted and encouraged the Park Board to investigate providing this addition to the youth football program. Councilmember Cooks questioned if the board was in favor of Bike Lanes. Chair McLachlan stated bike lanes are one of the top priorities of the Park Master Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Thomas is in favor of bike lanes and trails. Director Stevenson spoke on local bike plans with grants that are provided to help the city with trails and bike lanes.

Chair McLachlan expressed his concerns on why City Council recently removed one of their Park Board members during the Board and Commission application process. Our board member was mid-term, had good attendance, and was active with the board. Vice Chair Hurd stated if members are volunteering their time and energy to serve on the boards they need to feel confident and valued by City Council. Councilmember McBurnett agreed with the board and stated someone should only be removed if there is a major concern. Councilmember Cooks applauded the board for bringing this to Council's attention.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

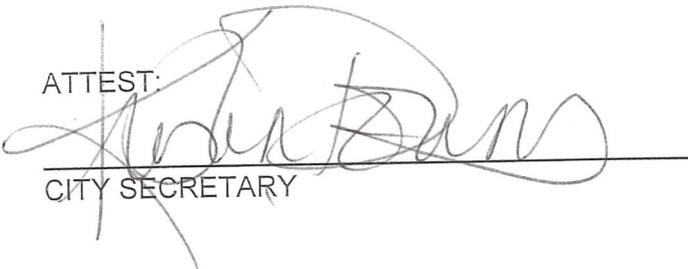
The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:



Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan  
CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY