



RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

May 4, 2010

Taylor Farms Conference Room
12000 Findley Road, Suite 300, Johns Creek, GA 30097
<http://www.JohnsCreekGA.gov>

5:00 PM

- A) CALL TO ORDER
- B) ROLL CALL
- C) OPENING REMARKS / ANNOUNCEMENTS
- D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. Consideration of April 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- E) APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
- F) PUBLIC COMMENT
- G) REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
 - 1. Update on Current Recreational Programs and Events
- H) OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - a.) Tier Recommendations
 - b.) Program Recommendations
 - c.) Park Assessments and Recommendations
 - d.) Community Cultural Assessments and Recommendations
- I) NEW BUSINESS
- J) OTHER BUSINESS
- K) PUBLIC COMMENT
- L) ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
RECREATION AND PARKS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 6, 2010

The City of Johns Creek Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 5:00pm. The meeting was in the Taylor Farms Conference Room, 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek Georgia 30097 and was open to the public.

Board Members Present: Larry Buckles
Peter Hall
Alan Hill
Joe Holihan-**Absent**
Stan Stanfill
Jim Jones, Chairman-**Absent**

Staff Present: Public Works Director Ken Hildebrandt
Interim Recreation Mgr-Robbie Newton
City Manager John Kachmar
City Clerk Joan Jones
City Attorney Scott Hastey

OPENING REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: As Chairman Jones was not in attendance, Secretary Larry Buckles presided and welcomed everyone. Board Member Hill remarked on his concern about this board not being notified of the Community Garden and the Newtown School House renovations. Public Works Director Hildebrandt explained the quickness of both of these projects and the need for council action and offered that there will be better communications in the future. Interim Recreation Manager Newton introduced himself to the board.

MINUTES: Board Member Hall motioned, seconded by Board Member Stanfill to approve the January 12, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. NOTE: No RPAC meetings held in February (cancelled) and in March 2010 (lack of quorum).

AGENDA APPROVAL: Board Member Hall motioned, seconded by Board Member Hill to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trish Balfour addressed the committee to voice her concern over the noise created from the impromptu dog park that abuts her Chartwell neighborhood home. She explained there is consistent barking; dogs off their leashes; it has become a nuisance.

REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS: Public Works Director Hildebrandt reviewed the printout of the **Newtown Community Garden** proposed by the Leadership Johns Creek class. He highlighted the area of the portable garden and explained this area is not designated as a scheduled ball field; however it is used as an impromptu field. Board Member Stanfill asked about the use of pesticides, composting area and if there would be a greenhouse. A brief discussion was held on

different sites available for future gardens, such as Shakerag and how this Newtown site was selected and to make sure city residents are given priority to utilize the gardens.

Acting Chairman Buckles opened the floor for an informal discussion on the **Recreation and Parks Master Plan**. Discussion was held on funding the plan and the possibility of purchasing pocket parks. The City Manager reviewed how funding is restricted, i.e. the millage rate cap, the current assessment freeze and how all these factors may affect the city receiving a good bond rating. In addition, he updated the committee on how debt service/capital funds works and how this may be utilized for funding and explained the city will be conducting a survey in 2010 to help ascertain what the citizens are willing to fund, i.e. parks, transportation, etc. He encouraged the members to study the plan and bring back their recommendations and ideas to the council. Board Member Hall reiterated to the City Manager this board has held numerous discussions about Shakerag Park and how this park is underutilized.

Public Works Director Hildebrandt updated the committee on the status of the parking lot expansion at **Ocee Park** which increases the parking spaces by 70 more units and there will be NO PARKING signs placed along Buice Road. In addition, there was enough funding to add stairs to the batting cages.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: No Other Business

OTHER BUSINESS: Board Member Hall noted he has been surprised at how many dogs are utilizing the dog park area Ms. Balfour commented on.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment.

There being no further business, Board Member Hall motioned, seconded by Board Member Stanfill to adjourn. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____
Acting Chairman, Larry Buckles

Attest: _____
Joan Jones, City Clerk