

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA

Parks Advisory Board

Virtual, Zoom/YouTube
Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 5:00 PM



Mr. David Rector, Mayor
Ms. Anita Bellinger, District 1
Ms. Wanda Ididapo, District 2
Mr. Alan Kelly, District 3
Ms. Barbara Mostella-Oliver, District 4
Mr. Johnny Clark, District 5
Mr. George Oliver, District 6
Mr. Rodney Jones, District 7

MEETING AGENDA

1. Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda: **Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 5:00 PM**
4. Current Reopening Status
5. Spring Programs and Event [Roster](#)
6. Parks Funding (SPLOST)
7. Parks Advisory Board Project-
 1. Discuss, create, and submit a park centric initiative for department review
 2. [Example\(s\)](#): Park Access, Greener Parks, Commit to Health, Mentoring in Parks and Rec, Healthy Aging in Parks, Parks for Pollinators, Parks for Inclusion, Wildlife Explores, Climate Resilient Parks, and Heart Your Park
 3. Watch this [video](#) for inspiration
8. Adjournment of Meeting

The next Parks Advisory Board meeting will be: **Tuesday, July 6, 2021**



CITY OF SOUTH FULTON
PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: George Oliver, Rodney Jones, Anita Bellinger, Wanda Ididapo, Barbara Mostella-Oliver

Also Present: Tony Phillips, Chapin Payne, Lakita Ford, Carlos Perez

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- PRCA Director Tony Phillips calls the meeting to order
- Roll call by PRCA Programs and Events Manager Lakita Ford (5:08 pm)

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Director makes a motion to approve agenda. Wanda Ididapo approves the motion and second by Rodney Jones. **The vote passes unanimously to approve agenda.**

CURRENT REOPENING STATUS

- PRCA Director Tony Phillips updates board on the re-opening plan
- Explains our outdoor programming, youth sports & arts
- Announce low risk model allowing for facility rentals
- Explains summer camp pod model to decrease virus spread
- If virus numbers continue to decrease, the plan is to open facilities this summer
- Will host in-person Juneteenth Celebration
- All parks are open for passive use only

SPRING PROGRAMS AND EVENT ROSTER

- PRCA Programs and Events Manager Lakita Ford gives an overview of Swing into Spring
- Sports clinics, arts in the park, fitness in the parks, farm fresh fitness, pop up events
- PRCA Goes Mobile, see south fulton, youth athletics
- Panel Q&A regarding specific programs and ideas

Questions from **Wanda Ididapo**: asking if current programs have a registration fee and if the link to register can be shared? When will the tennis center construction be complete?

PARKS FUNDING (SPLOST)

- Master Plan Consultant Carlos Perez share presentation
- Highlights the importance of using SPLOST as a primary funding source
- South Fulton is lower than average spending per resident, but average on capital funding trend
- Used an illustration of how Gwinnett County has funded their park system since the 80's
- PRCA Director Tony Phillips highlight the need for funding to upgrade our aging system
- Typically not possible to fund projects from annual operating budget
- Panel Q&A regarding long rang visioning presentation

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD PROJECT

- PRCA Program and Events Manager Lakita Ford explains the need for a park centric initiative
- Master Plan Consultant Carlos Perez explain parks initiatives and their positive impact
- Used examples: Summer Night Lights, Parks After Dark, The 10-Minute Walk
- Panel Discussion regarding South Fulton Park Centric Initiative

Group Feedback

- Barbara Mostella-Oliver, Create a multigenerational event that happens in all seven districts
- Anita Bellinger, create a walking challenge that encourage citizens to use our walking trails/paths and give them the length of each to hit target steps
- Rodney Jones, Monthly neighborhood athletic competitions like softball
- Tony Phillips, Be Neighbors Again
- Carlos Perez, Park Prescriptions
- Barbara Mostella-Oliver, Virtual Scavenger Hunt

SPECIAL GUEST

- Programs and Events Manager Lakita Ford, to introduce a special guest

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Director makes a motion to adjourn meeting, **Rodney Jones approves and George Oliver** seconds. **The vote passes unanimously to adjourn meeting (6:36 pm)**