

Roswell Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 9/19/19

Call to Order:

Debra Ewing called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. In attendance were Amour Carthy, Lawrence Catchpole, Angelia Parham, David Smith, and Councilmember Matt Tyser. Rick Dreger and Tom Pratt were absent. Staff in attendance included Jeffrey Leatherman, Jeff Pruitt, Bobbie Daniels, Beckie Hawkins, Scott Laakso, Steven Malone, Dylan Penick, Tammy Summers and Jimmy Yanulavich.

Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes

- August 22, 2019

Mrs. Parham made the motion to approve the August 22, 2019 minutes and Mr. Catchpole second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

Report Backs

Action Items

- Upcoming Meetings to be Approved

Mr. Catchpole made the motion to approve the upcoming dates for the November and December 2019 meetings. Mr. Smith second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- City of Roswell Bowl Game Sponsorship

Mr. Leatherman indicated this item was a request from the football booster club in order to create a sponsorship relationship with Carl Black of Roswell for youth bowl games. This was discussed during the September 6, 2019 work session as an item under sponsorships. Staff has continued to work on the policy, but it has not been finalized or adopted. The first question is whether to allow the booster club to create a bowl game for this year that would be sponsored with the Carl Black brand? Second, what would that bowl game look like? Third, how will that be included in future policy discussions? Staff recommended to allow the bowl game sponsorship to move forward for this year. The total cost is approximately \$3,500 for coaches' apparel and in-kind contributions. Presently, the bowl games are named after the NCAA college bowl games. The Commission discussed options for the name.

Mr. Catchpole made the motion to approve the allowance of the agreement and the name "Roswell Youth Bowl sponsored by Carl Black." Mr. Smith second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- ArtAround Roswell

Beckie Hawkins presented a map of the seven current temporary sculptures which are recommended to remain as temporary locations for art. Staff will recommend three more temporary locations at a later date.

Mr. Catchpole made the motion to approve the seven temporary Art locations. Mrs. Carthy second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Cultural Arts Center Policies

Beckie Hawkins presented the revised draft of the Cultural Arts Center Policy with the requested changes from the September 6, 2019 work session and presented a letter from the Roswell Historic Society asking to be able to book the space as needed. The Committee thought that based on the language, they may not cleanly fit into the requirement of an artistic endeavor description. The letter covers this for a one-year period. The Roswell Historic Society has a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Roswell. Mr. Catchpole made the motion to approve the Policy to include the alignment correction. Mr. Smith second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Catchpole made the motion to approve the acceptance of the Roswell Historic Society's letter. Mrs. Carthy second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Cultural Arts Center Mural

Staff reported that after clarifications regarding the graffiti coating, the Historic Preservation Commission was in support of the mural. The mural will be discussed at the Mayor and Council work session on November 25, 2019. A request will be made to allocate some existing funds directly to this project. Another request is how to incorporate public input, as there is not currently a policy on how public art installations are approved at a city level.

The Recreation Commission supports the Cultural Arts Center Mural project.

- Blue and Gold Star Memorial Project

Council reviewed this project at the August 13, 2019 Committee meeting and requested recommendations from the Recreation Commission. The Garden Club of Roswell is the sponsor. There are three options: Highway Markers, Memorial Markers, and By-Way Markers. The Garden Club is requesting to install one Blue Star Memorial Marker and one Gold Star Memorial Marker. By policy, the markers cannot go into parks except for state parks per State of Georgia rules, which limits a location to the City Hall grounds. The Commission does not have authority over the grounds, but may provide recommendations. The Recreation Commission recommended the following options:

1. The location near the entrance to City Hall on the corner of Hill Street and Atlanta Street. This location is the entrance to City Hall grounds and is a gateway entrance for visitors to our community. A second location recommendation is at the intersection of two paths to the north of the Faces of War Memorial.
2. The second location outside of City Hall would be a By-Way Marker at the Serenity Gardens in Roswell Area Park.

Discussion Items

Director's Report

Mr. Leatherman gave an update on Capital Projects. A number of projects are near completion, including the lobby at the Bill Johnson Community Center; the kitchen and front fountain landscaping at the Adult Recreation Center; and the Mill Project, which is completed and ready for the ribbon cutting to be scheduled. Jeff Pruitt discussed working on finalizing RFQ and discussed starting the resolution to submit an application for the 2019-2020 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant. He also discussed the review of two concessionaire bids. Mr. Leatherman showed a trail count slide encompassing Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Riverwalk. The weekly average was as high as 8000 trips in August 2019. A report of the history of the Department was included for information.

Chair Report – Debra Ewing

Betty Walser from The Roswell Fine Arts Alliance thanked Recreation and Parks for finishing Phase 1 of the landscaping plan, which included the handicapped parking area. She mentioned their opening exhibits are at Sonoma's Bank and at the Chattahoochee Nature Center with Georgia photographers. They will also have a participatory tent at the upcoming Roswell Arts Festival and they will have a three-day workshop at the Arts Center at East Roswell Park with an artist from Tennessee. Mrs. Ewing stated that she really enjoys having the art at City Hall.

City Council – Matt Tyser

No Report.

Adjournment

Mrs. Parham made the motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Catchpole. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.