



**City of Decatur Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Date: March 5, 2024
Time: 8:00am**

Members present:

Terria Cummings, Abbey Griffith, Jack Kittle, Charlie Slater, Deanna Jue Sutandi, Cas Pittman

Members absent:

Joel Fufari, Shelly Head

On behalf of City of Decatur: Greg White, Sara Holmes, Nancy Brune (Parks and Rec Assistant Director of Operations)

Jack Kittle called the meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes. Charlie motioned to approve. Terria seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None

Officers: Terria motioned to approve. Deanna seconded the motion. Jack will serve at Chair, Abbey as Vice Chair, Terria & Deanna co-secretaries.

- Sara Holmes led the board charter committee Discussion for any feedback, and she noted that the guidance was to make it broad in scope. Jack and Joel will present the new charter during an upcoming board work session.
- The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee & Safe Routes to School are looking for guidance on committee objectives. Jack suggested there be a liaison on the committees.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):

Promote safe walking/biking

Education on safe practices

Promote programs - biking & walking

Advocate for improved facilities (i.e. mobility walk)

Advocacy for city projects: Safe Streets for All & Safe Routes to Parks

Walk friendly and bike friendly

"Walk/Bike Committee"

"Walk/Bike Decatur"

"Active Mobility Committee"

"Active Transit Committee"

Safe Routes to School Committee (SRTS):

Education - safe practices

Walk audits - the recommended safe routes and evaluating where people walk or bike to school

Advocate for safer infrastructure

Support walk friendly and bike friendly

- Idea discussed of possibility of combining BPAC and SRTS with one meeting, with the mobility committee will be the main committee and SRTS as a subcommittee SRTS. Possible new date/time to accommodate for youth members are 2nd or 3rd Tuesday/Thurs from 4-6pm.
- Nancy suggested a need for parent input in regard to the Out of School programs.
- Due to limited time, goals discussion deferred to next month.
- Nancy mentioned that the national accreditation process for after school programs is in process. Talley Street is new to the accreditation process - national accreditation process.
- Touch-a-Truck and Touch-A-Budget is on Saturday, March 9
- Greg and team will present the proposed budget next Tuesday. Two things to note included that expenditures have gone up and there is a need for phasing in manger level positions.
- Per Sara, the date for the first public engagement session regarding the Ebster grant, \$2M from the state to renovate the playground/basketball court/pavilion areas, will be forthcoming.

- Charlie is a part of the Senior Olympics and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Abbey continues to host Clarity supported walks, with a focus on the 20–40 year-old age group.
- Next month's meeting changed from April 2nd to April 9th due to the school spring break holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.