

MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 5:45pm
Large Meeting Room-Aquatic Center
120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Recreation Advisory Board held a regular public meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:45pm in the large meeting room at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center located at 120 Paul Franklin Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Members Present: Joe Elam, Peggy Fortson, Cassie Head, Angela Haughton, Keith Deyton, and Shelley Tullis

Members Absent: Matt Shirley

Others Present: Terry Lannon, Karen Macleod, Kiani Holden, Eugenia Almond, and a Northeast Georgian Reporter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Angela Haughton

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Cassie Head , seconded by Joe Elam , and voted 6-0 to approve agenda and add an item d) to the agenda, under New Business; Update on Interim Director/Director position for HCPR

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Cassie Head and seconded by Keith Deyton and voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of April 15th, 2025, Rec Board regular meeting.

5 Minute Public Comments:

- a. Ms. Eugenia Almond, current student of the Aikido program at HCPR made a request to be put on the June Agenda, so she could present her request, and plan as to how she might continue the School of Aikido through HCPR. She explained that the current instructor would no longer be able to conduct the class, so she would like to take it over. She is a retired teacher, with 7 years of Aikido training and 4 additional years at a different school. She stated she knew of an issue with the lack of enrollment and the small number of participants. She explained that there were usually 2 enrollments; herself and one other, a few times, there were 4-5. She described Aikido as a Martial art, with no sparring, choreographed, and you learned to respond with correct angles and movements, so no one got hurt. If the Board approved her to do this, she explained that she would like to promote the class to the County Commission of Education to recruit more students to the class. She would like to have a class 2-3 times per week and would be open to schedule changes as HCPR needed. Kiani Holden, current Interim CFO, and Director Terry Lannon stated there would have to be a new contract if approved.

Staff Report:

- a. All board members were given the Quarterly Financials packet by Kiani Holden, Interim CFO, and she summarized the report. She said she would present this quarterly at the Rec Board meetings.
- b. Terry Lannon, Interim Rec Dept. Director presented his Staff Report and summarized his financial report and department stats for each sport and area.

Old Business:

- a. The secretary position has been filled, and Karen MacLeod HCPR employee has been selected.
- b. Election of officers: Peggy Fortson nominated and motioned for Shelley Tullis to take over the Chair position. Keith Deyton seconded the motion, vote was 6-0. Shelley Tullis nominated and motioned for Peggy Fortson to take over the Vice Chair position. Joe Elam seconded the motion and vote was 6-0.

New Business:

- a. Discussion ensued amongst board members about what Tuesday of the month to hold Rec Board meetings. It was decided and agreed on to have the meeting the 3rd Tuesday of every month, to avoid having to change the By-laws.
- b. 2026 Rec Board budget and Fee Schedule was presented by T. Lannon. Shelley Tullis will contact Kiani to clarify and ask questions.
- c. Discussion took place over outdoor cameras for fields and courts. Peggy described various mischievous happenings with outside recreation areas that have taken place. She said that for protection of the Rec department property, that the cameras existing should be expanded to cover more areas not currently covered.
- d. The update on the status of the position of Recreation Interim Director was that there was no official timeline or length of time given for his position.

Next meeting: June 17th, 2025, large meeting room, Aquatic Center, at 5:45pm

Adjourn: A motion was made by Shelley and seconded by Joe Elam and voted 6-0 to adjourn at 7:04pm.

Minutes Approved

Shelley Tullis

6-17-2025

