



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
March 8, 2021
Via ZOOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emily Beddingfield
Butch Lawter
Karen Phinazee
John Saluppo
Ted Willer

STAFF PRESENT:

JD Solomon
Dolores Gill
Matt Lorian
Lauren Lambert
Avery Everett

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Travis Crowder
Gina Garera
Rebecca Bradford
Bennett Jones
David Danko
Mark Morgan

1 CALL TO ORDER

This meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **NO QUORUM MET**

3 OLD BUSINESS

a) Parks and Recreation Bond Progress
Presenter: JD Solomon, Town Manager

Mr. Solomon spoke to the board regarding bond progress, and where the town is at. At this moment in time we have decided to look towards a different direction as far as architects go. We will be having a 3rd party evaluate design plans and give us other cost estimates. Price estimates will be coming in the future, and all input will be given to council to review. East Clayton and Community Park were looking more on the verge of 20 million dollars. Ms. Beddingfield mentioned a list of priorities and where they stood in the planning process. Mr. Solomon said they are taking into consideration what the priorities are. Ms. Beddingfield mentioned Municipal being a huge priority since it is ultimately what will lead people into downtown. She talked about how

every time something breaks at Municipal that it is usually not worth replacing, so items just get shut down. It would be nice to update these items therefore they are safer and will live a longer life. Mr. Solomon discussed a future planning opportunity where we will all really sit down and look things over, lay plans out in the council chambers and understand the future of our parks. More to follow once we receive numbers back.

- b) Joint Committee with Downtown Development
Presenter: Emily Beddingfield, Board Chair

Discussions with DD continue, lots of talk about ways of getting people from our parks to downtown. Mile markers have been added to the greenways. Mr. Solomon mentioned that we have reinstated police back on our trails. Ms. Beddingfield mentioned that the committee was not aware of the waste water treatment plant and work that will be done in Legend Park. The committee was unaware that the greenway would be shut down and that the park would be closed for an extended period of time. Mr. Solomon spoke about engineering not knowing about a timeline, and they will be bringing us some creative solutions to make it things work. Better communication will need to happen between the Engineering Dept. and Parks and Recreation from here on out.

- c) Building Renovations
Presenter: Matt Lorion, Administrative & Programs Superintendent

Mr. Lorion talked about building renovations almost being complete. Painting is currently being done throughout, everything looks great. We will be having glass doors up and completed shortly as well, this will help with noise cancellation. Staff is taking time throughout the day to do disinfecting of high traffic areas and cleaning.

- d) Covid-19
Presenter: Matt Lorion, Administrative & Programs Superintendent

Numbers are beginning to increase as more people are aware that the building is open. A lot of our walkers have returned and have had nothing but positive things to say about us reopening. Masks remain mandatory.

4 NEW BUSINESS

5 STAFF REPORTS

- a) Athletics
- b) Programming
- c) Facilities

6 ADJOURN

This meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board