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**CITY OF AUBURN
PARKS & LEISURE
REGULAR MEETING
FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016**

Present: Greg Nelson
Kelley Carreiro
Mary Grace Vogel
Josephine Jones

City Staff in Attendance: Dan Pruehs, Ron Griffith, & Alex Mitchem

City Council in Attendance: Robert L. Vogel III

Greg Nelson called the P&L meeting to order at 6:40pm

Item: Approval of February 2016 minutes

Chairman Greg Nelson asked for a motion to approve the February 2016 minutes.

Motion: Josephine Jones **Seconded:** Kelley Carreiro

Vote was taken, Minutes approved.

Item: P&L Monthly Report

Dan Pruehs gave a brief summary of the happenings in the parks leaving the details for the individual agenda items

Item: Update on park maintenance

P&L Director gave a summary of work that had been done in the parks in the last month discussing the installation of the mulch downtown and renovation of the Caboose. A park maintenance schedule was requested and we deferred that request to the next meeting to give P&L time to create a 2016 park maintenance schedule. It was decided that Boy Scout Troop 574 would plant the butterfly garden again this year and the installation would be done the weekend of the Earth Day activities if the plant material from Quail Hollow Nursery would be ready by that date.

Item: Pavilion at Children's park

Dan Pruehs discussed the City of Auburn's desire to install pavilions in Roy E. Parks Children's Park. Conceptual drawing of the proposed pavilions will be available at the next P&L Meeting.

Item: Update on Parks Mill Ball fields

The concession stand is well on its way and the City should take possession of the building by April 1, 2016. After the concession stand is completed concentrations will be focused on getting the field completed by the end of April.

Item: Review of 2016 events calendar

After a quick review of the DDA / Main Street Events calendar, we discussed the events in which the P&L Board wanted to get involved in. It was decided that the P&L Board would be willing to assist in whatever capacity DDA needs us to serve.

Item: The OWLS program

Discussed the OWLS program and attendance at last event. It was discussed that we need to offer evening gatherings and discussed looking into senior exercise programs.

Item: Update on Mary Carter Ball fields

The status of the ballfields was discussed as well as their future in relation to the Sports Complex. Dan Pruehs explained the future plans for that property and that when the City got the Parks Mill Ballfields completed the Mary Carter fields would be removed.

Item: Update on new land acquisitions near Mary Carter

Dan Pruehs discussed the acquisition of the 9 acres next to Mary Carter Park. Discussed the future of the houses on the property and deferred to bringing a conceptual plan to the next meeting.

Item: R&R Building plans

The future of the R&R building was discussed. It was explained that the Dept. of Corrections would be starting the work in the Fall of 2016. The D.O.C. would be doing the building stabilization, the first floor, and the roof. The City of Auburn would handle the renovation of the 2nd floor.

Item: Gwinnett property for green space or park

Dan talked about this project and the hurdles the City was facing in acquiring the property across the river from Shackelford Park. We have not given up on this acquisition, but we are also exploring other options.

Item: Goals for the P & L Commission

This item was deferred to the next meeting to give everyone time to think about what direction the Board wanted to take for the remainder of 2016.

Adjourn

Greg Nelson asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Motion: Kelley Carreiro

Seconded: Josephine Jones

Vote was taken, Minutes approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Pruehs
P&L Services Director



Greg Nelson
Chairman