

## Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee

June 9, 2022

### **Members Present**

Christopher Potts (alternate)  
Steven Scott - Chair  
Seth Wood – Vice Chair  
Suzanne Wynn

### **Members Absent**

Melissa Redon  
Kevin Smith

### **Staff Present**

Ivy Bell  
Diedre Houchen  
Jason Maurer  
John Morris  
Gina Peebles

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Chris Potts made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Seth Wood seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Seth Wood made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes as presented; Chris Potts seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **Youth Advisory Board Member Update – Diedre Houchen**

Dr. Houchen reported that this project is being delayed until the fall due to conflicting staff priorities. There is \$1,000 earmarked for youth programming available.

### **Park Projects Update – John Morris**

*Jonesville Park* – Two submittals were received to manage the baseball/softball program.

*Veterans Memorial Park* – The splash park is out to bid. Anyone can register for free for our “Open Gov” software to view this, and other, county bids. A Gold Star Families monument is planned for the park; construction is expected to commence after Veterans Day. The janitorial contract bid should post within the next week.

*Poe Springs* – The restroom near the springs will be out to bid soon with construction expected after October.

*Kanapaha Lake* – Staff are working with Environmental Protection for upland invasive plant management through a grant from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation.

*Santa Fe Lake* – Phase I and II will be concurrent. Staff is working to replace the restroom near the boat ramp. The Board discussed the canal maintenance at their May 24 meeting. Environmental Protection staff are proposing a chemical / harvesting treatment with Parks handling routine maintenance moving forward.

*Lake Alto* – The restroom should be re-installed within 60 days.

*Lake Forest* – The purchase order for park amenities is being processed. The Memorandum of Understanding with the School Board is on the June 14 Commission consent agenda.

*Cuscowilla* – The Mess Hall and South Pool renovations are nearly complete. The contractor had to move to other projects on the north side of the property since campers are now on-site for the duration of summer.

#### **Emergency Action Plan Presentation – Jason Maurer**

Jason Maurer provided an overview of the Emergency Action Plan. This is a living document to be amended as necessary.

#### **Parks Master Plan Update – Jason Maurer**

The survey has closed and the consultant is reviewing and compiling the data.

#### **City of Gainesville Report – Karen Garren**

Tonight's meeting will be held at the Hogtowne Creek Headwaters Nature Center at 6 p.m. Attendees can participate in a tour of the property. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be rescheduled to a yet-to-be determined date.

#### **Other Business**

Parks and Open Space Director interviews are scheduled for May 17 and 24. An Administrative Assistant position is being posted and we have several Park Maintenance Worker vacancies.

Staff are working to address unpermitted events in County parks.

#### **Discuss Day/Time/Location of Future Meetings**

The next ROSCO meeting will be held in the Environmental Protection Department conference room on August 11 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Chestnut Park Tour – Jason Maurer**

Jason Maurer provided a tour of Chestnut Park for the council.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee will meet next on August 11 at 1:30 p.m. Environmental Protection Department conference room.