

Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

June 23, 2015

Attending:

Committee Members

Duncan Johnson, Chairman
Bill Jones
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Brother Stewart
Ray Lambert, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra
Philip Watt, via telephone
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Doug Niell, Georgia Chamber
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Jennette Gayer, Environment Georgia
Richard Sykes, Environment Georgia
Scott Thomson, AMEC Foster Wheeler
Catherine Fleming, Georgia Municipal Association
Thomas Beusse, Georgia Chemistry Council
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
David Word, Joe Tanner and Associates
Matthew Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Dave Crass
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearata
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Tina Brunjes
Zachary Harris
Mary Walker
Doralyn Kirkland
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Wally Woods
John Bowers
Karen Hays
Mark Whitney
Terry West
Mallory Barfield
Kim Lampkins
Beverly Terrell

The June 23, 2015 meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Duncan Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee who called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division.

Director Kelley stated she would be briefing the Board on the new partnership between Georgia State Parks and AmeriCorps, "Protect and Engage Partnership 2015." She further stated that the program will create and provide new interpretive, educational and recreational programs geared to increase visitation; maintain and enhance the state's natural and cultural resources; and leverage additional volunteers to support our state parks and historic sites system. She added that the program will begin August 1, 2015 and will be running for one year.

Director Kelley stated five Resource Management AmeriCorps members will assist with nine different types of services, approximately 100 specific projects at approximately 27 state parks and historic sites. She further stated ten Programming AmeriCorps members will create and offer approximately 2,650 new programs/special events at 20 state parks and historic sites. She added this is expected to increase visitation by approximately 44,000.

Director Kelley introduced Kim Lampkins, Manager of the Business Services Unit, to explain the role of the Business Services Unit for PRHSD and introduce the Business Services Unit team.

Ms. Lampkin's stated the Business Services Unit is instrumental in PRHSD's consistent successful fiscal year end closeouts; created and implemented an entirely new cost allocation system for PRHSD; works directly with Operations to update annual Site Business Plans; and worked directly with Operations to establish and launch the online sale of Georgia State Park Gift Cards and Park Passes.

Director Kelley called on Wally Woods, who presented the Board Members with a copy of the PRHSD Resource Management Annual Report.

Director Kelley updated the Board on Park's new "Dig It!" campaign with the Friends of Georgia State Parks; the partnership with The National Park Service's "Find Your Park" campaign; and the Bullock House in Warm Springs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.