

Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Board Meeting
May 8, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Jimmy Davis Park Complex

Attendees: Annie Bishop, Patricia Hurt, Gwendolyn Brundage, and Janie Reid

Recreation Department Staff: Scott Haley and Tweedy Parham, Jr.

Absent: David Levester, III.

Copies of the agenda were placed on a table at the front of the building for all in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Janie B. Reid.

Staff Updates:

- Both Haley and Parham gave a report on the park stating that all was going well.
- The new playground equipment has been installed but is not available for use yet because the mulch has not been delivered. Georgia Power has offered financial assistance and manpower to assist with this.
- Announced that plans include expanding the swing set and building a new grill near the pavilion area.
- Ms. Hurt inquired about additional staff, and Haley stated that the commissioners would have to approve this.
- Ms. Bishop stated that she felt volunteers could assist. This created a lengthy discussion that included questions such as who, what age group, hours, training, and background checks. No decision was made; however, Reid suggested that we ask the commissioners to approve additional paid staff.
- Hours of operation: It was stated that the park's current opening hours are not favorable for most people, so it was suggested that the hours be adjusted to accommodate all.

Summer Activities:

- Since the community is unsure that the park is now open, there was some brainstorming on what activities could be held immediately since school is about to be out. Mr. Parham stated that he is planning a couple of football camps.
- Ms. Bishop and Ms. Hurt suggested activities such as summer tutoring sessions, self-help sessions with both youth and our senior citizens, and how to do electrical wiring. All felt these were promising ideas and were asked by Reid to bring specifics back for discussion at the next meeting.
- The facility rental agreement established by the board of commissioners was discussed, and it was strongly suggested that the commissioners be asked to lower the price.

Reintroducing Jimmy Davis Park to the community:

- County Paul Van Haute asked that we plan an activity to reintroduce the park to the community, highlighting the work that is being done and letting the public know that this is a community effort. No date was given for this activity.

Other matters from advisory board members:

- None

Next Meeting Date:

- June 12, 2024@5:00 pm

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully,

Janie B. Reid