

JIMMY DAVIS PARK PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2024

5:00pm

Jimmy Davis Park Complex

- I. Call to order
- II. Adoption of minutes of meeting April 3, 2024, May 8, 2024, and June 12, 2024
- III. Adoption of agenda
- IV. Staff reports and updates
- V. Discussion and possible action on developing a five-year plan for the operation of Jimmy Davis Park.
- VI. Other matters from advisory board members
- VII. Next Meeting Date
- VIII. Adjournment

Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024

5:00PM

Jimmy Davis Park Complex

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

Recreation Department Staff: Scott Haley and Tweedy Parham

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

- I. Old Business: None
- II. Staff Updates: Presented by Scott Haley. Mr. Haley stated that operations at JD Park were going well.
- III. Discussion of Five-Year Operational Plan:
Ms. Hurt and Ms. Bishop submitted a list of proposed activities for discussion. After the discussion it was decided that some of the proposed would be included in the operational plan with the remainder to be discussed at our next meeting. (*Please see attached*).
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM.

Submitted by Ms. Hunt & Ms. Bishop.

Recommendations for Jimmy Davis Park

June 12, 2024

1st year implementations (ASAP)

- The youth need to have access to the park now. (The youth are out of school and will soon be returning within the next month and half.

operatives

Time needs to be suitable for all in the community: summer 12-8pm (Monday-Friday) Saturday 11-8pm and Sunday 2-8 pm. This time will give anyone the opportunity to have access to the park.

Building only

- There will be need for more employees: ~~Retired individuals (maybe)~~
- Using the building by community for various events: parties, showers, meetings etc. the cost of renting should be comparable to the old Sr. Citizens building (\$450 ~~1550~~ must put \$100 of it down for deposit. Rent for about 5 hours (this will include set up and clean up time) There will be an exception for special events: meaning hours might be extended.

\$1000 Security

150.00

Liability

- The need for supervision will be paid for by park (possible)
- The use of the park and pavilion will remain \$150 for rent. If a group of 200 or more, it will be the responsibility of the renter to rent 2 porter potties to accommodate the crowd. (include in lease agreement)

Port-a-Potty security 50

2ND year of implementations:

- Regular activities in the building: Classes (aerobics, knitting, tutoring for kids(2 days a week), etc. Possible to get retired teachers, high scholars, college students (use for community service. All will be volunteers as well as others.
 - Advertise: set up web page, Facebook etc. use Eatonton Messenger to solicit Also, use to post pictures and activities at the park. The director, Vic Parham may need to collect pictures periodically.
 - Use the field to have baseball, softball, and soccer games at various times. The basketball courts can also be used for camps during the summer.
 - Have some sort of application for volunteers.
 - Put signs up stated pictures may be taken throughout the park by various individuals to be posted.

opening hours

rent port approval

Commissioner Jimmy Davis Park looks great and has come a long way. We are grateful for the County ~~Commoners~~ and all that have worked diligently to get it up to running. Having stated that, why are we not allowing the people of this great city to take advantage of it? Talking and meeting about it is not enough.

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

Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Board Meeting
April 3, 2024
5:00 PM
Jimmy Davis Park Complex

Attendees: Annie Bishop, Patricia Hurt, David Levester III, Commissioner Daniel Brown, and Janie Reid

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Janie B. Reid. Commissioner Brown gave the invocation.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Members of the advisory board introduced themselves, and Commissioner Brown thanked all for agreeing to serve on the committee. He stated that regarding actions by this board, Chairperson Reid would only vote in case of a tie by the voting members. Commissioner Brown left the meeting after a brief update on where the park is now.

Chairperson Reid went over the goals of the board and the mission statement as presented to her by the county manager.

Staff Updates:

Both Haley and Parham gave a status report on the park. They informed us that a class at PCHS will be donating flowers and pots to be placed on the grounds of the park this week and that Blue Stem (in a previous meeting with the county manager and Councilwoman Reid) offered to donate to improvements on the basketball court when it is done. Georgia Power has also committed to help in some way.

Haley reported that mulch for the playground should arrive in early summer. Chair Reid asked him if he would look to see if this could be done earlier before school is out. He agreed to investigate the matter.

Haley also stated that parking hours have been established: Monday -Thursday, 8-6, and Friday from 8- noon. The park will be closed on weekends. There was discussion among board members, and I was asked to see if the Board of Commissioners would change opening and closing times to accommodate early morning (6:00 AM) and late evening (6:00 PM - dark) walkers. Also, the board discussed staff availability for weekend activities and would like the commissioners to hire additional staff for the park.

Building Rental as set by the commissioners was heavily discussed, and the members asked me to see if the commissioners would reduce the rate and make provisions for nighttime rental as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm, with the next meeting date set for Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully,
Janie B. Reid

PROJECT (The What)	GOAL& TIMELINE (short-term and long-term)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY & FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS
GROUNDS:			
Install surveillance camera.	To curtail vandalism	County Recreation Budget	Completed
Install Fence around the complex.	To promote safety	County Recreation Budget	Completed
Redo parking lot to include striping.	To provide adequate and safe parking	County Recreation Budget	Completed
Refurbish the basketball court and install new rims and nets.	Time to refurbish; they were worn out	County Recreation Budget	In progress
Install a volleyball court.	One was there previously and will offer a variety in activities	County Recreation Budget	
Upgrade Playground equipment to include adding inclusive equipment.	We want to develop a community of inclusion for all	County SPLOST	In progress
Add work-out stations around the walking track and a sitting area in the centerfield walking track area.		County Recreation Budget	In Progress
Restore the baseball field and name it “The Brown Bombers Field” and include historical markers.	This is to recognize World War II servicemen (residents of Putnam County) who returned home and decided to put together a baseball team. The team was called The Brown Bombers, and they played baseball in all the surrounding counties. One team member is still alive today @ 100 years old.	Community Donations & Grants	February 2025

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GROUNDS:			
Remove newly installed gates to allow patrons to enter the walking area and use pavilion at their discretion providing that it is done decent and in order, and not limited to only during the posted opening and closing hours.	The park is supposed to be enjoyed by all and available for use during non-traditional hours. Cameras are already installed to curtail vandalism		Requested

PROJECT (aka "what")	GOAL& TIMELINE (short-term and long-term)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY & FUNDNG SOURCE	STATUS
OPERATIONS:			
Establish hours of operation to reflect seasons.		County Recreation Budget	
Ensure Adequate Staff if hired		County Recreation Budget	
Leasing of Building.	<p>Current: \$500 + \$100 Staff= \$600 for 4 hours(1 rental per day)</p> <p>*\$250 Refundable Deposit is required</p> <p>* Total Due to rent - \$850</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking- New lower parking lot and parking lot in front of the building will be available for rentals. • No entry allowed on middle road. • No parking inside fence by basketball court, pavilion, walking trail, playground or athletic field. • No vehicles allowed on the athletic field or walking trail. • All rentals must end by 6pm each day . 		

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BUILDING INTERIOR:			
Purchase tables, chairs, a flat screen television, board games, and a computer to help students with their homework	The building is currently empty with no furniture leaving some to believe that the facility is not open. For the few that have visited, they don't stay long because there's nowhere to sit and absolutely nothing to do inside the building.	Recreation Department Budget	To be done immediately

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ACTIVITIES:
