

**The City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (“AFCRA”)
Board of Directors Meeting
1 State Farm Drive NW, Suite Level, Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**February 27, 2024
8:30 a.m.**

After providing proper public notice, the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (“AFCRA”) held a Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 1 State Farm Drive NW, Suite Level, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Board Members:

Present: Chairman, William K Whitner, Esq.
Vice Chairman, Michael Green
Treasurer, Commissioner Bob Ellis
Secretary, Ronald W. Sims, II
Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington Jr., Esq.
Michelle Falconer
Commissioner Robb Pitts
Kellye Terrell
E. Carl Touchstone, Esq.

Absent: None

Quorum Present: Yes

Authority Representatives:

Kerry Stewart, Executive Director
Vivienne Kerr, Executive Assistant
Derrick Cannon, AFCRA Bookkeeper
Douglass Selby, Esq., AFCRA Legal Counsel, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Proceedings:

Chairman Whitner called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the November 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Executive Director Report

Funding Requests

Mr. Stewart presented the following board level requests:

- 1) The First Tee of Metro Atlanta, Fun in the Sun event - \$15,000.00

- 2) National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), 2024 Annual National Conference - \$20,000.00
- 3) 2024 Mayor's Cup, Birdie Sponsorship Level - \$10,000.00

Mr. Touchstone made a motion to approve funding to the First Tee of Atlanta in the amount of \$15,000.00. Ms. Terrell seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve funding to NAMC for the 2024 conference morning breakfast in the amount of \$20,000.00. Mr. Touchstone seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Touchstone made a motion to approve funding for the 2024 Mayor's Cup Birdie Sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000.00. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Grant Park Gateway Restaurant Project RFP

Mr. Stewart informed the board that the City of Atlanta previously posted an RFP for the Grant Park Gateway Restaurant but received no responses. They have reissued the RFP, and a pre-proposal conference is scheduled for February 27, 2024.

Underwriting of Events

Mr. Stewart would like to identify and prefund events or projects that will benefit the City of Atlanta and Fulton County. Chairman Whitner stated the need for AFCRA to find ways to get more involved with the City of Atlanta and Fulton County to bring events to Atlanta and provide funding/partnership opportunities.

Grounds, Facilities and Security Committee Report

Golf Video Clip

Mr. Stewart shared a video of the Young Atlanta Golfers with Big Games and Bright Futures event attended by The First Tee of Metro Atlanta's Executive Director, Jenae Jenkins.

JAWPGC Senior Center Update

Mr. Stewart presented the revised layout of the center which has a larger footprint than the original design.

Resolution of the AFCRA

Mr. Stewart introduced the bond resolution that will ensure that AFCRA is reimbursed for expenditures related to the construction of the senior center, and that Mayor Andre Dickens would like the bond issued in June 2024 with construction beginning in 2025. Mr. Selby added that the resolution must be executed within 60 days prior to bond issuance or AFCRA will not get reimbursed for expenses.

Mr. Ellis asked the question about the handling of project shortfalls and a plan should be put in place to address this issue. Mr. Stewart added that the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation will manage the senior center and Bobby Jones Links will oversee golf operations, the restaurant and bar, conference room, golf simulators and multi-purpose event space. AFCRA responsibilities will include revenue collection, management of the three occupants (Bobby Jones Links, COA DPR

and First Tee of Metro Atlanta), distribution of net payments to COA, security contract and facility maintenance contract.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority Expressing its Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with the Proceeds of a Borrowing for Purposes of Compliance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2, with Respect to the Construction, Installation and Acquisition of a Golf and Senior Center Project and Related Improvements to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes. Mr. Touchstone seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

JAWPGC Budget

Mr. Stewart presented JAWPGC's 2024 operating budget. There is a deficit as of December 31, 2023 of \$ \$344,426.00. The amount is less than previous years which shows that the golf course is moving in the right direction in terms of revenue generation. Mr. Stewart explained that JAWPGC adjusted rates during peak times, and they have also increased their social media presence to make them more visible to a broader audience of golfers.

Chairman Whitner asked what accounted for the shortfall. Mr. Sims explained that the deficit was due to inclement weather and departure of a key full-time golf shop employee. Two employees are now working to cover the additional shifts until the position is filled.

Ms. Falconer made a motion to approve JAWPGC's 2024 budget. Mr. Sims seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

State Farm Arena

Capital Project Reimbursement

Arena Operations submitted a reimbursement of repairs for the installation of a healthy building monitoring system at a cost of \$741,760.00. The reimbursement payment has been completed.

Statement of Gross Revenue

Mr. Stewart explained that the Atlanta Hawks/Arena Operation have met the debt ratio requirements for eight consecutive quarters and a release of the \$15 million letter of credit has been posted.

Facilities Admission Charge Fund Transfer

Mr. Stewart asked for the boards' approval to distribute the \$4,652,397.00 facility admission charges to the "waterfall" accounts as specified in the AFCRA and Arena Operations agreement. The distributions will be applied to the following accounts as follows:

- Traffic Management - \$360,000.00
- Capital Improvement Reserve Fund - \$ \$2,146,198.50
- AFCRA Operating Account - \$2,146,198.50

Mr. Touchstone made a motion to approve the facility admission charge "waterfall" payments as directed by the AFCRA and Arena Operations agreement. Ms. Falconer seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Zoo Atlanta

Gateway Parking Deck

The strobes have been replaced and The Walters Consulting Group has inspected and acknowledged the project is complete.

Renewal and Extension Fund

Mr. Stewart explained that the 2007 Zoo Bond was paid in full, and Zoo officials requested the remaining balance in the account be used for capital projects. The Regions Bank Trustee released the funds with one-fourth to the City of Atlanta and two-fourths to Fulton County. He reached out to the Chief Financial Officers of both entities to ask if their portions could be returned for the purpose of funding capital projects at Zoo Atlanta. The city would be willing to do so if Fulton County did the same; however, the county's portion has already been spent.

Fanplex

Fire Panel Replacement

Chief Facility Defense completed the installation of a new fire panel.

HVAC Unit Replacement

The Executive and Finance Committee approved Boyd Mechanical Services LLC to move forward with replacement of two HVAC units at Fanplex for \$70,000.00.

AFCRA's Parking lots

Gray Lot

Atlanta Fair

Atlanta Fair will operate from March 1, 2024 through April 7, 2024.

UniverSoul Circus

Mr. Ben Johnson, Owner, UniverSoul Circus requested permission from AFCRA to relocate a light pole in the gray lot to accommodate tent installation on-site. UniverSoul will cover the cost. Operations are expected to begin April 11, 2024 through June 9, 2024.

Trees Atlanta

Trees Atlanta submitted a beautification proposal to Mr. Stewart to install trees along the gray lot. He has given them permission to do so, and work will begin in March. Mr. Green asked the question of who will be responsible for removal of the trees should development of the lot occurs. Mr. Stewart replied that no development plans are being considered at this time, but will seek an answer from Trees Atlanta should this change.

* Subsequent follow-up to the board meeting, Mr. Stewart received the following response from Trees Atlanta – "After 3 years, the tree's become the property owner's responsibility. The developer will pay any city recompense charges that incur IF the trees are removed."

Community Recreation Special Project Committee Report (“CRSP”)

The CRSP Committee motioned to approve the following grant requests:

- 1) FC Makandal Soccer Club - \$5,000.00 (Soccer Equipment)
- 2) Field of Dreams Academy - \$5,000.00 (Sports League Program)
- 3) Atlanta Swish - \$5,000.00 (Basketball Program)
- 4) Art in the Paint - \$15,000.00 (Sport League Leadership Development Program)
- 5) Student Athletes Atlanta - \$5,000.00 (Football Uniforms)
- 6) Blue Diamond Flag Dance Team - \$2,500.00 (Uniforms/Equipment)
- 7) 5678 Dance Now - \$2,500.00 (Dance Classes)
- 8) Diversity in Our Soccer – 2,500.00 (Uniforms/Equipment)
- 9) Cheer Supreme Allstars - \$10,400.00 (Equipment)
- 10) Unique Individual Ranch - \$25,000.00 (Recreational Summer Camp)
- 11) Bibleway Community Development - \$13,500.00 (Outdoor Recreation Equipment)
- 12) South Atlanta High School - \$7,500.00 (Flag Football Equipment)
- 13) Sweethearts Inc. - \$5,000.00 (Youth First Aid Training)
- 14) Spectrum Abilities - \$15,000.00 (Recreational Programs for Young Adults with Special Needs)
- 15) Minority Prospects (MBP) Helping Hands - \$10,000.00 (Baseball Equipment)
- 16) Muslimahs - \$14,500.00 (Wellness Program)
- 17) HBCU Elite - \$10,000.00 (Basketball Camp)
- 18) Morehouse College - \$15,000.00 (Aquatic Instructor and Swim Coach Salary)
- 19) Athletes Youth Success Institute (AYSI) - \$5,000.00 (ATA Tournament Costs)
- 20) Propel Atlanta - \$27,750.00 (Bike Safety Program)
- 21) Network on the Green - \$4,000.00 (Golf Clinic)
- 22) Mentoring Viable Prospects - \$20,000.00 (Baseball Tournament)
- 23) Atlanta Bulldogs Academy - \$15,000.00 (Athletic Program)
- 24) Women in Golf - \$10,000.00 (Golf Instruction)
- 25) South Fulton Swordfish - \$10,000.00 (Swim Team Tournament)
- 26) Favor House - \$10,000.00 (Track & Field Event)
- 27) Black Colleges Golf Coaches Association - \$5,000.00 (Youth Development Program)
- 28) Sheltering Arms - \$7,750.00 (Yoga Equipment)

Mr. Stewart explained that the total of all grant requests was \$3,265,591.84 and the committee narrowed it down to \$282,900.00 staying within budget. Chairman Whitner would like the CRSP to consider the amount of funds to be distributed and report back to the board.

Ms. Terrell made a motion to approve the above grant requests totaling \$282,900.00. Mr. Touchstone seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

SWAC 2025-2029 Basketball Tournament

Mr. Stewart explained that SWAC wants to host tournaments in Atlanta for the years 2025 through 2029. He wants AFCRA to underwrite funding for the event that currently has a \$650,000.00 budget and he will work to lower some of costs. An RFP for event management will be issued, and national/local sponsors will be sought. The event will take place at the Georgia International Convention Center Gateway Arena.

Mr. Touchstone made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to move forward with funding and logistics of the SWAC 2025-2029 Basketball Tournament. Ms. Falconer seconded the motion. NO Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

EA Ventures Summary Report on AFCRA's Grant Website

Mr. Stewart displayed the data reflecting the number of social media and grant website views for the duration of the grant cycle. The majority of users derived from Facebook ads.

Executive Session

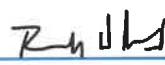
Mr. Sims made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of Real Estate discussion. Mr. Touchstone seconded the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Touchstone made a motion to exit executive session. Ms. Terrell seconded the motion. Motion CARRIED.

***No Action Taken**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Certified by: 
Ronald Sims (May 30, 2024 17:42 EDT)
Ronald W. Sims, II, Secretary