

The City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (“AFCRA”)

**Board of Directors Meeting
1 State Farm Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**November 15, 2021
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 Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1 State Farm Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Board Members:

Present: Chairperson, William K Whitner, Esq.
Vice Chairperson, Michael Green
Treasurer, Commissioner Bob Ellis
Secretary, Ronald W. Sims, II
Michelle Falconer
Commissioner Robb Pitts
E. Carl Touchstone, Esq.

Absent: Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr., Esq.

Quorum Present: Yes

Authority Representatives:

Kerry Stewart, Executive Director
Vivienne Kerr, Executive Assistant
Derrick Cannon, AFCRA Bookkeeper
Alvin Kendall, Esq., The Kendall Law Firm, Consultant for AFCRA
Douglass Selby, Esq., Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, AFCRA Legal Counsel

Proceedings:

Chairperson Whitner called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes:

Chairperson Whitner made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 regular and October 13, 2021 Special Call meeting minutes as written. Ms. Falconer second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Chairman’s Remarks

Chairperson Whitner would like the City of Atlanta board appointees to review the City of Atlanta’s Ethical Standards for City Board Members. The document discusses what constitutes conflicts of interest, receiving gratuities, other provisions and disclosure of interests.

Executive Director's Report

Mayor's Masked Ball/Youth Scholarship Program 2021

Mr. Stewart presented the \$15,000.00 sponsorship package for the 2021 Mayor's Masked ball and Youth Scholarship Program. This year's event takes place on December 18, 2021.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the \$15,000.00 sponsorship package. Mr. Sims second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

The First Tee of Metro Atlanta Technology Proposal

Mr. Stewart recommends approval of \$26,000.00 for the installation of the ES 2020 Launch Monitor system at John A. White Golf Course. The company originally hired, did not perform adequately. Ernest Sports was sought to complete the installation of system.

After discussion with the Community Recreation Special Project Committee and Board, Chairperson Whitner recommended that the funding come from AFCRA's General Fund.

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve \$26,000.00 to purchase the ES 2020 Launch Monitor system for John A. White Park with funds coming from the General Fund. Mr. Touchstone second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Grounds, Facilities and Security Committee Report

Zoo Atlanta Update

Loss of ABU the Giraffe

Mr. Stewart shared the news of Zoo Atlanta's loss of ABU the Giraffe on October 15, 2021. This was a sad day for them, Animal Care and Veterinary teams who worked tirelessly to care for him.

Attendance

Zoo Atlanta's attendance for 2021 is at 423,000 and they are well on their way to recovery post the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairperson Whitner asked how this is a normal year compared to the previous year, as they appear to be doing better than expected. Mr. Stewart explained that office staff are assisting with park operations where there are shortages to help increase revenue.

Grant Parking Light Design Plans

Zoo Atlanta presented Mr. Stewart with design plans for the installation of pathway lights from the entrance to the parking deck as part of their beautification plan. They will be funding this project independently.

John A. White (JAW) Park Golf Course and First Tee Update

Mr. Stewart explained that the new operating agreement between AFCRA and JAW is in the hands of legal counsel for a final review. Noteworthy changes include:

- 1) A \$350,000.00 annual commitment from AFCRA to support budget shortfall.
- 2) Capital Improvement assistance.
- 3) AFCRA suggested changes include oversight of the new learning facility.

Course Improvement

AFCRA Board originally approved \$326,00.00 to support capital repairs and improvements at the park. After receiving quotes from vendors, the cost of certain projects to include equipment have increased. The cost difference is \$111,000.00. Mr. Stewart recommends the improvements be made and approval of the additional cost.

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve an additional \$111,000.00 for the course improvement project. Mr. Touchstone second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

State Farm Arena Update

AT&T Cellphone Tower

The committee asked Mr. Stewart to research pricing on the installation of the towers. He spoke with contractors, who confirmed that the rate presented is fair. Mr. Stewart did ask for confirmation that the contractor has an Equal Business Opportunity Program in place.

The committee recommends moving forward with the AT&T Cell Tower Proposal as presented. Mr. Touchstone second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Capital Improvement Request

Due to the timing of receipt of the report from The Walters Consulting Group, Mr. Stewart will review and present the report to the Grounds, Facilities and Security Committee at its next meeting.

Fanplex Update

A/C Repair

Mr. Stewart explained that the HVAC system at Fanplex is in need of an upgrade. In the meantime, repairs have been completed to keep the system running and temperature comfortable for events the take place at the facility.

Development

Councilwomen Carla Smith submitted a proposal for community use of the facility that includes development of a six-story mixed use development with residential and ground floor commercial retail space. Additionally, The Stadium Neighborhood LCI recommends improvements to allow for a community/event space.

Mr. Stewart spoke with Ms. Terry Lee with the Atlanta Housing Authority who supports the plan but does not feel AFCRA has the experience to take on a project of this magnitude and should consult with Invest Atlanta for assistance in moving forward.

After discussion on the First Right of Refusal as it relates to Georgia State University, Mr. Selby will review governing documents and advise the board of his findings.

Community Recreation Special Project Committee (CRSP)

Grant Funds

Mr. Green explained that grants were distributed for 2021.

Remaining Funds for 2021

Board Level Investment - \$36,045.44

Community Level Investment - \$947.44

AFCRA Parking Lots

Atlanta Fair

Atlanta Fair operated from October 7, 2021 to November 7, 2021.

Media Lot Repairs

Mr. Stewart informed the board that the gate was hit by a vehicle on the Hank Aaron side and caused extensive damage. Additionally, on the opposite side, there was a substantially jam that prevented the ability to open the gate on Crew Street. All repairs have been completed.

Executive Session

Chairperson Whitner made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate. Ms. Falconer second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to move out of executive session. Ms. Falconer second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Sims made a motion to authorize Mr. Stewart to finalize negotiation on the sale of 143 Alabama Street at fair market value. Mr. Ellis second the motion. No Abstentions. Motion CARRIED.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Certified by: _____
Ronald W. Sims, II, Secretary