



## CITY OF LAUDERHILL RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2023

6:30P.M.

Meeting Location: Wally Elfers Park & Lauderhill  
Historical Museum

**Meeting Called By:** Scott Newton

**Type of Meeting:** Recreation Advisory Board

**Facilitator:** Scott Newton (PAR Director)

**Present:** Nicole Gooding  
Rodney Humphrey  
Michelle Fletcher

**Guest:** Hugh Bailey (Board Alternate Candidate)

**Absent:** Gary Shipman

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Motion to begin meeting was approved by **MALE SPEAKER (His name was not addressed in recording)**; seconded by Rodney Humphrey.

### Agenda Topics

#### I. ROLL CALL

##### A. INTRODUCTION OF HUGH BAILEY

**Scott Newton** introduced Hugh Bailey as an add-alternate candidate to the Board. He explained this was in order to meet quorum in the future if a Board member is unable to attend a meeting. After Hugh Bailey provided a brief highlight of his

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résumé with regards to his volunteer role (Rec. Program) within the City of Lauderhill, **Nicole Gooding** motioned to nominate **Hugh Bailey** as an add-alternate; **Rodney Humphrey** seconded.

**Scott** also informed the Board the second add-alternate, Jerod Clark, whose résumé was presented to the Board in the previous meeting was removed from candidacy because he was a current vendor with the City of Lauderhill and it would be a conflict of interest if selected to become part of the Board, per the MOU (Memo of Understanding).

## II. PARK UPDATE

### A. G.O. BOND / PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

**Scott Newton** informed there were three G.O. Bonds remaining:

- City Hall Annex building, which was going to be a basketball community center. Design review committee for this bond was passed, but due to material cost increase since the initial submission (two years ago) Scott disclosed they were given a \$400,000.00 change order. Scott assured the Board they had the budget for it, and pending commission review he anticipated work to begin in April 2023 if increase was approved.
- Wolk Park, which was going to have the pool renovated and a community center. Scott informed this project had a \$12,000 change order which he had to take to the commission meeting, and that they were currently taking plans from 30% to 100%.
- Maye Jenkins Park, the boxing gym at St. George Park area, was over at Finance to go out to bid—currently being reviewed by Legal.

### B. UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

- **SAKE AWARDS** – “Sports Advancing Kids Trough Education.” **Scott Newton** explained to the Board this program consisted of nominating three to five kids scholarship checks for school. There were a total of seven nomination categories in this program, and the next ceremony is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- **MAYOR’S YOUTH SUMMIT / YEC Grant** – **Scott Newton** informed they were trying to get Lauderhill youths (Juniors and Seniors) into the STEM programs, which consisted of more opportunities in the workforce via mentors and internships. Scott said the summit was supposed to highlight the issue that the industry was experiencing, which was that Black youths didn’t have the educational opportunity or job opportunity within the industry itself and the goal of the summit was to create career pathways that opened these channels up to obtain job equity. The Mayor’s Youth Summit was scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### C. ACCREDITATION UPDATE

- **Scott Newton** informed the Board his intent to get the PAR Department accredited, which would aid in acquiring more grant funding in the future and would allow everyone to know PAR was implementing the best practices. He said they were working on acquiring quotes from different companies for master plans to kick off the accreditation process, as the master plans they currently had were old.

#### **D. VOTE ON ADD ALTERNATE**

- Nicole motioned to nominate Hugh Bailey as an add-alternate; Rodney Humphrey seconded.

### **III. ROLE OF THE BOARD – Scott Newton** introduced to the Board the following topics as roles he thought each member should consider:

#### **E. SEEK OUT SPONSORS FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

#### **F. CONSULT WITH CIVIC REC GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO GET A GAUGE ON THE PUBLIC'S RECREATIONAL NEEDS**

#### **G. RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATE RECREATION PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED**

#### **H. MONITOR CURRENT RECREATION PROGRAMS – Scott Newton** explained to the Board that in the past they let programs not perform as well as they should. What they did to correct this was let the Program report to the Recreation Advisory Board on a monthly basis on their progress. With the Board's assistance, Scott observed this really helped the accountability on keeping the programs up to par.

#### **I. PRESENTATIONS AT COMMISSION MEETINGS – Scott Newton** explained this was a presentation where once a year the Board would go before the commissioners as their advisory board for Parks & Recreation.

#### **J. SUGGESTED FOCUS AREAS: SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMMING; TRANSPORTATION, STEM CAREER PATHWAYS; SENIOR PROGRAMMING**

- **Scott Newton** listed a few programs Parks & Recreation currently had available for the Special Needs Program, but disclosed with the Board he was informed by several parents they had difficulty finding them.

**John Mullins Park Update - Scott Newton** informed the Board that during the last Commission Meeting, they “piggy-backed” a contract to have sports lighting installed at John Mullins Park by summer 2023.

- **Nicole Gooding** suggested implementing bicycle/electric bike rental as an idea for the Transportation Programming, as residents are becoming more health conscious or looking to participate in the Slow Roll event.
- Adding to the discussion of Transportation Programming, **Scott Newton** disclosed that the City was heading in the direction of purchasing electric vehicles. He shared with the Board there were currently two charge ports at City Hall, and they were planning on adding two more at the Golf Course. He also elaborated on the bike route maps available through the County, along with seven bus routes provided throughout the city. Additionally, Scott explained they also had their own personal transportation utilized for (Senior travel, Sports travel, etc), but Scott said they were looking to add more.

{**Scott Newton** announced the arrival of **Daphne Dyer, PAR’s Assistant Director** to the meeting.}

- **Nicole Gooding** suggested holding meetings with residents who had children with special needs to have a discourse on the Special Needs Programming, as their personal experiences would bring helpful suggestions on the topic of discussion.
- **Rodney Humphrey** suggested more sports literature, because the residents would become more aware of the programs if the city would place more signs throughout the city and as a result increase participation. **Scott Newton** disclosed he had a program booklet idea in mind to assist on this matter.
- **Nicole Gooding** suggested more exercise equipment along walking/jogging paths because many people were still averse to entering a gym (due to Covid) and prefer exercising outdoors. **Scott Newton** informed the Board they had requested proposals for fitness instructors to do Boot Camp classes in the parks, but acknowledged they needed to work on marketing strategies to let the residents know more about their fitness events.
- **Michelle Fletcher** asked how all the ideas presented could be implemented. **Nicole Gooding** suggested using the Chamber as a resource.

**Scott Newton** proposed to the Board they think more deeply on the topics discussed, and by the next meeting he would strategize on how to implement them to each member.

#### **IV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None.

#### **V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

#### **VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

#### **VII. ADJOURNEMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Motion to close the meeting was made by **Rodney Humphrey**, seconded by **Female Speaker (her name was not said in recording)**.