



CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
January 18, 2022

ASHLEY CURRY  
MAYOR

BRIAN DAVIS  
PUBLIC SERVICES  
DIRECTOR

1. Call to order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Work Session Notes
5. Approval of the November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes
6. Program Superintendent's Report – Sandi Wilson
7. Mayor's Report – Ashley Curry
8. Public Services Director's Report – Brian Davis
9. Old Business –
10. New Business –
  - a. Vestavia Hills Civic Center Rental Information
11. League Reports – MUST be submitted in writing
12. Citizen Comments – MUST sign in prior to the start of the meeting
13. Upcoming meetings –
  - a. Next work session will be February 15, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the ECR.
  - b. Next meeting will be February 15, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. in the ECR.
14. Motion for Adjournment

CITY OF VESTAVIA  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
November 16, 2021      7:00 AM

PARK BOARD ATTENDEES

Mayor Ashley Curry  
Lyles Box  
Danny Marshall  
Mitch Bevill  
Shelly Gentle  
Paul Head, City Council Representative

Staff Attendees:

Brian Davis  
Melinda Burnett  
Sandi Wilson  
Doug Rogers  
Bevia Robinson  
William Laatch

Community Attendees:

Rocky Harmon – Soccer  
Fire Chief Green  
Richard Wright  
Reese Dunham  
Frank Hernandez - Concessions  
Chad Long

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM by Lyles Box.

Danny Marshall led us in Prayer and the Pledge.

Meeting Minutes from September 21<sup>st</sup> Park Board Meeting. Motion to approve by Shelley Gentle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch Bevill. Motion approved.

Work Session Minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Danny Marshall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelley Gentle. Motion approved.

Program Superintendent's Report – Sandi Wilson

Senior Softball has completed their season. Successful year. Currently, have 9 for the Lunch Bunch on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the first one since Covid. We are going to Bright Star next month and already have two busloads. Fall sports are winding down. We begin spring sports registration next month.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Curry

The Mayor asked about our geese problem. Brian Davis said the methods they were using were working to deter the geese.

Public Service Director's Report – Brian Davis

We are currently working on Christmas Tree lighting on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and the Menorah lighting. We are also in the planning stages of the parade on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We are working with the Chamber on the Breakfast with Santa.

Old Business:  
None at this time.

New Business:

- Membership rates were set at the work session. There was a motion to approve by Mitch Bevill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Head

Category	Monthly	Annually	VHAC Combo
Individual	\$15.00	\$135.00	\$210.00
Family	\$35.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Senior (55+)	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Track Pass Only (Seniors)	N/A	\$12.00	N/A

- Mitch Bevill – Presented a layout for the new archery fields at Altadena Park. The map shows a canoe drop for the Cahaba River, trees to protect the homes and a playground. November 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a community meeting to discuss Altadena Park.

League Reports:

- Chad Long – The fall sports are over. We are about to begin spring sports registration.
- Lyles Box – The 6<sup>th</sup> grade tackle football team won their Championship.
- Frank Hernandez – Concessionaire – They are winterizing the concession stands. All is going well. There is still a shortage of Gatorade. They have been able to get Powerade. They will also be changing out some equipment during the sports break.
- Rocky Harmon – Soccer – The 18 under boys were the State champions. High school boys and 05 boys were also winners in their league.

## Citizens Comments:

Richard Wright – Soccer parent – Wanted to voice his opinion regarding the study of changing the Central fields to tennis courts. He wanted to keep soccer on this side of Vestavia. He also wanted to make sure wherever it is moved there is handicap access.

Mitch Bevill responded that we will provide space for soccer. We are currently looking at space at Dolly Ridge. The property being studied is owned by the School Board. This project would be a partnership between the School Board and the City.

Shelly Gentle stated that lights were being installed at Dolly Ridge.

Mayor Curry stated that the current tennis courts at Vestavia Hills High School are located where they are proposing to build a Fine Arts building. He also said the Dolly Ridge fields are larger than the Central location.

Richard Wright said people will not drive to Liberty Park. We will lose people to the Homewood or Hoover soccer program.

Rocky restated that they do not want to drive to Liberty Park. There are approximately 600 kids in soccer. 58 are non-residents. There are 1339 total participants with around 200 that are non-residents. He would like for Central to become the Soccer complex. There was, this past weekend, the Alabama Recreational Soccer competition. Rocky will provide more information on why the Dolly Ridge fields will not work.

Danny Marshall stated that the East fields needed to be turfed and it could have soccer play.

Mitch Bevill stated that Park & Recreation will be making the schedules for all fields beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Reese Denham stated that we are working off of a 6-year-old study. In that study it stated that we needed at least 6-8 soccer fields. Could the old Columbians fields be an option? He also states we needed to move the tennis courts to another location.

Paul Head asked about the baseball field at Dolly Ridge. Kids currently use it for practice. Schools own most of the land over in that area.

Mayor Curry stated that tennis courts are needed at Wald Park.

Additional:

Sandi Wilson had a request by the Republican party to have a reduced rate for their Pancake breakfast. Park Board said they can book the space by the hourly rate of \$50 per hour.

Upcoming Meetings:

Work Session: Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:30 AM in the ECR  
Regular Meeting will begin at 12:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 AM.

City of Vestavia Hills  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Work Session  
December 15, 2021

Park Board Attendees:

Kirk McCulley  
Lyles Box  
Shelley Gentle  
Paul Head

Park and Recreation Staff:

Brian Davis  
Sandi Wilson  
Melinda Burnett  
Doug Rogers  
Mike Prociuk  
William Laatsch

Guests:

Reese Denham  
Ingram Thornton, Park Foundation  
Oliver Aaron  
Rocky Harmon

Kirk McCulley called the work session to order.

Brian Davis gave a report on Altadena Park. The plan is to present to the City Council at a January meeting.

Oliver Aaron, VHHS asked about the potential of a Polar Bear Plunge to benefit VHHS tennis programs. He will work with city staff to coordinate the event planned for February 5, 2022

Kirk McCulley – Basketball is going well. We have had a few snafu's but all is good.

Paul Head – Updated Wald Park Phase 3 and potential alternatives that were presented to the City Council.

Brian Davis requested in January we work on the Civic Center rules and rates. Kirk agreed.

Motion to Adjourn: Shelley Gentle 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lyles Box

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We will be having an abbreviated agenda. We will begin the meeting with New Business.

Motion by Paul Head to install Lyles Box as the 2022 President of the Park Board and Danny Marshall as the Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shelley Gentle. Vote of the Board. It was unanimous. Motion approved.

Kirk asked for a resolution of approval to send to the Council regarding the Altadena Park plan. Motion by Lyles Box and 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley Gentle Motion Approved.

Next Meeting. January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn: Paul Head 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley Gentle Adjourned