

**Minutes**  
**Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**February 24, 2010**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Philip Watt, Chairman  
Bill Archer  
Gene Bishop  
Joe Hatfield  
Phyllis Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Loyce Turner  
Jim Tysinger  
Jenny Lynn Bradley, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Dennis Billew  
Warren Budd  
Bill Carruth  
Dwight Davis  
Walter Hudson  
Jim Walters  
Tom Wheeler

Visitors

Casey Fernung, Jones Day  
Hannah Morris, University of Georgia  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation  
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company  
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power Company  
David Word, Joe Tanner & Associates  
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates  
Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club

Staff Members

Chris Clark  
Allen Barnes  
Spud Woodward  
Becky Kelley  
Dave Crass  
Marlin Gottschalk  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Emily Hitchcock  
Jac Capp  
Steve Friedman  
Terry West  
Homer Bryson  
Antoinette Norfleet  
Connie Buck  
Bryan Alexander  
Suzanne Burnes  
David Freedman  
Hellen Harris  
Mary Ann Evans

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Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce  
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia

The February 24, 2010 meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Jenny Lynn Bradley. Chairman Bradley called on Philip Watt, Chairman of the Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Committee.

Dr. Watt called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreations & Historic Sites Division (PRHSD), for presentation of the proposed amendments to the Criteria for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Director Kelley stated that PRHSD is proposing two changes to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. She further stated that the first proposed amendment adjusts the funding percentages for the four categories of project eligibility: acquisition, development, rehabilitation and disadvantaged communities. She added that specifically, the percentage amendments are outlined as follows:

<b><u>LWCF Grant Categories</u></b>	<b><u>Current %</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed %</u></b>
Acquisition	35	20
Development	20	30
Rehabilitation	35	40
Disadvantaged Community	10	10

Director Kelley stated that PRHSD coordinated this amendment recommendation with the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA), the state organization that serves as an advocate for quality recreation and park areas, facilities, programs and services at the local level. She further stated that GRPA supports these changes because they respond to the current economic climate and address primary outdoor recreation needs at the local level.

Director Kelley stated that the second amendment relates to housekeeping items (word additions, deletions, and corrections) which clarify components of the grant application. She further stated that upon approval, her staff would begin announcing the grant cycle. She added that there would be \$1 million available to local jurisdictions, and that the process would go through the spring and summer and formal applications in the fall, and would come back to the board upon conclusion of the process.

Director Kelley stated that she would respectfully request approval.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Criteria for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Director Kelley gave an update on the Recreation Trails Program and provided a handout that listed the recommended awards for 2009.

Director Kelley gave an update on the logical rates program stating that approximately 2,500 reservations totaling \$109,000 were accomplished. She also gave an update on collaborations with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) on river clean up projects and with a non-profit equestrian group for an all-day work day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.