

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

August 24, 2010

Attending:

Committee Members

Philip Watt, Chairman
Bill Archer
Gene Bishop
Joe Hatfield
Mabel Jenkins
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Loyce Turner
Steven Woodruff
Jenny Lynn Bradley, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Earl Barrs
Dennis Billew
Warren Budd
Bill Carruth
Dwight Davis
Walter Hudson

Visitors

Charles J. Russo, Jr., Russo Seafood
Clara M. Russo
Bill Hodges
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Brad Spooner, MEAG Power
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Ronnie Just, Georgia Power Company
Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Stephanie Kirijan, Georgia Power Company

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Allen Barnes
Paul Burkhalter
Todd Holbrook
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Dave Crass
Marlin Gottschalk
Emily Hitchcock
Kyle Pearson
Jac Capp
Linda MacGregor
Mark Smith
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
Terry West
John Bowers
John Biagi
Homer Bryson
Steve Friedman
Brad Gane
Lauren Curry
Hellen Harris
Jeff Weaver
Jimmy Johnson
Mark Whitney
Marzieh Shahbazaz
Connie Buck
Doug Haymans
Matt Thomas
Larry Hedges
Jan Sammons
Mindi Crean

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Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates

John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power Company

Jim McMaster, Window World

Doug Cloud, M2C2

Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Walter Jones, Morris News Service

Lon Revall

Stephen Adams

Eddie Henderson

Cathy Holtzclaw

Mary Ann Evans

The August 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 Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Division (PRHSD).

Director Kelley stated that she would like to brief the Committee on the proposed ParkPass change to Section (3) of Rule 391-5-1-.03. She further stated that this proposed change would be to discontinue the “Free Wednesdays” portion of the ParkPass. She added that when this Rule was created in 1991, Wednesdays were exempted from collection of the ParkPass.

Director Kelley stated that there were alternative ways to access State Parks other than free Wednesdays. She further stated that in 2008, in conjunction with the Get Outdoors Initiative, the PRHSD instituted the Library ParkPass/Historic Site Family Pass Loaner Program which allows anyone with a valid library card to check out a 7-day free ParkPass/Historic Pass from any Georgia Public Library. She added there are approximately 800 Passes currently in circulation in 388 public libraries.

Director Kelley stated that a public hearing would be held on September 2, in the Board Room, and that she would bring the item back for action at the October meeting in Savannah. She further stated that due to the fact that signage would have to be changed throughout the system, the recommendation would be for an inaction date of February 2, 2011. She added that the reasoning behind the request is the budget situation that the State has been dealing with for the past few years and that additional revenue of approximately \$400,000 would be generated by this change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.