

Minutes
Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee
Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center
Shepherd Conference Room

December 3, 2013

Attending:

Committee Members

Bill Jones, Chairman
Walter Hudson, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
Dwight Davis
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Paul Shailendra
Mark Smith
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
April Ingle, Georgia River Network
Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Katherine Zitsch, Atlanta Regional Commission
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Danny Johnson, Atlanta Regional Commission
Steve Caley, GreenLaw
Jimmy Kirkland, WCSR
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy
Lea Kirschaw, GADA

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Lauren Curry
Taylor Brown
Keith Bentley
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Mary Walker
Russ Pennington
Jeff Weaver
Stephen Adams
John Bowers
Mark Whitney
Antoinette Norfleet
Rusty Garrison

The December 3, 2013 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Bill Jones, Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee, who called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division.

Director Kelley stated she would be asking for the Board's approval of Georgia's Draft Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2014-2016.

Director Kelley stated the Board was briefed on this item in October and a public comment period was held in November. She further stated following the Board's approval, the report would be transmitted to the Governor for certification. She added following certification the report would require National Park Service approval.

Director Kelley stated five comments were received during the public comment period, resulting in minor text edits for clarification purposes.

Director Kelley stated the Georgia SCORP 2014-2016 continues to advance the significant positive impacts that public outdoor recreation has on our health, economic standing and protection of natural spaces.

Director Kelley stated the Georgia SCORP 2014-2016 declares that investment of federal Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) for the 2014-2016 grant cycles will primarily focus on urgent rehabilitation and renovation of existing public outdoor recreation facilities and areas.

Director Kelley stated she would request the committee recommend that the Board approve this item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve Georgia's Draft Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2014-2016, as presented.

Mr. Smith stated he attended a ceremony at Wormsloe State Historic Site where Director Kelley was recognized by the speakers. He further stated he would like to thank Director Kelley for all she does for DNR.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.