

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was reconstituted April 4, 2022. During the meeting, Park and Recreation Advisory Committee established a new Chairman Tara Graves. The new Vice Chairman was elected as Karyl Clayton and the new Secretary was elected as Beverly Cooper. The additional members are Charnessa Grace, Jamil Salem, Ieisha Fuller, Kennard Turner, and Tameika Porter. Our meeting is held on the first Thursday of every other month.

The rules for the advisory committee were reiterated that they evaluate and give suggestions to Mayor, City Councils and Park Director.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee follows the parks master plan that outlines citizens' concerns to improve the parks' aesthetics and function. Salem Park playground was replaced, and grand opening was held on 12/9/2022. (Master plan objective 2.5). Additional work completed was replacing 4 HVAC systems, removing debris from the roof at Browns Mill Recreation Center, troubleshooting field lights and scoreboard, replacing valves in restrooms at Aquatic Center, repairing damaged wood at pavilion and concession stand at Brown Mill Park, pressure washed pavilion and installed picnic tables and benches at Brown Mills Park and Salem Park.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee continues to see the master plan executed and continues to request funding for implementations for improvements for all parks in Stonecrest and looking to develop a park in District 1.

-Master Plan Reference: Goal 1 Continue to improve events and programs. In 2022 service was delivered:

Open Gym, Pickleball, Athletic Programs, Yoga, Drones Take Flight STEM program, Stonecrest Garden Club and Soul Line Dance Class. The Parks Department had several engagements such as the Truck or Treat, The Fall Festival, Screen on the Green and Park Pop Ups, and Holiday Tree Lighting. The goal is to continue community engagement by promoting more events and offering more programs for the youth.

The 2022 Park and Recreation Advisory Committee has concluded for 2022 and is excited on moving forward as an advisory board that does not make decisions, but to provide current knowledge, critical thinking, and analysis to increase the confidence of the decision-makers who represent the City of Stonecrest. All meetings were recorded and are on file at Stonecrestga.gov. We recommend reconstitution of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for FY-2023.