

Stone Mountain City Parks and Recreation Report  
11-19-2024

The Parks and Recreation Meeting met on Monday, November 4, 2024, at city hall. A quorum was present.

The October 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved and are attached.

Discussion and action items:

The community is not satisfied with the renovation of the Leila Mason restroom. VFW park restroom has is using a porta potty. After discussing the restrooms, a decision was made to request a call meeting with the city manager, mayor, and city council to discuss the unsatisfactory work and scope of work that was expected. Possible date, November 15, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Park maintenance and correction items:

- McCurdy Park has dilapidated stairs. Three trees are dead and need immediate removal.
- 80% of the trees at McCurdy are being choked by uncontrolled ivy which is against the city code. The trees will die if not freed from the ivy post haste.
- The outdoor gym has water draining onto the surface mat, and there is rust and peeling on the surface covering.
- VFW Park has about 2-3' of debris at the entrance. The gates have mold and need cleaning and re-painting with rust proofing paint.
- The basketball courts at Medlock and Leila Mason Parks are still not in proper condition for official use.
- The pickle ball court at Medlock does not meet official standards and remains improper for official use.
- The painting that was to be done at both McCurdy Park and Leila Mason Park has been delayed. The areas need to be power washed prior to painting and the paint needs to be purchased by the city. The painting must be done when the concrete areas are above 40 degrees. the paint will not adhere if the temperatures dip below that level.

We are requesting 237,000.00 for projected 2025 projects:

Park Signage (4) \$50,000

Movies on Main – Penny \$ 5,000

Wellness activities ie. Chi Gong, Tai Chi, etc. \$ 6,000

Book Bench Project (4 Benches) - \$20,000

Pan African Film Festival - \$20,000

Poetry Slam (Youth and community engagement) \$ 3,000

Employment of a Qualified Parks and Recreation Director - \$58,000

Parks Beautification/Landscaping Necessary at all parks - \$60,000

Miscellaneous \$15,000

Respectfully submitted by: Rev. Orea Parker, Chairperson

Mrs. Beverly Patterson Vice/Chair Mrs. Joan Monroe, Secretary Mrs. Stacy Green, Member

Ms. Gina Cox, Member Mrs. Penny Stuplin, Member

