

**The City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (“AFCRA”)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
101 Marietta Street NW, Suite 1070, Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**December 7, 2018  
8:30 a.m.**

After providing proper public notice, the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (“AFCRA”) held a Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 200 (6<sup>th</sup> Floor Centennial Conference Room) Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Chairperson, William K Whitner, Esq.  
Vice Chairperson, Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr., Esq.  
Treasurer, Michael L. Green  
Assistant Treasurer, Commissioner Bob Ellis  
Secretary, Michelle Falconer  
Cathy Hampton, Esq.  
Geoffrey Heard  
Kellye Terrell  
Stacy Shailendra

*Absent:* None

*Quorum Present:* Yes

**Authority Representatives:**

Kerry Stewart, Executive Director  
Vivienne Kerr, Executive Assistant  
Jeremie Peterkin, CPA, Consultant  
Alvin Kendall, Esq., Consultant  
Raymie Boyd, Project Manager, Con-Real LLP  
Douglass Selby, Esq., Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Legal Counsel

**Guests:**

Bob Walker, Chairperson, The First Tee of Atlanta Board of Directors  
Marvin Hightower, Executive Director, The First Tee of Atlanta  
George Chidi, Social Impact Director, Central Atlanta Progress  
LaTrina Foster, Director, Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Development  
Tony Light, Photographer, WSB-TV  
Scott Trubey, Business Reporter, Atlanta Journal Constitution

**Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairperson Whitner.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Mr. Green presented the new slate of officers as follows:

Chairperson – William K Whitner, Esq.  
Vice Chairperson – Michael L. Green  
Treasurer – Commissioner Bob Ellis  
Secretary – Michelle Falconer

Mr. Whitner asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the presented slate of officers. Mr. Green second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

### **Use of Fanplex**

Mr. Chidi gave a brief presentation on creating a Diversion/Community Center for the homeless. The Ask is for AFCRA to give operational control of Fanplex to Partners for Home and the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Program on a long-term basis or transfer ownership. Chairperson Whitner referred the matter to the Grounds Committee for further discussion.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Stewart gave an overview of accomplishments since the last meeting. He mentioned the Gun Protection Law that went into effect a few years and whether it still applies to AFCRA as far as having an office and holding meetings at State Farm Arena. Mr. Selby confirmed that is not necessary.

### **Audit and Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Peterkin gave a brief overview of the 2017 audit. AFCRA received a clean opinion. He explained significant events that occurred over the past year included the sale of Turner Field, two new bond issuances; cash flow changes and the bonds transaction that occurred in December 2017, did not post until 2018.

The committee recommends approval of the 2017 audit. Ms. Terrell second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

### **2019 Auditor**

The committee recommends approving PJC Group, LLC to complete AFCRA's 2018 audit report. Mr. Heard second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

### **Investment Strategy for AFCRA Funds on Deposit**

The committee recommends Mr. Stewart move forward with negotiating with banks to get higher interest yields and move AFCRA funds. Mr. Selby added that the yields cannot exceed what is earned on the bond accounts. Ms. Falconer second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

### **Community Recreation Special Project Committee Report**

#### **Mayor's Atlanta Basketball Challenge Budget**

The plan to host a High School tournament this year did not move forward due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Stewart researched other opportunities to host a basketball tournament, and he reached out to colleges to plan an event that was scheduled for February 2019. The Committee

ultimately decided not to move forward with the College game and instead to focus on the High School games for 2019. He explained that the event to be scheduled for next year would involve the Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County and would be a one-day event from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with entertainment. The following recommendations were presented:

- 1) Donation to the colleges up to \$7500.00 to each of the Colleges who had made plans to participate in a game at AFCRA's request, since the games are not going forward due to no fault of the Colleges. Mr. Green referred the matter back to the CRSP for budget review.
- 2) Approve a budget to hire a project manager to plan a basketball challenge for a fee up to \$2,500.00 per month – Chairperson Whitner would like for the Board to see the proposals and budget before voting on approval of a project manager.

Mr. Kendall recommends lining up sponsors to lessen AFCRA's financial responsibility.

Mr. Arrington asked what bids or proposals were received. Mr. Stewart replied that proposals were received from Casual Cal and The Narmer Group, LLC.

#### Princeton Lakes Park Grant Request

Mr. Stewart gave an overview of the request. He contacted Michael Davis with Connect South Fulton to obtain details of the project. After further review, he concluded that it did not meet the public component as required. Mr. Arrington added that the project has the support of Councilwoman Marci Overstreet, and State Representative Roger Bruce. Ms. Hampton recommended the item be reviewed by the committee to consider all findings.

#### Cascade Preserve Matching Grant Request

The committee recommends approval to match Park Pride contribution to the project. The committee approves a \$10,000.00 donation subject to getting an invoice and reviewing requested documents. Information on the signage has not been received. Mr. Heard second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

#### **Grounds, Facilities and Security Committee Report**

##### The First Tee of Atlanta

The committee recommends approval of the Golf Course Bunker Sand, Sod and Ice Machine purchase in the amount of \$19,337.96. Mr. Heard second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

The committee recommends approval of a one-time financial contribution to support The First Tee's operational shortfalls in the amount of \$250,000.00. Mr. Heard second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Arrington recommends on-going talks with the city of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the shortfalls and solutions.

##### Repairs to the Grey Lot

The committee recommends approval of the continued lot repairs to be completed by Reese Construction in the amount of \$8,580.00. Mr. Green second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

##### OutFront Media Lease Agreement

Matter discussed in Executive Session.

UniverSoul Circus 2019 License Agreement

Mr. Stewart explained that the Circus wants to add a boxing event and will need a permit for alcohol. They want a graduated payment schedule incorporated in the agreement. Chairperson Whitner made a motion to approve the current lease and authorize Mr. Stewart to finalize details related to the boxing event. In addition, the Board asks that they submit a proposal for the event. Mr. Arrington second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

State Farm Arena Update

Mr. Boyd gave a presentation on the completed renovations. Mr. Kendall explained that the project was over budget by \$5.3 million dollars initially and over by another \$890,000.00 as the project progressed.

Zoo Atlanta Updates

Mr. Stewart explained the Gateway project is under way and scheduled to be completed in 2020 as well as the Elephant Safari. The parking deck is about 40% complete.

Zoo Atlanta Board Member

Mr. Heard made a motion to approve the Zoo's four Board member nominees:

- 1) Shaun Cooper
- 2) Mike Dickerson
- 3) Lisa Laube
- 4) Deepak Raghavan

Ms. Shailendra second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Ms. Hampton would like for Mr. Stewart to communicate to the Zoo that AFCRA's Board would like to see more women represented on their Board of Directors.

Turner Field EBO Update

Mr. Kendall stated that more needs to be done to ensure EBO requirements are being met.

Executive Session

Mr. Green made a motion to move into executive session. Ms. Hampton second the motion. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve OutFront Media's Lease Agreement. Mr. Heard second the motion. Motion CARRIED. Mr. Ellis made a motion that the executive director will present a policy on contracts AFCRA enters into at certain threshold durations and amounts that must be brought to the Board's attention regardless of whether Board approval was required to execute the contract. Ms. Falconer second the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Certified by:

  
Michelle Falconer, Secretary