

Board Meeting, Monday, December 9, 2024

2:00 pm Tennis Center

Attendees: *Kevin McHugh, Cynthia Fortson, Heather Jarboe, Michele Newton, Cynthia MacDonald, Bradley Martin*

Advisors: *Joan Baird, Penny Adams, Pam Benson (Visiting Advisor)*

Minutes: November minutes were approved.

### Action items

- Updates on ACC plans for Pickleball Courts-
  - Joan Baird shared that she spoke with Robin Stevens, Executive Director of the Clarke Oconee Tennis Association (COTA), about what she had heard regarding leisure services plans for courts at Sandy Creek Park and Satterfield Park. Robin had also heard from Kent Kilpatrick that the plan is to build 6 dedicated pickleball courts at Sandy Creek Park and to build dual pickleball/tennis courts at Satterfield Park. The AAPA board agreed to support the COTA in advocating for the Satterfield courts to become tennis courts only.
  - Joan also shared that in the past, AAPA members were allowed to play pickleball at the Boys and Girls Club on Fourth Street. When the B&G Club director changed, we were no longer allowed to play there. Currently, there is a new director. Cynthia F. agreed to speak with her about members playing there.
  - Cynthia MacDonald and Michele Newton agreed to set up a meeting with Mr. Kilpatrick to ask these questions:
    - Will pickleball players have to pay park admission at Sandy Creek Park to play on those new courts?
    - Will there be lights at the Sandy Creek Park courts?
    - Will Leisure Services allow the AAPA to have a consultant work with them on the design for the courts at Sandy Creek Park?
- Christmas Float
  - Cynthia Fortson shared that the AAPA Float was a success! A team of volunteers made the float possible. Parade watchers were very engaged, shouting out things like, "Yay, Pickleball" and "I love Pickleball". The board was pleased to have its first ever float in the Athens Christmas parade.
- AAPA Postcard
  - Once the AAPA postcards are ready, board members volunteered to give them out and encourage folks to sign up with AAPA at the following locations:
    - Lay Park- Cynthia Fortson
    - Heard Park- Lilly

- First Methodist & YWCO- Heather
- Herman C. Michael- Kevin will coordinate
- SEC- Michele & Brad

Community Day at Bishop Park- tabled this item until next meeting

New business/open discussion

- Kevin reported that invoices have gone out to AAPA members for updating membership.

Set next meeting date- January 13,, 2024 2pm at SEC Tennis Center