

**MINUTES
GWCCA
CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 20, 2015
GWCC Executive Board Room
10:00 a.m.**

Committee Members Present:

Phil Gingrey (*by phone*)
Lee Hunter, Ex-Officio
Greg O’Bradovich, Chair
Bill Russell
Doug Tollett

Committee Members Absent:

Bill Jones
Charlie Yates

GWCCA Staff Present:

Dale Aiken
Kevin Duvall
Jennifer LeMaster
Frank Poe
Pargen Robertson
Joe Skopitz
Sherrie Spinks
Lindsay Strickland

Guests:

David Eidson, Coxe Curry

Chair O’Bradovich called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the August 18, 2014 meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the August 18, 2014 GWCCA Centennial Olympic Park Committee meeting minutes was made by Doug Tollett, seconded by Bill Russell, and unanimously approved.

The Sweetwater 420 Festival took place in the Park over the past weekend. The event was successful and the client was happy but due to extreme rain during the event, the Park sustained considerable damage to the grass. Park staff had a plan in place and budgeted to address anticipated issues. The Park should be fully recovered in the next six weeks.

COXE CURRY PROGRESS UPDATE

The Authority engaged Coxe Curry & Associates to undertake a feasibility assessment for determining if the local philanthropic community would have interest in supporting a capital campaign to address the Park Visioning program. David Eidson, President and CEO of Coxe Curry & Associates, updated the Committee on the process to date. Mr. Eidson and his staff have worked with Authority staff to prepare the preliminary case study and identify potential foundations to be interviewed. Two interviews have taken place so far. Twelve more are scheduled, six are in the process of being scheduled, and six organizations have declined. The interviews will show the level of support for the Park and how/if they will support the effort.

The potential cost of all Park improvements is \$46M with \$26M going to improvements within the current boundaries of the Park, including the purchase and demolition of the Metro Chamber building. The other \$20M is for land acquisition outside the Park which will expand the Park’s footprint.

The results of the interviews will be reported back to the Committee at the end of May. The Capital Campaign will take place after that time.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Dale, Assistant Secretary

Greg O'Bradovich, Chair