

**MINUTES
GWCCA
CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 22, 2013
Executive Board Room
10:00 a.m.**

Committee Members Present:

Greg O’Bradovich, Chair
John Downs
Tim Lowe, Ex-Officio
Bill Russell
Gary Smith (*by phone*)
Doug Tollett

GWCCA Staff Present:

Dale Aiken
Kevin Duvall
Frank Poe

Chair O’Bradovich called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2013 meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the March 5, 2013 GWCCA Centennial Olympic Park Committee meeting minutes was made by Bill Russell, seconded by Doug Tollett, and unanimously approved.

The purpose of today’s meeting is to get a consensus from the Committee as to what “Big & Bold” for the Park really is. Mr. Poe reviewed the Park Visioning Project process. AECOM conducted an analysis and developed a list of possible improvements. AECOM then produced a pamphlet listing the top ten projects showing their location in the Park. Staff saw all proposed changes as significant.

Questions / Concerns:

- If the top ten proposed projects do not meet the big and bold criteria, how do we define it?
- Do any of the items on the list commercialize the Park?
- Is converting the Park Administration building into a restaurant the right use of the space?
- Will on-street parking be sufficient?
- Are there any landscape concerns related to density and framing?
- Is the perception of crime by suburbanites real?
- With Atlanta Streetcar line ending at COP Drive and Andrew Young International Boulevard, why not locate grand entrances at both ends of Andrew Young?

It was mentioned at a previous Committee meeting that we should get another set of eyes to look at the Park and the proposed projects to see if there are additional “big & bold” ideas. Staff feels we should consult with Mr. Payne and Mr. McTier to find out if we are on the right track before engaging someone else. AECOM is about one month out from completing five perspective views of all proposed projects. The Committee will meet in mid-June to review the new visuals before staff meets with Mr. Payne and Mr. McTier.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Recorded by: Dale Aiken

Greg O’Bradovich, Chair