

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

May 17, 2016

A meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park, and Stone Mountain, Georgia.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Greer Johnson, Vice Chairman
Dick Childers
Scott Johnson
Joan Thomas
Ray S. Smith, III
Perry Tindol
Roy Roberts
Becky Kelley, Director of State Parks & Historic Sites

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Stephens, C.E.O.
Bob Cowhig, Director of Planning and Development
Michael Dombrowski, General Manager, Silver Dollar City/Stone Mountain Park
Edna Zimmerman, Director of Finance
Chief Chuck Kelley, Director of Public Safety
Duane Studdard, Administration Manager
Mike Lee, Assistant Chief of Police & Fire
Naomi Thompson, Environmental Education Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Johnson, SMMA Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Thomas, and unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 15, 2016 Board meeting and to adopt the minutes as printed. A draft copy of the minutes was sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SILVER DOLLAR CITY/STONE MOUNTAIN PARK REPORT

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed for the Board upcoming activities which SDC has planned. He talked about Memorial Day Weekend which would be May the 27th through May 30th. There will be four nights of fireworks. They will also debut a new lasershow segment. It will be called Drone Wars: The Mountain Awakens. They will give a free adventure pass to all active and retired Military personnel. They will have a Naturalization Ceremony on Saturday May 28th at 10am. Also the Air National Guard Band of Brothers Band will perform.

SDC will have a Food Truck Festival June the 11th through the 12th. There will be 60 food trucks and live music. The summer program called Summer at The Rock will be from June 11th until July 31st. It will include a nightly lasershow, Chicago Boyz Acrobatic team, water works, a game show at the Azalea stage, a train show, Splash's summer soaking parade, Adventure Tales and a character meet and greet.

The Board asked Mr. Dombrowski about the status of "The Jump". He said it was on hold. The Board also asked how Snow Mountain did this year. Mr. Dombrowski stated that Snow Mountain did not do very well this year because of the warm, wet weather.

FINANCE REPORT – YEAR TO DATE

Ms. Zimmerman reported that year-to-date revenues through April 30, 2016 were \$4,123,588 compared to a budgeted amount of \$3,479,380. Total operating expenses year to date were \$2,116,721 compared to the budgeted amount of \$2,535,288. The net operating profit before depreciation was \$2,017,450 compared to a budgeted amount of \$949,028. The year to date deficiency of revenue over expenses was \$21,565 compared to a budgeted loss of \$1,078,972.

The statement of cash flows reflects net cash provided by operating activities of \$1,535,103 year to date. The net increase in cash year to date was \$1,010,442. The cash and investment balance at the end of the period was about \$11,119,705.

There are two capital projects, the Playground Project that is still remaining from 2015 and the Computer Upgrades which has just begun. The Playground Project has a remaining estimated cost of \$13,427. The Playground Project will be complete once the sod is laid in June. The Computer Upgrades has a remaining estimated cost of \$94,145.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Kelley informed the Board that the Park has been very busy this year and especially so on the weekends. The Natural district has been busier than ever before on the weekends with walkers, bikers and families just hanging out.

Mr. Kelley updated the Board on groups that asked for and were granted permits for rallies in the free speech areas. There were three opposing groups. There was a total of about 405 people in the three groups. There were also multiple law enforcement agencies present to assist.

The Board thanked Mr. Kelly for the wonderful and professional job his department performed during the protest.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Thompson informed the Board of the progress on the land management committee meetings. The meetings are bi-monthly. Matt Park has recently started at the Golf course over grounds and has been on the committee for about four months. He has been very active and helpful. The committee will meet again in June.

In March Education had a hike with the Atlanta Science Festival. It is a week-long event that goes on around Atlanta. Hikes were done at the Park on the first weekend with students from Georgia State. It was their geoscience club and they had about 150 people.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman

Submitted by Debbie Blihovde