

ALAMANCE COUNTY
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 MEETING
CEDAROCK PARK ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
3916 R. DEAN COLEMAN RD, BURLINGTON NC 27215

Members Present (Underlined): Chairman Lee Isley, Vice-Chair Kelly May, Mr. John Paisley, Mr. Mark Payne, Commissioner Bill Lashley, Mr. Earl Jagers, Ms. Ann Meletzke, Mrs. Barbara Massey, Mr. Kirk Puckett

Recreation and Parks Staff Present: Brian Baker, Director

I. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 6:15 PM.

B. Approval of July 17, 2018 Minutes

Upon a motion of Kirk Puckett and the second of Barbara Massey, the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

IV. REPORT OF STAFF

A. Monthly Departmental Report

Director Brian Baker reported on the Department's activities since the last meeting.

1. Update on Grant Award – Brian Baker reported that the Department was awarded the RTP 2019 Grant for the Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area, Phase I project. Construction on the project will begin in early 2019.
2. Staff Updates – Brian Baker reported that Nicholas Fortune has been hired as the new Park Superintendent. Mr. Fortune has an impressive background and experience and will begin work on January 2, 2019.

B. Special Populations Update

Brian Baker provided a report highlighting the Special Populations Program.

1. Special Olympics of Alamance County (SOAC) –
 - a. SO of Alamance County offers 7 sports throughout the year; including: Basketball, Elon Intramural, Swimming, Bowling, Equestrian, Bocce & Golf.

- b. SOAC took 12 athletes to summer games in Raleigh, bringing home 2 gold medals and 9 silver. They attended the equestrian tournament as well in which 7 athletes competed and several silver medals were won. This fall, they attended the tournament in Charlotte where 10 athletes competed bringing home 2 gold, 7 silver and 1 bronze.
 - c. In 2019, SOAC plans to expand their programming to offer a fitness program which will focus on the importance of nutrition and physical activity outside of the sports seasons.
- 2. Visually Impaired Program (VIP) – The VIP program continues to have a strong participation with monthly gatherings and field trips. This year the group has traveled to: Lazy FIVE ranch, UNCG Basketball game, the NC State Fair, and the Fox 8 holiday concert.
 - 3. Fundraising – \$20,000 was raised this year through four separate fundraisers.

V. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal of 2019 Meeting Schedule

Brian Baker distributed a proposed 2019 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting schedule. The schedule will rotate between 6pm and noon meetings. After a brief discussion, the committee accepted the schedule. Barbara Massey will research Impact Alamance offices as a potential meeting location for the noon meetings.

B. Recreation and Parks By-Laws

Chairman Lee Isley distributed a copy of the Recreation and Parks By-Laws for reference for all commission members. No action was taken.

C. Alamance County Board of Education Cooperation

Brian Baker noted that Mark Payne has rotated off of the Alamance County Board of Education and as such, we are in need of a commission member representative. A general discussion was had regarding Alamance Parks' collaboration with ABSS and the need for better tracking in terms of man-hours and dollars spent on maintenance of school property. It was noted that we should do more to recognize and celebrate the partnership between the Department and the Alamance Burlington School System.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:09 by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Baker