

ALAMANCE COUNTY  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 MEETING  
MAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM A  
342 S. SPRING STREET, BURLINGTON NC 27215

MINUTES

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

Alamance Parks Staff Present: Brian Baker, Director; Anna Bowland, Grants & Communications Coordinator

I. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 12:32pm.

B. Approval of the November 19, 2019 Minutes

Upon a motion of John Paisley, and the second of Earl Jagers, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present.

III. **REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

None

IV. **REPORT OF STAFF**

A. Monthly Departmental Report

Brian Baker presented the monthly report including the attendance figures and programs for December. He explained that park visitation numbers are higher this year versus last year due to inclement weather last year and increased programming this year.

B. Town of Haw River Trail Plan

Brian Baker discussed the current development and revitalization of the Granite Mill near Red Slide Park. The developers of this project complimented Red Slide Park on being an attractive draw for investment in this community. The Department is currently assisting the town of Haw River in putting together their trail plan.

IV. **UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update on recommendation of a commission member to fill the vacant seat  
Bhavna Hilligrass was presented as a candidate to fill the vacant commission seat. Ms. Hilligrass recently graduated from County Government 101, lives in Haw River and is an active user of Alamance County parks. Upon a motion of Kelly May and the second of Earl Jagers the Commission voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Hilligrass for consideration by the Alamance County Board of Commissioners.
- B. Update on the Glencoe Textile Heritage Museum  
Brian Baker updated the Commission regarding the status of Alamance Parks' partnership with the Glencoe Textile Heritage Museum. The two year operating agreement between Alamance Parks and the museum ends in June of 2020. The Textile Heritage Museum board is soliciting support from the community and the Alamance County Board of Commissioners to consider assuming ownership of the museum facility. Upon the request of the Commission, Brian Baker will do research into the condition of the building. No action was taken.
- C. Recreation and Parks Commission Bylaws  
Copies of the enabling ordinance will be furnished to each commission member. No action was taken.
- D. Update on Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area  
Brian Baker updated the Commission on the progress of the Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area. The park has been the Department's top construction priority this winter.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Alamance County Afterschool Athletics Program  
Brian Baker introduced the initiative of the Department to introduce an afterschool athletics program in coordination with Alamance Burlington Schools System. This program will complement the Department's existing athletics program. Meetings are underway to determine program specifics and the Department hopes to roll out a 2-week trial this spring.
- B. Tourism Development Authority Grant  
Brian Baker requested the support of the Commission to apply for a \$5,000 marketing grant from the Tourism Development Authority. This grant will be used for promotion of the Haw River Trail and Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area. Upon a motion of Kelly May and the second of Earl Jagers the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for these grant funds.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:36pm upon the motion of Bill Lashley and the second of Earl Jagers.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Baker