



Recreation and Parks Commission

Meeting Agenda

February 18, 2025

Burlington Historic Depot 200 S. Main Street. Burlington, NC 27215

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Ms. Lisa Wolff, Vice-Chair Mr. Peter Dahl, Mr. David Woody, Ms. Kelly Ronnow, Mr. Mike Dunning, Dr. Harold Kernodle, Mr. Thomas Purcell, Elizabeth Read, Lee Isley

ACRP STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Merchel – Director, Chase Parrish – Grants and Communications Coordinator, Nolan Carter – Trails and Open Spaces Coordinator, Mike Scott – Parks Superintendent, Mackenzie Barrier – Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation Coordinator

1) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Call to Order and Establish Quorum – Meeting called to order at 12:30pm, quorum established
- b) Review and approval of the January 21, 2025. – Motion to approve by Peter Dahl, motion carries

2) PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC INPUT

- a) Accessible Parks Grant Plan – Cedarock Park
 - i) ACRP Director Jamie Merchel provided a detailed overview of the proposed accessibility project for Cedarock Park that the department is applying for through the Accessibility for Parks Grant.
 - ii) Mr. Troy Matherly and two of his children were present members of the public. His youngest child has been diagnosed with spina bifida and Mr. Matherly was in attendance to learn about the proposed accessibility enhancements as well as take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Mr. Matherly suggested additions being made to the new inclusive playground within Cedarock Park such as fully accessible swings as well as a fully accessible roundabout.

3) REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

4) REPORT OF STAFF

- a) CVB Updates – Grace VandeVisser
 - i) We were recently awarded the Tim Selinske PDGA US Masters Tournament hosted at Cedarock Park in 2027. Official dates TBA.
 - ii) A bid is going out this week for Alamance County to host a National BMX tournament in 2026. Stay tuned.
 - iii) The North Carolina Fusion soccer tournament is coming to Alamance County Feb. 22nd and 23rd.
 - iv) The TDA will begin a strategic planning process soon, either a 5 year or 10 year plan. If anyone knows of or has a student going into the field of study for Tourism, the TDA has a scholarship opportunity that they may apply for. The application will begin being distributed to all of ABSS soon as well as being available online.

- v) Upcoming events are Dogwood Festival, Carousel Festival, Founder's Day at Textile Heritage Museum, Battle at Alamance Reenactment coming up in May

5) OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

- a) Cane Creek Phase 3 and Tower
 - i) The approval on the construction of the phase 3 parking lot is currently underway and hopefully reaching its final stages. Once we receive approval, we will have a clearer project scope and timing.
 - ii) Peter noted that the Friends of Alamance Parks Trails Crew recently completed 3 cedar bridges in Cane Creek.
 - iii) The observation tower is in the final stages of construction. The construction crew is working around the recent and anticipated inclement weather. The stairs and railings are the last major elements that need to be installed.
- b) BE Jordan Ballfield
 - i) We are currently about 2 weeks away from the delivery of the new restroom facility, electric is prepped, plumbing is being prepped very soon. Materials for the picnic shelter have been delivered, installation will be after the restrooms have been completed. Programming at that location begins in May as well as rec baseball in June and July.
- c) Village of Alamance Paddle Access
 - i) Driveway permit has been acquired. Waiting on final bids to come in.
- d) Alston Quarter
 - i) Another application through Land and Water will be submitted for the rest of the needs for this project. Approval has been received by County Commissioners to proceed with this application.
- e) Carolina Mill
 - i) No major updates. The appraisal should be received soon, which will let us know what we can apply for through the PARTF grant.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Assistance needed promoting Parks, Trail and Programs at the International Paddle Film Festival March 29th 5:30pm
- b) Assistance needed promoting parks, trails and programs at additional spring events, dates and times will be provided soon
- c) SOAC Spring Games is coming up April 10th at the Shar Center at Elon University. No weather issues this year as it will be indoors!

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Spring Program Lineup
 - i) Spring sports registration is now open!
- b) Club Baseball
- c) Camp n Clean
 - i) May 17-18, location TBA
- d) HRST
 - i) 90% of the trail going through the valley golf course fairway has been moved so that hikers feel more comfortable about using that section of the trail.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting March 18th 6pm Alamance Parks Office – Cedarrock Park