

ALAMANCE COUNTY
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2017 MEETING
4110 E. GREENSBORO CHAPEL HILL RD, GRAHAM NC

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

Recreation and Parks Staff Present: Guil Johnson, Trails and Open Space Coordinator

I. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 6:25 PM.

B. Approval of February 21st Minutes

Chairman Earl Jagers made a clarification under the Adjournment VI, the word should be acclamation and not acclimation. Chairman Earl Jagers entertained a motion to accept the correction of spelling. Upon a motion of Commissioner Bill Lashley and the second of Ann Meletzke, the minutes of the February 21st, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

C. Board Vacancy

The Commission briefly discussed the candidates. Upon a motion of Mr. John Paisley and a second of Ms. Ann Meletzke, the board vacancy discussion is tabled until the next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting.

D. Introduction of Guests and Staff

Chairman Mr. Earl Jagers introduced Guil Johnson, Alamance County's Trails and Open Space Coordinator and Haw River Trail Coordinator.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Ms. Ann Meletzke and the second of Mr. John Paisley, regular order of business was temporarily suspended to move ahead with New Business and to discuss the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application and hear from Public Comment.

A. 2017 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Application – Haw River Trail/Mountains-to-Sea Trail Acquisition.

Guil Johnson gave a presentation of Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department's Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application. Guil provided maps of the project area. The proposed plan is to acquire land along the Haw River for future development of natural surface trail that would run from the Guilford/Alamance County line, south connecting to Shallow Ford Natural Area. This trail would be a part of the Haw River Trail/Mountains-to-Sea Trail. After discussion and a motion of Mr. John Paisley and the second of Commissioner Bill Lashley, the Commission voted

unanimously to recommend the 2017 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund application to the Alamance County Commissioners.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Sean Harper of Snow Camp: Mr. Harper showed his support for the PARTF application through comment that he uses the Haw River Trail/Mountains-to-Sea Trail almost daily.
- B. Melissa Hoose of Whitsett: Ms. Hoose showed her support for the PARTF application through comment that she uses the Haw River Trail/Mountains-to-Sea Trail weekly.

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman decided to not give a report this meeting.

V. REPORT OF STAFF

- A. Monthly Departmental Report
Guil Johnson reported on the Department's activities in April and May, including the fishing derby at Cedarock Park (date in early April) and the Yee-Haw! River Paddle on May 20th. Guil also reported that baseball sign ups were complete and that interviews for the Park Technician were conducted earlier that day at Cedarock Park. The commission showed interest in having Pickle Ball as an activity provided by the Department.

VI. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

- A. Valley Drive Trailhead
Guil Johnson reported that the Department is waiting for construction to start.
- B. Cedarock Park Equestrian Complex Update
Guil Johnson reported the equestrian complex's construction was underway and proceeding according to plan.
- C. Recreational Needs Survey Update
Guil Johnson reported that the deadline for the Recreational Needs Surveys was March 31st at midnight. Well over 1,000 surveys had been filled out and data entry of the paper copies will start soon.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted, Guil Johnson