

ALAMANCE COUNTY
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20TH, 2015 MEETING
SAXAPAHAW MILL-HAW RIVER BALLROOM

Members Present (Underlined): Chairman Earl Jagers, Vice- Chairman Ryan Kirk, Commissioner Eddie Boswell, Mr. Mark Payne, Mr. Bobby Harmon, Mr. Doug Bayliff, Mrs. Kelly May, Ms. Kelly Ronnow, Mr. Lee Isley

Recreation and Parks Staff Present: Brian Baker, Director; Brenda Wichmann, Trail and Open Space Coordinator; Catherine Gensel, Grants and Communications Coordinator

I. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 5:24 PM.

B. Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion of Kelly Ronnow and a second of Lee Isley, the minutes of the December 16th, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

C. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

As a result of the resignation of Chairman Jagers from the Commission, a vote was held to determine the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission. Ryan Kirk was named Chairman of the Commission and Kelly Ronnow named Vice-Chair. These positions will be held until the next scheduled vote at the June 2015 meeting.

D. Introduction of Guests and Staff

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was held until the end of the scheduled meeting where a public meeting was planned.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

None

IV. REPORT OF STAFF

A. Monthly Departmental Report

Brian Baker reported on the Department's activities in December and upcoming events

B. Personnel Report

Brian Baker introduced Catherine Gensel as the new Grants and Communications Coordinator.

IV. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

A. Adoption of the Alamance County Trail Plan

An update was provided informing the Commission of the adoption of the plan at the January 5th 2015 meeting of the County Commissioners.

B. Update on proposed NEA “Our Town” Grant Program

Brian Baker presented an update regarding the application. After further discussion, Culture Mill has decided to postpone application for the funds until the 2016 grant cycle.

C. Update on the PARTF Grant for the Cedarrock Park Equestrian Center

Brian Baker presented updated information regarding the grant application, indicating the need to change some budget items to correspond to PARTF’s rules regarding matching funds.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Public Meeting regarding Development of Saxapahaw Island

At the conclusion of the meeting, a public meeting was held to receive input from the public about the development of Saxapahaw Island. A summary of that public input is attached.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of John Paisley and the second of Lee Isley, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Baker

Results of the public meeting held on January 20, 2015 at the Haw River Ballroom in Saxapahaw, North Carolina. The goal of the meeting was for Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department to gather input from the local community on how they would like to see the land used in the future. Over 40 people attended the meeting. To gather ideas, people broke into small groups to come up with proposed uses for the space. The top 5 ideas from each group were compiled into a master list of and each attendee was given the opportunity to vote for their top three choices on the master list. Colored dots were used to show a rank in preference with green symbolizing first choice, yellow second choice, and red third choice. Note that an asterisk (*) indicates votes received after the meeting via email.

No.	Proposed Use	Green Count	Yellow Count	Red Count	Total Votes
1	Wave Park/Standing wave in river	20*	0	0	20*
2	Hiking/Walking trails	9	8	0	17
3	Native plant area	2	5	4	11
4	Functional fitness landscape/workout area	2	6	1	9
5	Removal of invasive plants	3	3	3	9
6	Limit traffic/no vehicles	2	1	8	11
7	Bridge connectors/walking bridge (over river)	3	2	2	7
8	Biking/mountain biking trails	2	2	0	4
9	Camping/platforms	2	2	0	4
10	Gathering area(s)	2	1	1	4
11	Overlook (N. side of island)	1	2	2	5
12	Canoe/Kyak access	2	1	0	3
13	Boat access	1	1	2	4
14	Picnic area	0	0	6	6
15	Historical/Interpretive signs	1	1	0	2
16	Litter control/removal	0	2	0	2
17	Fishing	0	1	1	2
18	Benches/sitting area (dotted)	0	0	3	3
19	Restroom facilities	1	0	0	1
20	Community sponsorship	1	0	0	1
21	No dogs/designated pet area/dog area	1	0	0	1
22	Parking area	0	0	2	2
23	Establish wetland preserve	0	1	0	1
24	Art/Culture events (low impact)	0	1	0	1
25	Running trails	0	0	0	0
26	Signage (info, maps/rules, Designated/marked trails)	0	0	0	0
27	Educational areas	0	0	0	0
28	Bird habitat	0	0	0	0
29	Play structures	0	0	0	0

30	Erosion protection	0	0	0	0
31	Preserve/Limited access areas	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	35	40	35	110