

ALAMANCE COUNTY  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 MEETING  
ALAMANCE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU  
200 S. MAIN 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, Ms. Pamela Thompson, Ms. Bhavna Hilligrass, Mr. David Woody

Alamance Parks Staff Present: Brian Baker, Director; Anna Bowland, Grants & Communications Coordinator; Grace VandeVisser, Executive Director Alamance County Visitors Bureau

I. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 12:26pm

B. Approval of the October 20, 2020 Minutes

Upon a motion of John Paisley, and the second of Bhavna Hilligrass, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was given.

III. **REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Lee Isley congratulated Commission members John Paisley and Pamela Thompson for their appointment to the Alamance County Board of Commissioners. He thanked them for their service on the Recreation and Parks Commission.

IV. **REPORT OF STAFF**

Monthly Departmental Report

Director Brian Baker presented the monthly departmental report for October. Summer and fall programming is winding down and activity and planning for park projects is a big focus within the department. The Equestrian Barn at Cedarock Park is in the final stages of being built. Phase 2 of the Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area is underway. The department is exploring the possibility of a pod-based basketball program for the winter, but this is dependent upon current COVID metrics and guidance. Attendance remains strong at the parks.

V. **UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS**

A. Park Sponsorship/Friends Group Discussion

The Commission continued the discussion of developing an Alamance Parks friends group. Chairman Lee Isley challenged the board to consider the reasons and process by which to create a friends group and ultimately identify what the board hopes to accomplish. Reasons given to support creating a friends group were to multiply the effectiveness of the Department, assist in fundraising for special projects, and provide advocacy. It was suggested to collaborate with local universities, school groups, and companies in order to initiate this process. Alamance Parks staff will develop additional ideas to present to the Commission as a starting point for the initiative. No action was taken.

B. Recreation and Parks Commission Membership

Chairmen Lee Isley reported that due to their appointments to the Alamance County Board of Commissioners, both John Paisley and Pamela Thompson will leave the Recreation and Parks Commission in their current capacity. They may be reappointed to the Recreation and Parks Commission as the County Commissioner representative. This creates a vacancy on the Commission. After discussion, the Commission agreed to reconsider applicants who applied from the previous solicitation in September. No action was taken.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:35 upon the motion of John Paisley and the second of Bhavna Hilligrass.