



BUNCOMBE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Connecting communities through parks and play.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board January 9, 2024

*This meeting will be held in person at the East Asheville Library Branch, 3 Avon Rd. Asheville 28805. This will be "Live Streamed" via Buncombe County Facebook

AGENDA

- Welcome and roll call – **Carol Peterson, Chair**

In attendance: Adv. Bd. – Carol Peterson, Lena Richards, Derek Turno, Ingrid Johnson, David Burdett, Ann Babcock

Parks & Rec Staff – Lynn Pegg, Mac Stanley, Allison Dains, Adam Zinke, Matt Dixon, Joseph Gusman – Catalina Otero (Livestream Facebook)

Meeting called to order 12:03pm.

- Approval of September 2023 meeting minutes – **Carol Peterson, Chair**

- **Introduction of New Advisory Board Members**

Ingrid Johnson (Dist. 3) David Burdett (Dist. 1)

- Directors Report – **Allison Dains**

- TDA Grant Funding (Scope of Work) – New proposed amenities at BCSP: All inclusive Playground, Additional Turf and Lights on fields, Renovation of current concession building to Welcome Center for park visitors and office space for Park Rangers.
- 2023 Year in Review – Added programming and events: CORE Mobile Outreach Van, Community Hikes, Bike Rodeo had increase in participation. Hosted 2 Family Campouts. Special Olympics Year-Round Sports had 119 athletes participating. The annual Spring Games event in May 2023 had over 400 athletes from schools and programs across Buncombe County with over 700 volunteers. 2023 Festival of Lights had an additional 3,000 participants from previous years. This event serves as a fundraiser for Special Olympics with 20% of proceeds going directly to Special Olympics.
- Budget Preparation (Capital Project Requests) – Currently in the process of submitting Capital Project Requests and Budget for 2024-2025. Parks has requested additional staff, new vehicle and large projects.

- Greenways Report – **Thomas Gull**

- Enka Heritage Greenway Update – Currently working with NC DOT for new termination of proposed greenway due to environmental concerns. French Broad MPO has approved the new proposed alignment.
- Woodfin Greenway Update – Work continues on this Greenway, working with land owners and alignment to connect to Beaverdam Creek.

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/parks/greenways.aspx>

- Master Plan Update – **Thomas Gull**

The mission of Buncombe County Recreation Services is to improve the quality of life within our community by providing high quality recreational facilities, opportunities for social interaction, and programming which encourages health and wellness through active lifestyles.

- Community/Public Engagement – Parks staff will be reaching out to Advisory Board members for support at these meetings and other Pop-up events. Kimley-Horn, Consultants for the project will be taking care of Community Outreach & Engagement. Look for Stakeholder-Focus Groups, Community Meetings, Pop Ups in rural communities.
- Catalina Otero, CAPE Liaison, announced information of 2 up-coming meetings for the Master Plan
February 1, 2024 East Asheville Library – 5-7pm
March 21, 2024 Enka High School – 5-7pm (Exact location at school TBD)

Question from Ann B about how the 3 plans will be broken up. How will information about each aspect be obtained?
Answer: Meetings will be set up with stations to address each separate plan (Parks Master Plan, Open Space and Greenways Master Plan Update)

- **New/Completed Projects – Joseph Guseman**
 - New Restroom Facility – Lake Julian Park
 - Paving Project – BCSP
 - New Restroom at BCSP
- **Upcoming Events & Programming – Mac Stanley**
 - Preparing for 2024 Special Olympics Spring Games Day – May 2nd.
 - New Event – Doggie Easter Egg Hunt – March 23, 2024
 - New Programming – Spring Break Camp Days – All Day programming at Owen Park and Lake Julian.
 - CORE Programming continues. – Parks, Community Centers and Libraries throughout the Spring and Summer.
 - **Matt Dixon – Lake Julian** – Working on taking down all the lights from Light Show, preparing for Spring. Working on the new online reservation system: Active Net. Public will be able to reserve and pay for picnic shelters online. Also will be able to register for special events and programs.
- **Other Announcements – Parks & Recreation Staff or Advisory Board**
 - New Hire – Ranger II position
 - Community Recreation Grant Cycle opens February 5, 2024 – March 29, 2024
 - **NEW: Ann B recommended moving the Advisory Board meetings to every other month. Quarterly is too much time in between. Discussion between board members agreed.**
Ann motioned to move Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to every other month. David B. seconded. All members voted to change the frequency of meeting to every other month.

● **Next Meeting date/location/time Tuesday, March 12, 2024 12:00pm, East Asheville Library
May 14, 2024 meeting will be held at Lake Julian Park 12:00pm.**

- Adjournment – 12:55pm

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 2024	District	School District
Carol Peterson CHAIR	1	Reynolds
Ann Babcock	3	Asheville City
Ally Howell		
Lena Richards	2	Enka
Derek Turno	3	Asheville City
Kevin Conrecode	1	Enka
Ingrid Johnson (New)	3	Erwin
David Burdett (New)	3	Reynolds

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PARKS LOCATIONS - BY COMMISSION DISTRICT

Community Centers	Address	District	School District
Beech Community Club	15 Sugar Cove Road Weaverville NC 28787	2	North Buncombe
Big Ivy Community Club	550 Dillingham Road Barnardsville NC 28709	2	North Buncombe
Sandy Mush Community Club	19 School Road Leicester NC 28748	2	Erwin
Bent Creek Community Park	125 IdleWood Dr. Asheville NC 28806	1	Enka
Parks	Address	District	School District
BCSP - Community Garden & Orchard	16 Apac Drive Asheville NC 28806	1	Enka
Buncombe County Sports Complex	50 Apac Drive Candler NC 28715	1	Enka
Cane Creek Park Soccer Field	590 Lower Brush Creek Rd Fletcher NC 28732	1	Reynolds
Charles D. Owen Park	895 Warren Wilson Road Swannanoa NC 28778	2	Owen
Collier Cove Nature Preserve	194 Rhododendron Dr, Arden NC 28704	1	Roberson
Hominy Valley Park	25 Twin Lakes Drive Candler NC 28715	1	Enka
Karpen Soccer Fields	207 Reems Creek Road Weaverville NC 28787	2	North Buncombe
Lake Julian Park (Backside)	1 Fishermans Trail Arden NC 28704	1	Roberson
Lake Julian Park (Main Park)	37 Lake Julian Rd. Arden NC 28704	1	Roberson
North Buncome Park	892 Clarks Chapel Road Weaverville NC 28787	2	North Buncombe
Pools	Address	District	School District
Cane Creek Pool	590 Lower Brush Creek Rd Fletcher NC 28732	1	Reynolds
Erwin Pool	58 Lees Creek Road Asheville NC 28806	2	Erwin
Hominy Valley Pool	25 Twin Lake Dr. Candler NC 28715	1	Enka
North Buncombe Pool	892 Clarks Chapel Road Weaverville NC 28787	2	North Buncombe
Owen Pool	117 Stone Drive, Swannanoa NC 28778	1	Owen
River Parks - Owned	Address	District	School District
Corcoran Paige River Park	9 Pinner Road Arden NC 28704	1	Roberson
Glen Bridge River Park	77 Pinner Road Arden NC 28704	1	Roberson
Hominy Creek River Park	190 Hominy Creek Road Asheville NC 28806	3	Asheville City
Bent Creek River Park	1592 Brevard Road Asheville NC 28806	1	Enka
Walnut Island River Park	3042 Old Marshall Hwy Alexander NC 28701	2	North Buncombe
Alexander River Park	2589 Old Marshall Hwy. Alexandr NC 28701	2	North Buncombe
Ledges Whitewater Park	1080 Old Marshall Hwy Asheville NC 28804	2	North Buncombe