



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board April 11, 2023, 12:00PM**

\*This meeting was held in person at the East Asheville Library Branch, 3 Avon Rd. Asheville 28805. The meeting was “Live Streamed” and can be viewed via Buncombe County Facebook

**Meeting Minutes**

- Welcome and roll call – **Carol Peterson, Chair Meeting Called to Order 12:01pm**  
Members in Attendance: Carol Peterson, Lena Richards, Ally Howell, Ann Babcock, Derek Turno, Kevin Conrecode  
County Staff in Attendance: Allison Dains, Lynn Pegg, Thomas Gull, Jill Carter, Angelica Tyler
- Approval of March 2023 meeting minutes – **Carol Peterson, Chair**  
March meeting minutes were sent out via email and hard copies were available at the April 11 meeting. Ally Howell motioned to have the March 2023 minutes approved and Derek Turno seconded the motion. March minutes were approved.
- Directors Report – **Allison Dains**  
Spivey Mountain – **Presentation, Allison Dains - \*Presentation Attached**  
Spivey Mountain, sometimes referred to as Deaverview Mountain is only accessible by Deaverview Rd. The wildfire earlier in April did not affect the proposed 342 Acres. Ninety Five percent of the proposed park area is already under a conservation easement. The Parks Director, Allison Dains was asked to present a resolution at the April 18, 2023, County Board of Commissioners meeting stating the following:
  - That the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners has the intent to explore creating a county park or preserve for passive recreation and educational opportunities for our community
  - Staff has the direction and ability to partner with Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy on seeking state and federal funding
  - Staff may proceed with any due diligence required for the establishment of the property as a park or preserve.

Brief Discussion by board members

Kevin asked if there is a proposal to fund this purchase with open space bond funds. – Not currently.

Ann asked for clarification about the resolution – The resolution is being presented by Parks & Recreation staff not the advisory board.

Carol brought up things to consider such as continuous funding & maintenance. Carol suggested some “introductory Remarks” for the resolution noting the Parks department already has several large projects they are managing: 2 Large Greenway projects, Comprehensive Parks Master Plan, and on-going Parks & Recreation programming.

Send additional questions about the Spivey Mountain project to [Allison.dains@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Allison.dains@buncombecounty.org)

- **Bond for Open Space Passive Recreation– Thomas Gull**  
Introduction – **Jill Carter, Open Space Bond Project Manager**  
Greenway Criteria - **Presentation by Thomas Gull & Jill Carter**  
**\*See attached presentation**  
**Next Steps**  
Jill and Thomas will return to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Board meeting with final criteria for the Greenway Bonds. Vote will be held to adopt the criteria.
- **Passive Recreation Bond Advisory Board – Carol Peterson**  
Vote to add 2 additional Board Members, Lena Richards, and Kevin Conrecode  
Ann Babcock made motion to vote Lena Richards and Kevin Conrecode onto the Passive Recreation Bond Advisory Board. All board members present voted to add them to the board.
- **By-Laws Amendment (Vote)– Carol Peterson**  
Motion to move Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings to quarterly beginning with the June 13 meeting: quarterly meetings will be held in June, September, December, March with the option to call special meetings as needed. Per the Advisory Board By-Laws, the Board Chair or 3 members can recommend a meeting.  
Ally Howell made the motion to approve, and all members present approved.
- **Boards and Commission Fair**  
Buncombe County will host multiple events in the spring of 2023 with a goal to increase diverse representation on Buncombe County Boards and Commissions. Rooted in the goals of the Racial Equity Action Plan, these outreach events will help create a pool of diverse applicants for our Boards and Commissions. Three events have been scheduled and we would like to invite at least 2 Board Members to attend the events who can talk about the goals, current initiatives, their experiences, the actual obligations, and vacancies.  
**DATES**  
May 18, 2023, 4:00pm-6:00pm – Grove Street Center 36 Grove St. Asheville 28801  
May 20, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm – Big Ivy Community Center 540 Dillingham Rd. Barnardsville  
TBD June 2023 (Targeting the Hispanic Community) Emma Community Ctr.  
37 State Rd. 1342 Asheville 28806  
Buncombe County Recreation Advisory Board currently has 2 vacancies  
District – 2 One Vacancy  
District – 3 One Vacancy
- **Next Meeting date/location/time: Tuesday, May 2, 2023, East Asheville Library 12:00pm**  
*This meeting will take place to finalize the criteria for the Open Space Passive Recreation applications*
- **Adjournment 1:10pm**