



Recreation Advisory Commission 2012 Accomplishments





RAC

2012 Mission Statement

The mission of the Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) is to advocate for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Durham Community.



Recreation Advisory Commission Facts

Board Membership

- The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) consists of nine members appointed by the Durham City Council.

Meeting Time

- The RAC meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. at Durham Parks & Recreation's main office.





2012 DPR Challenges

- Deferred maintenance costs - how to address the deficiencies not covered by the 2005 bond money
- Safety surfacing of playgrounds
- Park vandalism - major concern
- Assess the programming needs of the residents
- Update the master plan - major focus
- Improve on marketing efforts and techniques





2012 RAC Issues – Top 3

- Current issues:
 - Trail (ATT) safety concerns and ideas
 - Providing input and facilitating community engagement on key topics such as athletics and park maintenance
- Looking to the future:
 - 2012-2013 Master Plan input





2012 Highlights

Month	Activity
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with city staff – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City manager & deputy city manager
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPR Master Plan discussion and community feedback
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members attended Coffees with Council Natural resources management plan Park vandalism discussion
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy discussion DPR Advocacy





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May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of history of Durham sports • Provide feedback on Master Plan vision
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed engaging the community in park ownership
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATT safety issues, ideas • DPR Master plan launch
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBM Forum report on healthy places to live, work and play • Economic benefits of thriving sports and recreation culture





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October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATT safety issues, concerns and actions • Orientation manual • Master plan – MindMixer and community meetings
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master plan updates
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Tour





2012 RAC Park Tour

On December 12, 2012, the RAC toured four parks.

- Beth Timson, Assistant Director, Park Planning & Education conducted the tour and provided details on the highlights and issues/concerns for each park.
- RAC members provided feedback on ideas for parks visited





2012 Parks Tour – Sherwood Park

Topic: Renovation funding has addressed some issues but safety and maintenance issues continue





2012 Parks Tour – Twin Lakes Park

Topic: Discussed potential park expansion and challenges





2012 Parks Tour – Campus Hills

Topic: Renovated playground, update on plans with NCCU for an upfit of the field. Tour of renovated locker rooms and new fitness center.





2012 Parks Tour – Elmira Park

Topic: Basketball court renovations. Possible funding for tennis court re-surfacing. Police are recommending some security changes in the park – how to address?





2012 Community Engagement

RAC members serve as ambassadors for DPR by fostering and enhancing the relationship between the department and the community. As advocates, the RAC...

- Communicates with neighborhoods and forwards input to DPR.
- Participates in the community through athletic leagues and leadership roles in recreation organizations.
- Approves support for partnerships with local organizations. The partnerships can include allowing access to recreational activities for individuals with limited resources (fee waivers).





2012 Community Involvement

RAC Involvement

- Coffees with Council
- Citizens Board Member (CBM) Forum 2012
- Hillandale Golf Course Advisory Committee
- Staff celebration breakfast celebrating resident satisfaction survey results
- Baseball organization athletic meeting
- Senior Holiday Party
- Outdoor festivals





2013: Looking forward

2012-2013 Master Plan

Safety concerns

Meeting growing needs of community

Enhancing quality of life for all residents

Increased community awareness of RAC and purpose





2012 RAC Commission Statement & Members

The RAC is pleased to serve the City of Durham, Mayor and City Council as advisors on Parks and Recreation.



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