



**Date:** March 6, 2014

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

**Through:** W. Bowman "Bo" Ferguson, Deputy City Manager

**From:** Rhonda B. Parker, Director, Parks and Recreation

**Subject:** 2013 Recreation Advisory Commission Report and Presentation

### **Executive Summary**

The 2013 Recreation Advisory Commission Annual Report fulfills the requirement that an annual report be provided from all Council appointed Boards and Commissions.

### **Recommendation**

To receive the 2013 Recreation Advisory Commission's Annual Report.

### **Background**

The mission of the Recreation Advisory Commission is to advocate for Durham Parks and Recreation and the Durham community.

The responsibilities of the Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) include:

- Representing different groups from Durham – sometimes particular sports, sometimes areas of the community.
- Attending different City functions and communicating between resident groups and Durham Parks and Recreation.
- Discussing and making recommendations to the department and City Management on issues affecting parks and recreation in Durham, including budget priorities.
- Attending statewide training conferences on citizen boards.
- Serving as members of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association.
- Building community partnerships by making recommendations on fee waivers for community and athletic groups using City park facilities; lobbying and affecting legislation; and believing in the purpose, value, and benefits of parks and recreation.

The commission consists of nine members appointed by the City Council. Members serve without compensation and must reside within the corporate city limits. The commission meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department, 400 Cleveland St.

The 2014 Recreation Advisory Commission members are:

Umar Muhammad (Chairman)  
Cheryl LeMay (Vice Chairman)  
Omar Beasley  
Catherine Brennan  
Marge Clemons

Loren S. Darden  
Ronnie Ferrell  
Steve Schewel (City Council Representative)  
Susan Taylor  
Linwood Webster

**Attachments**

2013 Recreation Advisory Commission Annual Report (Power Point presentation)