

**Recreation Advisory Commission**  
**May 4, 2022**

**Call To Order:**

A meeting of the Durham Recreation Advisory Commission was held in-person at Burton Park (1501 Sima Ave) on May 4, 2022. Chair Stracks-Mullem called the meeting to order at 7:55AM. Attendance was confirmed by roll call. Commissioners Scurlock-Jones and Reyes were excused absences.

**Welcome / Introductions**

**I. Adjustments to the Agenda/Special Announcements**

None

**II. Public Comment**

None

**III. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Jill made a motion to approve the April 13, 2022 meeting minutes; seconded by Kokou; no further changes, whereupon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the minutes were approved as presented.

**2. RAC Action Items – Fee Waiver Requests (Rich Hahn)**

Jill made a motion to accept all fee waivers as recommended by staff; seconded by Kokou. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

**1. Walltown Community Association**

Event Walltown Reunion Event

Facility Request Rec Center,  
Gym, Multi-purpose Room,  
Mature Adult Room

Dates 09/02/22, 09/03/22,  
09/10/22, 01/14/23, 03/11/23  
and 05/13/23

Fee waiver application approved by consent at 100%

**IV. Director's Report**

- A copy of the director's report was included in each RAC packet that members received. Upon your review, send Wade any questions you may have regarding its content.

**V. Commissioner Comments & Committee Reports**

Hillandale Advisory Committee (Rebecca Reyes/ Leslie Stracks-Mullem)

Lesley attended a meeting and commented how busy golf has been. She stated there were issues with grass at the driving range and potentially placing astro-turf down on the weekends. She stated they are looking to expand the space.

Durham Open Space and Trails Commission Report (DOST) (Karthik Sundaramoorthy)

Karthik stated they hoped to do a site/trail visit and were deciding on which to choose.

Durham Parks Foundation (Marcella Scurlock-Jones/Girija Mahajan)

None

**Open Discussion**

- There was discussion among Commissioners regarding Twin Lakes Park and its maintenance. Tom stated the future plans for park expansion and long term development on the CIP for parking on the unpaved areas. Tom stated if there were any amenities or sanitation issues that needed to be addressed at any DPR parks to reach out to DPR (dprinfo@durhamnc.gov) for a solution.
- Commissioners discussed a potential partial petition of rights for Old North Durham Park between Trosa and Central Park School. Tom gave further information regarding the space and how it is utilized as both private and public space. Rich clarified the Land, Water and Conservation Fund (LWCF) and how their gifted deeds must be used for recreational space.
- There was discussion regarding the Southern Community Park and how it offered recreational activities for adults and how this can be implemented at Durham Parks. Tom suggested Edgemont Park as an example.
- Commissioners discussed paper conservation at DPR facilities.
- Commissioners discussed the Splash & Play Project and Wade shared an update inclusive of outreach and community organization. Commissioners suggested sharing this information with the Inter-Neighborhood Council.
- Commissioners discussed the Rock Quarry Park completion and the Bimbé Festival taking place at the end of the month.

***Lesley adjourned the meeting at 8:22AM.***

**Next RAC Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Paola R. Roland*