

Recreation Advisory Board 2010 Annual Report

The Recreation Advisory Board met the second Monday of each month at 12:30 in the first floor conference room of City Hall.

Mission

Advisory to City of Asheville in matters affecting recreation policies, programs, finances and land acquisition related to total community recreation programs.

Key Accomplishments

- The Recreation Advisory Board recommended to approve Asheville Greenworks' concept to develop White Fawn reservoir as a park and recommended a strong effort at gathering public outreach; and directed Greenworks to come back to the Board with a detailed proposal.
- The Board approved and recommended to City Council the 2009 Bele Chere festival layout.
- The Board approved the FY 2011-2012 list of eligible applicants to receive in-kind support.
- The Board approved Jerri Goldberg's nomination as Chairperson for the Bele Chere Board of Directors for the 2010 Bele Chere festival and Steve Busey as the 2011 Chair.
- The Board recommended the removal of outdated tennis court fencing and hard surface near Congress Street.
- The Board considered the Pack Square Park agreement between the City of Asheville, Buncombe County, and Pack Square Conservancy, and after discussion recommended the City Manager to enter into a joint partnership agreement for the maintenance and operations of Pack Square Park.
- The Board endorsed the Nature Center membership program and Hey Day event and expressed their willingness to provide support to the Nature Center.
- The Board endorsed three candidates for the board vacancy and recommended those to City Council.
- The Board approved and recommended to City Council to approve the Asheville Downtown Association's proposal to operate the cultural art program in Pritchard Park for a maximum of 83 events per year beginning 2010 through 2012.
- The Board approved the Department moving forward with the 2011 PARTF grant application, though the grant application was later cancelled.
- The Board approved and recommended to City Council the continuation of a two-year lease for the tenant of the Reid Center Annex (Community Action Opportunities) for operation of the Head Start Program.
- The Recreation Advisory Board presented its 2009 Annual Report to City Council.
- The Board supported the recreation center groundbreaking event at Livingston Street Park by attending and working with the Reid Center Advisory Board.
- The Board requested and heard an overview of the FY 2010/2011 Capital Improvement Budget.
- The Board requested and heard a report on operations of the Municipal Golf Course.
- Board members attended the Hominy Creek section French Broad Greenway ribbon cutting event.

- The Board heard concerns from business owners affected by Bele Chere who were requesting festival policies regarding local merchants be revisited.
- Board members attended a half-day orientation tour providing an introduction to key facilities, parks, staff and customers.
- The Board heard concerns regarding Pritchard Park, including safety issues and warden performance.
- The Board heard an overview of the Department’s updated volunteer program including costs and benefits, attendance numbers, and the volunteer project approval process.
- The Board discussed the acceptance of several donations, including chairs for the chess tables and birdhouses at Pritchard Park.
- The Board heard an update on the Fit Community grant’s work in Aston Park.
- The Board heard an update on the Stream Bank Restoration Project in West Asheville and Malvern Hills parks.
- The Board discussed the construction progress on the center at Livingston Street Park, including the possible AB Tech ingress and Walton Street Park changes, and the future of the Reid Center.

Fee Waiver Report

The Board approved fee waiver requests from the following organizations:

Organization	Facility	Purpose	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
RiverLink	Carrier Park Picnic Shelter	Earth Day event	\$100	\$100
American Red Cross	Stephens-Lee Center	Adult CPR training course	\$350	\$350
Salvation Army	Pritchard Park	Holy Week Open Air Meeting	\$400	\$200
TOTAL:			\$850	\$650

Board Members

Sara Manuel, Chair	Wayne Wheeler
Geoff Ferland, Vice Chair	Mary Ann West
Lonnie Gilliam	Hutch Kerns
Mildred Nance-Carson	Will Callaway
Wanda Hawthorne	