

Recreation Advisory Board 2015 Annual Report

The Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) meets every other month on the second Monday of each month at 12:30pm in the first floor conference room of City Hall in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Mission

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

Key Accomplishments

Actions

- Approved the Parks and Recreation Cost of Services Study as prepared by the Matrix Consulting Group as the first phase of a user fee study. RAB's action serves as a recommendation to the Finance Committee.
- Approved the Montford Center Complex Master Plan
- Approved the Azalea Park Trails Master Plan

Presentations

The Board heard presentations on projects that affect City parks and recreation facilities.

- Park Planning and Development staff reported on the accomplishments of the FY14-15 Deferred Maintenance Program of significant improvements to parks and facilities within the \$650,000 budget.
- Park Planning and Development staff reported on the plans for the FY15-16 Capital Improvement and Deferred Maintenance Program within the \$2 million budget.
- Matrix Consulting Group presented the report on the Parks and Recreation Cost of Services Study. The study is the first phase of an in depth study in developing user fees for Parks and Recreation services.
- Wilson Simms presented the Asheville White Water Park, a proposal to develop a white water park on the French Broad River.
- RAB liaison staff presented the City's new Board and Commissions Manual.

Board Profile and Operations

- Chair Hutch Kerns and Vice Chair Josh O'Conner attended the Mayor's Board and Commission Luncheon.
- RAB members participated in the public engagement and focus group for Aston Tennis Center and final report to the Finance Committee.
- City Councilman Chris Pelly's term ended as RAB Council Liaison, and City Council appointed Keith Young as the RAB Council Liaison.
- RAB appointed Bob Pierce as Chair, and Todd Dunnuck as Vice Chair for FY15-16.
- Term of RAB membership ended for Hutch Kerns and Ashley Arrington, and Josh O'Conner and Pat Dennehy resigned their positions.
- RAB welcomed new members Laura Carlson, Helen Hyatt and Dean Pistor; and welcomed back Pat Dennehy.
- RAB roster at the close of 2015:

Bob Pierce, Chair	Pat Dennehy	Barry Mundt
Todd Dunnuck, Vice Chair	Helen Hyatt	Dean Pistor
Laura Carlson	Forrest Merithew	Kimberly Reed
Keith Young, City Council Liaison		