

**CHATHAM COUNTY REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

		<b>Date</b>	September 30, 2017
<b>Meeting Title</b>	Retreat minutes	<b>Time</b>	9:00 am-12 noon
<b>Location</b>	New Chatham County Agriculture Bldg	<b>Secretary</b>	Ann Alston
<b>Called to Order</b>	Tracy Burnett		
<b>Key Points Discussed</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Highlights</b>	
1.	Opening	The retreat was opened by Tracy Burnett for opening remarks. She introduced Luanne Bryan-NC State Resource Service. (Facilitator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions of attendees</li> <li>• Ground Rules were also established.</li> </ul>	

2. Updates from Renee Paschal-County Manager

We expect the Comprehensive Plan to be approved by the Board of Commissioners this Fall.

- Funding for an update to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan was included in the FY2018 budget and that work should be underway soon.
- The goal is to include funds for a Trail Plan in next year's budget

PARTF Grant awarded in the amount of \$150,000

**Chatham Park**

- Trails open to the public
- As part of the public hearing on the Additional Elements, Chatham County Commissioners asked that the county be allowed to connect county trails to Chatham Park trails
- County is working on completing the Fiscal Impact Analysis of Chatham Park's impact on the county's bottom line
- Our understanding is that Chatham Park will build the trails and the town will own
- During the 10-year build out of North Village, the town believes it will need the county to continue providing recreation services to town residents as it does now.
- Chatham Park is anticipating that the development will add more than 12,000 people over the next 10 years.

**Additional comments**

Partnership support is essential with community  
There should be partnerships with school and county

**Questions:**

How does the Commissioners feel about dedication resource directly for Parks and Recreation?

Response from Renee : There needs to be a plan in place to secure funding and there needs to be strategy

If Chatham Park trails would be open to the public. If Chatham Park doesn't happen, Chatham Park won't build trails. County trails, of course, would be open to the public.

Is the County Fair associated with the new Agriculture Building? In most counties that is some ties to the

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		<p>fair(TB)</p> <p>Response: (RP) Chatham County Fair Association is responsible for the fair We need find ways to best tell the story of the Parks and Recreation. Is the Community College being used as a source? (LB)</p> <p>Response (RP) We struggle with no central media. The Master Plan will assist with engaging the community. The community college is not being used as a source.</p>
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<p>3. Chatham County Partnership-Chris Blice</p>	<p>There are two new schools approved projected to open in the fall of 2021 The elementary school is projected to open in August 2020; the high school in August 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elementary School- near Margaret Pollard School. The capacity is 750 students. The school name is Chatham Grove</li><li>• High School- on Seaforth Road, off U.S. Highway 64. The school name is Seaforth High School. The classroom capacity is 1200 students; the core capacity is 1,400 students</li><li>• There are new athletic programs at the middle schools.</li><li>• Two new sports (Cross Country and Volley Ball)</li><li>• Researching the possibility of adding wrestling and football to the middle schools.</li></ul> <p>Overhaul of the 5030 Policy. There has been a lot of fee waivers. 2017 school year on Day 10-<b>8,784 students</b>. There was a projection of <b>8738 students</b>.</p> <p>There was growth in three schools-Horton, Siler City and Silk Hope.</p> <p>Anticipated growth with Chatham Park-<b>11,336</b> Without Chatham Park-<b>9653</b></p> <p>There is a new school link on the County Website for the schools.</p> <p>There was a visit to Cumberland County with Tracy Burnett.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supportive of co-locate partnership with Recreation Department</li><li>• There are a lot of people to try to sell on the visions</li></ul> <p>Questions</p>
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		<p>What will it take to make the choice? (ML)</p> <p>Response: Talk to the commissioners and school board members. (CB)</p>
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4.	Master Plan Update-Jenn B	<p><b>PowerPoint highlights</b></p> <p>Why Parks and Recreations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Value</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Social</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Plan is a blueprint/guide used to determine workloads and baselines</li> <li>• Master Plan helps to tell the story</li> <li>• Board Members are responsible for promoting the Master Plan.</li> <li>• Community developers use plan to define recreation, create baseline and guide projects and design.</li> </ul> <p>Governing Board are the Commissioners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plan helps them plan on things that impact the community and guide them on expected growth and understand public issues</li> </ul> <p>Park and Recreation Department Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guides decision</li> <li>• Baseline for success</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Recommendations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update plan instead of creating a new one</li> <li>• Form Steering Committee</li> </ul>
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No.	ACTION ITEMS	Member Name	Target Date
1.	Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan		
2.	Ensure that RFQ is spelled out especially about public input.		
3.	Talk with community about Parks and Recreation regularly		
4.	Work with Debra Henzey on announcing masterplan kickoff		
5.	Talk with Commissioners about co-locate facility with schools-create talking points, meeting needed and data		

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## Participants:

#	Name	√
1	Ann Alston	√
2	Lisa Baaske	√
3	Tracy Burnett	√
4	Andrew George	√
5	James Fogleman	√
6	Josh Lindgren	√
7	Megan Lynch	√
8	Timothy Mounce	√
9	George Pauly	<b>A</b>
10	Tammy Phillips	√
11	Howard Surface	√
12	Renee Paschal-County Manager	√
12	Jenn Beedle-NC State Resource	√
13.	LuAnne Bryan- NC State Resource	√
14.	Chris Blice-Chatham County Schools	<b>V</b>

√ = In Attendance

**A** = Not in Attendance