

**PRC Advisory Board  
Members**

Kent Curran (27)  
Sharon Correll (29)  
Janelle Harris (26)  
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Arun Nair (27)  
Robert Nibarger (29)  
Patty Reich (27)  
Ash Munro (Chair) (26)  
Frank Freeman (Vice-Chair) (26)



**MEETING MINUTES**

Huntersville Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Huntersville Town Hall – Room  
14704 N. Old Statesville Road

**Town Staff**

Michael Jaycocks  
Tramaine Mills

**Town Commissioner**

Heather Smallwood

**Members Present:** Kent Curran, Sharon Correll, Janelle Harris, Magic McNairy, Arun Nair, Robert Nibarger, Patty Reich, Ash Munro, Frank Freeman.

**Guests:** Wyatt Krone, Lindsay Krone, Aleta Dunn.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Ash Munro, Chair, at 6:30 p.m.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Ash confirmed that a quorum of commissioners was present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Kent moved to approve the minutes for the November meeting; Arun seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Employee Anniversaries** - Tramaine Mills (8 years), Joey Dempski (4 years), Joe Greene (15 years).

**New Employee** – Brock Borich.

**MLK Jr. Day Event** – Great turn out at Waymer Center with about 400 attendees.

**Programming**

**Athletics:**

*Spring registration* is now open for all programs: Girls on the Run, Youth Volleyball, Youth Basketball, Senior & Adult Softball, Mini Athletes, Miles & Smiles Walking Club. All programs begin in mid-March.

We are currently seeking volunteer coaches for Volleyball League and GOTR.

**Recreation & Events:**

*Summer Camp!* Lottery opens February 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Selections will be announced on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Mahjong Class* – Players learn the basics of Mahjong (The “pickleball” of recreation!)

*Black History Month Celebration* – Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at David B Waymer Recreation Center.

*Xtreme Teen Outings* – Rock Climbing & Lock-In, February 7-8<sup>th</sup>.

*Parent's Night Out* – February 13<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm.

Homeschool PE, Kids Out Fun Day, Books by the Butterfly.

*Adult Classes* – *Love at First Bites*: Gnocchi Night on February 13<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm.

**Park Visitors Data & Impact Highlights**

**Park Visitation (Placer.ai Data):**

There were 1.9 million park visits in 2025. Visitors spent an average of 1 hour and 34 minutes per visit, totaling more than 3 million hours spent in our parks.

*Bradford Park* recorded the highest attendance with 546,000 visits.

*Rosedale Nature Park* saw the largest increase in visitation at 23% growth.

*Rosedale Dog Park* experienced a 20% increase in visits.

**Impact of Park Improvements:**

*Abernethy Park Renovation* - Attendance increased from 14,000 to over 23,000 visits, a 64% increase for this 2-acre neighborhood park.

*North Meck Park Splashpad* – Opened July 2025; welcomed more than 3,600 visitors during summer months.

*Holbrook Park Pickleball Court* visits increased from 80,000 to 140,000, reflecting significant growth in demand.

**Sports Tourism** – At the 2005 Annual Retreat, one of the Town’s goals was to establish Huntersville as an amateur sports destination. Today, Barry Park, Bradford, HAP and NMP collectively generate 1.7+ million total visits with over 100,000 visits from more than 100 miles away. Visitors traveling more than 100 miles typically stay overnight, contributing to the local economy.

**Program Demand** – Ninety-nine (99) programs had waitlists in 2025. 1,137 participants were on waitlists. Summer Camp capacity is limited primarily due to space constraints. After-school programming is impacted by transportation challenges. CMS facilities are often unavailable during summer months due to scheduled maintenance and repairs. Ash asked what is the % that is over capacity for summer camp.

**Downtown Parks and Events** – We hosted thirty (30) special events with total attendance of approximately 30,000 people. Winter Wonderland on the Greenway attracted 8,000 visits. Events continue to support the goal of increasing downtown activity.

**Greenway Usage** – Camera counts on the greenways for four months show: Downtown Greenway had 24,578 users, 1-77 Greenway Tunnel: 31,749 users and Torrence Creek Greenway 29,673. This data is from September-January 18.

**Tree Canopy Initiative** – Increasing the town’s tree canopy, the goal to plant 500 trees by 2030. In 2024 – 97 trees planted. In 2025 – 179 trees planted. Additional planting is planned with Charlotte Trees following the soccer season at Richard Barry Park.

V. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

**Janelle** – Shared several Mecklenburg County updates, including upcoming improvements at Waymer Park beginning next month and expected to be completed by July. Although Pottstown Park is not currently included in the CIP for construction, the County provided a conceptual overview of the site’s topography to outline future possibilities. An RFP is being developed for the Torrence Lytle Building, and community input will be incorporated.

Michael included that drainage and water issues at the splash pad are being addressed, with plans to complete permitting and open by the end of summer.

**Joint Parks & Recreation Meeting** – Will take place on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Regional Recreation Center. Michael will send out a calendar invite.

**Ash** – Would like the advisory board to start thinking about one thing they wish they had known when they first started on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Wyatt Krone (Troop 19) – Eagle Scout Proposal – Rainbow Bridge at Bradford Park.**  
Inspired by his own cat and a Troop 19 hike, Wyatt plans to stabilize and improve the existing bridge near the soccer fields and walking trail by adding paint, railings, signage, and a displayed “Rainbow Bridge” poem with guidelines. Families will be invited to honor their pets by adding collars to the bridge, and debris will be cleared from the area. To fund the project, Wyatt plans to sell memorial plaques for \$30-\$50 each, with a goal of selling 20 plaques to cover costs. He hopes to begin in March and promote the plaques through local pet and Huntersville community groups. Ash made a motion to approve the proposal, Sharon seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
- b. **Aleta Dunn – A Pottstown resident** who lives across from Waymer Park, expressed concerns about noise from the hockey rink’s plastic wall, where pucks frequently strike the surface. She has spoken with staff about encouraging renters to be mindful of neighbors and suggested using a net for practice instead of hitting the wall. Staff noted efforts to work with the hockey group, including posting signage, exploring leaving a net in place, and investigating padding or cedar tree plantings to help reduce noise. Additional concerns included early-morning dumpster pickups (advised to address with Mecklenburg County), splash pad drainage clogged by pine needles (staff will resolve), parking challenges including use of the gravel parking lot on historic property, and abandoned vehicles (which require a police process before towing). Mecklenburg County’s planned improvements will add 20 parking spaces, and staff will evaluate if paving the gravel parking lot makes sense given future plans and stormwater requirements.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Consider Turf Field Agreement with Christ the King Catholic School.**

The agreement is still under discussion as staff work to obtain rough cost estimates. Other schools have reached out seeking field use agreements due to their need for additional space; however, accommodating these requests is challenging because weeknight availability is already heavily used by leagues. Turf fields offer more flexibility, but there is concern about entering into too many agreements and overcommitting resources. Another group has also expressed interest in discussing use of North Mecklenburg Park (NMP), and staff plan to meet with them to explore options.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appoint Chair for 2026 – Ash and Janelle were nominated. Janelle was approved by majority vote.
- b. Appoint Vice-Chair for 2026. Frank was unanimously approved as Vice-Chair.
- c. Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule. The 2026 meeting schedule was reviewed and approved.
- d. Discuss FY27 CIP (Capital Improvement Projects).

**Capital Improvement Projects & Master Plan Update**

The 2030 Master Plan, approved in 2020, guides parks and recreation needs through 2030. Public engagement identified priorities including improved programs and amenities, expanded

athletic facilities, added parking, and better service to the west side of Town. Significant progress has been made, particularly in addressing athletic facility gaps and parking needs. Master Plans should be updated every seven years to reflect changing community needs and to strengthen competitiveness for state grant funding.

**Projects:**

**Waymer Park Splash Pad** – Moving forward.

**First Responders Park** – Entering construction documents; anticipated late summer start with a 12-month buildout.

**NMP Greenway** – One-mile greenway expected to be completed by end of February.

**LKN Charter Joint Use Agreement** – This will be our fourth agreement providing access to a full-size gym and lighted tennis courts; strong community benefit.

**HAP Amphitheater** – Capacity for several thousand with ample parking.

**Huntersville Elementary (New)** – Working to secure updated joint-use agreement for new gym space.

**Rec Center Expansion** – Planned west-side expansion to double facility size and add flexible community space.

**Holbrook Park Expansion** – Proposed amenities include canopy walks, gardens, natural play areas, shelters, and boardwalk.

**Ramah Church Park** – Master Plan approved; includes 20-acre park and 5-acre fire station site.

**Bradford Park Expansion** (with Davidson) – Shared 20% cost/use agreement; Master Plan update needed. Only sites are available for athletic field expansion.

**Agreements** – The Town is updating joint-use agreements to ensure terms of at least 25 years, improving eligibility for state grant funding. Recent extensions have been completed with Lake Norman Charter, and CMS agreements will follow.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall, 14704 N. Old Statesville Road at 6:30 p.m.