

## Minutes

Riverbend Park Committee Meeting  
Family Court Building  
1555 West Main Street  
Rock Hill, South Carolina  
April 20, 2021

6:00pm

**Present:** Craig Craize, Tom Dissington, Dave Oxendine, Manning Kimmel, Mike Moore, Allison Love (Ex Officio), David Hudspeth, Kevin Madden, Jack Leitner, Christi Cox (Ex Officio), Ryan Sanderson, Tom Audette (Ex Officio), Michael Kendree, Jan Angel, Jason Ratterree

Dan Dodd, Chuck Flink and Anna Simpson attended.

Council Chairwoman, Christi Cox called the meeting to order

Motion was made by Committee member Manning Kimmel and seconded by Committee member David Oxendine to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Riverbend Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

Chuck Flink presented an update on the final public input survey and explained that the survey results were as expected and trended toward nature based recreation. Mr. Flink stated that there were approximately 1,900 participants in the survey.

At this time, teams Pine, Maple and Oak broke into individual groups to discuss their park program ideas.

After group discussions, each team presented their park program ideas:

**Team Pine:** Entertainment, Athletics (extreme sports – mountain biking), Recreation and Education

Hub 1 and 2 – To be determined at a later date. Leave open space for now.

Hub 3 – Multi-use building – rustic look with quality amenities – conferences, wedding venue, entertainment location

Hub 4 and 5 – Active sports, education

Hub 7 and 8 – Primitive camping and education area

**Team Maple:** River is the biggest amenity

Phase I – establish primary parking location, walking/running path along the full length of the river front, entry/exit locations for kayaking along with safety barriers at both locations, short and long-term plan to sell food and drinks, kayak transportation plan, and establish other connecting paths/trails.

Phase II and beyond – Playground, mountain bike course, camping sites (RV and tent), food and drink sales (restaurant, event center, outside pavilion/amphitheater), disc golf course, fishing, zip line, nature study plan, equestrian trails, dog park, splash zones, soccer field

**Team Oak:** Environment aspect of park is priority – conservation easement areas – commercial concentrated on one side – very natural

Additional access to the site – Neely Store Road will not be able to handle the traffic

Operations and Maintenance areas

Commercial area: RV camping, kayaking and canoe rentals, small outfitter store, corporate event center

River access

Picnic shelters, children’s adventure play area, restaurant, dog park/beer garden/wedding venue, boardwalk, and amphitheater

Tent Camping

Trails – walking, mountain biking, equestrian trails as well

Mr. Flink explained that he, Dan Dodd and Anna Simpson would take all of these ideas and develop 2-3 different development scenarios for the committee to review. The public will have two opportunities for input, May 18 and July 20. Mr. Flink would like to work on discussing budget, funding, management, governance, operations and maintenance in the interim months.

There being no further discussion, the committee meeting adjourned.