BUNCOMBE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – May 12, 2026
Report Out

- **Director's Report** – Allison Dains, Director
  - Deaverview Mountain Purchase finalized in March
  - Woodfin Greenways Update – see attached
  - FY27 Budget – Currently proceeding with two new positions- Deaverview Facility Supervisor and Landscape Supervisor.
  - LIFT grant submitted for indoor recreation facility
    - Will find out in July if we are invited to submit a Phase 2 Application

- **New Board Member Evaluation Committee Update**
  - David Burdett and Emily Troisi volunteered for new member committee evaluation at last meeting. This was put on hold until given approval to proceed and we should be able to start this process soon.

- **Programming & Events Update** – Liz Hoekwater, Recreation Division Manager
  - Past
    - Spring Family Campout
    - Wildflower Walks
    - Earth Day River Clean-Up
    - Fishing Club and Kids' Fishing Tournament
  - Special Olympics
    - TC Roberson Spring Games, May 7th
    - AC Reynolds Spring Games, May 21st
    - SONC Summer Games, May 29th-31st in Raleigh
  - Upcoming
    - Swannanoa Market, May 16th
    - 55+ Club – Beginner Pickleball rescheduled, Painting in the Park, Putt Putt, and Poetry Slam coming up
    - CORE at Grovemont through May and will move to Big Ivy Community Center in June
    - 4th of July Fireworks
  - New bikes for youth biking are being built and will arrive soon

- **Park Projects and Parks Status Update** – Joseph Guseman, Parks Division Manager
  - The Turf and Lighting Project at Fields 3,4, and 5 is almost complete! The walking path is currently being paved and the final touches are being added.
    - Ribbon Cutting scheduled for June 12th.

- Karpen Soccer Fields have reopened. Goals will be moved to the field over the next several weeks.
    - Work continues with FEMA to fill in the sink hole area and fix the walking path.
- The RFQ has closed for Deaverview Mountain. Contract negotiations are next.
- Landscape Architect Project Manager position was accepted. Start date of June 29th.
- The date for the next round public engagement to review initial conceptual designs for Owen Park should be announced soon.