

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Number of members: 8 (includes Board of Education Member and Assistant County Manager)

Term of Office: three years - may not serve more than two consecutive terms and cannot be reappointed until at least one year after last term.

Qualifications: County resident 18 years of age or more who has a sincere interest and commitment to the importance of park and recreation services; a willingness to give freely of time and energy to learn about and to carry out responsibilities; the ability to work well with all other Board members; complete open-mindedness and respect for varied points of view and consideration of all Board business; good judgment, intelligence and courage of conviction; a dedicated interest in the Park and Recreation welfare of all citizens of the county; the capability of speaking out and articulating parks and recreation needs; the ability to accept and weather criticism gracefully; the strength to refuse to be intimidated by pressure groups and issues which are not in the best interest of the whole county; a strong feeling for team work between the Director, Board of County Commissioners, and other Advisory Board members and a desire to truly know the community and the recreational needs of all citizens.

Regular Meetings: First Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parks Conference Room of New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403.

Statute or cause creating Board: Board was established by the Commissioners at their meeting of June 20, 1988 and adoption of By-Laws Governing the Advisory Board at July 18, 1988 meeting. Board of Education Member included on March 22, 1999. Replaced Commissioner representative with designee - Assistant County Manager position, December 19, 2011.

Compensation: None - member may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as long as such expense receives the prior approval of the Board of Commissioners or its designated agencies and is within the approved budget.

Brief on the functions: The Board shall suggest policies to the Department, the Manager, and the Board of County Commissioners; serve as liaison between the Department, the Manager, the Board of County Commissioners and citizens of the county; shall consult with and advise the Department, the Manager, and the Board of County Commissioners in matters affecting recreation policies, program, personnel, finances, and the acquisition and disposal of lands and properties related to the total county recreation program, and to its long-range, projected program for recreation.

The Board shall assume duties for park and recreation purposes as follows: (1) Make recommendations to set apart land for use as parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, water areas, or other recreation areas and structures, and suggest improvements of such lands and for the construction, equipping, and staffing of such buildings and structures as may be necessary to operate the park and recreation program. (2) Advise in the acquisition of lands and structures through gifts, purchase, lease or loan. (3) Advise in the acceptance by the County of any grant, gift, bequest or donation, any personal or real property offered or made available for park and recreation purposed and which is judged to be of present or possible future use for parks and recreation. (4) Advise in the construction, equipping, operation, and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and all building and structures necessary or useful to Department function, and advise concerning other park and recreation facilities that are owned or controlled by the County, or leased or loaned to the County.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (CONT.)

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM OF OFFICE	
	APPOINTMENT	EXPIRATION
Matthew Ryan Bisplinghoff 6705 Carmel Trail Wilmington, NC 28411 919-452-4581 (H)	Unexpired 8/22/22	6/30/23
Lindy Ford 5001 Monck Court Wilmington, NC 28409 910-899-7954 (C) 910-899-7954 (W) 910-769-2551 (F)	First 6/20/22	6/30/25
John Hinnant, Chair 219 N. 23 rd St. Wilmington, NC 28405 910-619-3430 (C)	Unexpired 6/17/19 First 6/22/21	6/30/21 6/30/24
Carol Hunter 8534 Reisling Avenue Wilmington, NC 28411 315-857-5465 (H)	Unexpired 8/22/22	6/30/24
Malik Shabazz 1114 Fanning St. Wilmington, NC 28403 980-259-2247 (C) 910-343-1901 (W)	First 6/15/2020	6/30/23
Gayle Tabor 6130 Shiloh Drive Wilmington, NC 28409 910-470-8693 (H)	Unexpired 8/22/22	6/30/25
Board of Education: Pete Wildeboer 6410 Carolina Beach Road Wilmington, NC 28412 Judy.justice@nhcs.net		
County Commissioner Designee: Assistant County Manager: Tim Burgess 230 Government Center, Suite 195 Wilmington, NC 28403 Office 910-798-7184	Appt. 7/12	Undesignated
Tara Duckworth, Director NHC Parks and Gardens 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 120 Wilmington, NC 28403 910-798-7198		File: /Parks Revised: 08/2022