

My name is Kip Kiser

I am chairman of the Park & Rec  
Commission

## LAND ACQUISITION

First, I would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager for their wisdom in providing \$50 Million annually for the past 2 years for land acquisition. Undeveloped Land is rapidly disappearing. The land needed for Parks has become much more expensive. We will get to the point where the only land available for Parks will already be developed.

It will require expensive redevelopment

costs. We recommend an increase for land acquisition to the amount of \$75 Million per year. We request that this amount be allowed to roll over if not depleted by fiscal year end.

## DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

The PRC unanimously agrees that the County needs to fix what is broken and needs to improve the Parks and Facilities in poor condition. In order to achieve this goal, the PRC requests an additional \$15 Million for Deferred Maintenance or Capital Reinvestment. The PRC cannot yet defend this request. It quite possibly could be more.

Staff has not provided the PRC with a list of Deferred Maintenance items that need to be included and evaluated.

## ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

We request that you expand the routine maintenance budget by \$3 Million to ensure underserved areas are not overlooked.

## PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND SENIORS

Children and seniors are a priority of the PRC.

We request that you expand programming for seniors' and children's activities by \$300,000.

## SAFETY IN THE PARKS

We advise that you fund additional park rangers and contracted security services by \$900,000. We need to be proactive as opposed to reactive, and do our part with the limited resources that are being provided by Charlotte Mecklenburg Police.

## CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICES

The Co-op Extension is back in business: Agriculture, education and promotion of health and nutrition in underserved populations. We recommend an increase of \$750,000 for Co-op extension services.