

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Vote on Nominees listed below, nominated for reappointment consideration at the June 18, 2019 meeting.

Five (5) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2022 (At-Large, Central Region 1, Northern Towns, North Region 1 and North Region 3 Representatives)

Nominees	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Alesha Brown District 2 (Black) Central Region 1				
Brian Cox District 5 (White) At-Large				
Paul Freestone District 1 (White) Northern Towns				
Ann Harrison District 1 (White) North Region 1				
Blanche Penn District 3 (Black) North Region 3				

**Current District Representation: District 1 (4) – District 2 (1) – District 3 (1) – District 4 (2)
District 5 (1) – District 6 (3)**

White (9) – Black (3)

Female (5) – Male (7)

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

NOMINEES

FOR

REAPPOINTMENT CONSIDERATION



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Park and Recreation Commission
- **Name:** Alesha Brown
- **Home address:** 2220 English Drive
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28216
- **Home Phone:** 843-793-9678
- **Work Phone:** 704-940-3429
- **Email:** aleshabrown09@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Attorney
- **Place of employment:** Cranfill Sumner Hartzog LLP
- **Race:** Black/African American
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 31
- **Hours per month available for position:** 20
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** JD
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- Community
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Attorney at various firms and nonprofit organizations. Previously served as counsel to the NYC Council's civil rights and contracts committees. Currently serving on Charlotte's Urban Main Advisory Committee
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Civil rights/social justice
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 2
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request. I agree**
- **Signature of applicant:** Alesha S. Brown
- **Date:** 02/26/2019



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Park & Recreation Commission
- **Name:** Brian Cox
- **Home address:** 3601 School House Lane
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28226
- **Home Phone:** 704-619-5987
- **Work Phone:** 704-619-5987
- **E-Mail:** brian.elvin.cox@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Consultant
- **Place of employment:** Self-employed
- **Race:** W
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 55
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10-20
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** none
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** BS in Business Admin; MS in Recreation; Graduate Cert in Technology & Communication
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** 31 years of local government, 28 with Mecklenburg County. 17 years with Meck Park & Rec before accepting job of eGov/Customer Service Dir in Co Mgr's Office in 2003. Became Dir of Business Support Services Agency in 2011. Currently, I consult on strategic planning, communication, and marketing. Also a partner in Grass Graffiti, LLC, a company that licenses logo kits. Member of Charlotte Chamber and NC Park & Recreation Association. Website: briancox.info
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Avid user of the greenway system. Knowledge and experience with County budgets and capital planning.
- **County Commission District:** 5
- **Signature of applicant:** Brian E. Cox
- **Date:** 07/22/2015



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Park and Recreation Commission
- **Name:** Paul Freestone
- **Home address:** 707 Patrick Johnston Lane
- **City:** Davidson
- **Zip code:** 28036
- **Home Phone:** 269-532-4815
- **Work Phone:** 269-532-4815
- **Email:** paulfreestone46@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** VP - Mergers and Acquisitions
- **Place of employment:** Stryker Corporation
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 52
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** BSEE, Duke University; Certified Nuclear Engineer, USN; 3 Advanced Leadership courses, Harvard University
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- Beth Cashion, Sterling Martin
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Served in the US Navy Submarine force, 1988-1995; Various leadership roles at Stryker (Fortune 300 medical device manufacturer), 1996-current, including senior Quality and Regulatory leader, reporting to CEO; VP level leadership roles with responsibilities in US, Asia (lived in Hong Kong for 3 years), Latin America.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Avid cyclist and runner, just beginning involvement with Davidson Land Conservancy efforts
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 1
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request. I agree**
- **Signature of applicant:** Paul R Freestone
- **Date:** 05/15/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Park and Recreation Commission
- **Name:** Ann Harrison
- **Home address:** 6200 Jim Kidd Rd
- **City:** Huntersville
- **Zip code:** 28078
- **Home Phone:** 704-875-1106
- **Work Phone:**
- **Email:** eannharrison629@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Retired from WBTV
- **Place of employment:**
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 65
- **Hours per month available for position:** 5
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** College
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Served for 6 years on the Down YMCA Board of Directors, 4 years on the YMCA Facility Committee, past president of American Women in Radio and TV
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Parks, environment
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 1
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request. I agree**
- **Signature of applicant:** E. A. Harrison
- **Date:** 8/26/18



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Park and Recreation Commission
- **Name:** W. Blanche Penn
- **Home address:** 2207 Century Oaks Lane
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28262
- **Home Phone:** 704-890-4101
- **Work Phone:**
- **E-Mail:** blanche10penn@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Retired
- **Place of employment:**
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 65
- **Hours per month available for position:** open
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Candidacy Ph.D
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I can submit my resume.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** My expertise is in park and recreation for over 30 years. I can submit my resume.
- **County Commission District:** 3
- **Signature of applicant:** W. Blanche Penn
- **Date:** 12/17/2016

W. BLANCHE PENN

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Education

Concordia University Portland	Doctoral Program Educational Education (2018)
Concordia University Portland	Master Degree- Education Leadership
University of North Carolina Charlotte	Bachelor in Theatre Arts
Central Piedmont Community College	Associates in Business Administration
Central Piedmont Community College	Associates in Human Service
Brands College of Beauty	Cosmetology License
Barber College of Charlotte	Barber License

Professional Experience

Assistant Recreation, 1998

Facility Manager 2000- 2006

- Planned, organized and directed a variety of indoor and outdoor activities
- Budget planning
- Monitoring of facility revenue through daily admissions, facility passes, fitness, wellness, recreation moreover, facility rentals, sports
- Youth and seniors programs

Recreation *Specialist* – 2006- 2016

Assistant Librarian Central Piedmont Community College- 1980-1998

- Facilitated a variety of mini-workshops for students
- Provided customer service to the students by assisting them with their library needs and programs

Summary of Qualifications

- Energetic, committed, and goal-oriented administrative professional with over fifteen years of extensive experience in programming for youth.
- Proven ability to lead a top-notch operations team while optimizing revenue growth.
- Well-organized with proven ability to effectively prioritize work, completing multiple, concurrent assignments in a timely and professional manner.
- Experience in recruiting, training, marketing, and promoting employees.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills and experiences in leading, training and motivating employees.

Professional Organization and Civil Affiliations

- Member*, Leadership Academy, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
- Member*, Alpha Phi Chi, Chair of the Torchlight
- Member*, Black Political Caucus, Past Membership Chair
- Member*, Black Women Caucus, Past Chaplain
- Past-2nd Vice President*, National Advancement for Colored People, NAACP
- PTA Council President* 2000- 2002, 2004
- PTA President*, Vance High School
- PTA President*, Rocky River High School
- Parent Leadership*, Lee Institute
- Winners PLUS Agency, Inc. Executive Director, non-profit,
www.winnersplusagency.org
- Parent on the Move Workshops for parents and students
- Men taking children to school on the first day (2006- now)

Awards and Honors

- Awarded the mug award for organizing special senior programs at Park and Recreation
- Awarded the Revolution Neighborhood Association Award for the Employee of the Year Award
- NAACP Awards Unsung Hero
- Awards Glider Track Team for Community Services
- Champion for Children Award- Raleigh North Carolina

Mecklenburg County

Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

Board Appointments Due

Renewals From 6/1/2019 To 6/30/2019

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Number of BOCC Members: 13

Term Length in Years: 3

Purpose

The Park and Recreation Commission shall consult with and advise the governing body of all matters affecting recreation programs, personnel, finances, and in acquisition and disposal of lands and properties related to all aspects of the County park and recreation program. The Park and Recreation Commission shall establish a supervised system of recreation; acquire lands and structures through gifts, purchases, lease or loan; any grant, gift bequest or donation for recreation purposes; set apart recreation areas and structures and improve such lands; construct and equip buildings and structures as may be necessary to the recreation program within allocated funds. Appointments are made for three-year terms with no one serving more than two consecutive terms.

Qualifications

Three members representing each of the three regions North, South and Central, 1 member representing the northern towns, 1 member representing the southern towns and 2 at-large members. Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County.

Special Notes

REAPPOINTMENTS NEEDED FOR:

Five (5) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2022 (At-Large, Central Region 1, Northern Towns, North Region 1 and North Region 3 Representatives)

Alesha Brown, Brian Cox, Paul Freestone, Ann Harrison and Blanche Penn are eligible for reappointment.

5 Appointment(s) For 3 Year Term:

Name	Qualifications	Appointed:	Expires	Eligibility
Brown, Alesha	(CENT1)	4/2/2019	06/30/2019	Unexpired Eligible for Reappointment
Cox, Brian	(AL)	9/1/2015	06/30/2019	Eligible for Reappointment
Freestone, Paul	(NOTWN)	6/19/2018	06/30/2019	Eligible for Reappointment
Harrison, Ann	(NORT1)	9/18/2018	06/30/2019	Unexpired Eligible for Reappointment
Penn, Blanche	(NORT3)	10/3/2017	06/30/2019	Eligible for Reappointment

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Black, Sonya	3	(NORT3)(AL)	B / F
Chambliss, Joel	5	(SOUT2)(AL)	W / M
Cook, Andrea	1	(NORT2)(AL)	W / F
Freeman, Philip	4	(SOUT3)(AL)	W / M
Holmes, Horace	4	(CENT2)(AL)	W / M
Johnson, Jennifer	2	(CENT1)(AL)	W / F
Mason, Iarwin "Ike"	2	(CENT1)(AL)	B / M
Mclmore, Daniel	4	(NORT3)(AL)	B / M
Tartt, John	6	(SOUT2)(AL)	W / M

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PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Williams, Shalinda	6	(SOUT3)(AL)	B / F

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION Members:

Name (* = Chairman)	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Barnett, Sandy	6	(SOUT3)	W / F	3/6/2019	6/30/2020	UEL	
Brown, Alesha	2	(CENT1)	B / F	4/2/2019	6/30/2019	UEL	<==
Cox, Brian	5	(AL)	W / M	9/1/2015	6/30/2019	EL	<==
Engels, Peter	4	(CENT2)	W / M	9/20/2016	6/30/2021	EL	
Freestone, Paul	1	(NOTWN)	W / M	6/19/2018	6/30/2019	EL	<==
Harrison, Ann	1	(NORT1)	W / F	9/18/2018	6/30/2019	UEL	<==
Kearney, Rufus	6	(SOUT3)	B / M	6/19/2018	6/30/2020	EL	
Kitchen, Charles	2	(SOUT1)	B / M	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	EL	
Loflin, Mark	6	(SOUT2)	W / M	1/15/2019	6/30/2020	UEL	
Martin, Sterling	1	(NORT2)	W / M	12/16/2015	6/30/2021	NE	
Penn, Blanche	3	(NORT3)	B / F	10/3/2017	6/30/2019	EL	<==
Winiker, Rick	4	(CENT3)	W / M	4/18/2017	6/30/2021	EL	
*Pruess, Heidi	1	(AL)	W / F	9/1/2015	6/30/2021	NE	