

# Parks With Purpose Community Task Force Newsletter and Meeting Summary

March 18, 2019 Meeting | Norman and Betty Camp Education Center

**Meeting Participants:** Kevin Boyer, Louie Rivers, Christy Perrin, Amin Davis, Claudia Graham, David Proper, Bill Flournoy, Mikiya McClain, Nicole Morrison, Randy Senzig, Francis Carmichael-Jones, Bettie Thompson, Claire Cooney, Stacia Turner, Bettie Camp, Norman Camp Jr., Heather Dutra, Brooke Brilliant, Kristi Moyer, Stacie Hagwood, Eric Butler, Kofi Boone, NCSU College of Design students (20)

## Announcements:

- The design students will tally up today's workshop results and get them back to us by Monday's meeting.
- Stacie Hagwood gave us updates on upcoming local events:
  - Partners for Environmental Justice and local park development projects will be featured in the May issue of Walter Magazine.
  - A local storm drain site was chosen to be painted by an artist as a part of a City of Raleigh Stormwater initiative.
  - The Citrix bikeshare program is being introduced to Raleigh this week. Walnut Creek Park is not one of the first sites but is slated to get a bikeshare station soon. Stacie is checking to see when it will be installed.
  - The Big Sweep cleanup is on April 13 from 9am-12pm. From 12-2pm, everyone is invited to attend be an open house to come look at the design plans for the wetland boardwalk project that is underway on the north side of the park. Construction hasn't started, but design completed, land has been surveyed. The event will be held at the Walnut Creek Wetland Park in our usual meeting room.
- Christy, Claudia, and Frances went to Southeast and South CAC meetings and spread the word about our project, which was generally well-received.

## Design Evaluation Workshop

The March 18 meeting was a workshop organized by the NCSU design students involved in the project. The workshop was intended to evaluate past and present priorities and how they factor into the different design proposals. The students hung 8 park proposal designs around the room. The workshop activities were as follows:

1. Priority evaluation: sort through goals for the park brainstormed by the Task Force in 2018 and see how they align with designs presented by students.
2. Shark tank exercise: students pitch their



*Task Force members selected which of their goals were top priority for them*

ideas to community members and then they vote on which two met each of the top priorities with green (#1) and yellow (#2) stickers.

3. Story group: build your own park with different game pieces created by the students and talk to the students about why these chosen pieces are important to the park vision.

### Top Priority Results:

- Integration of green stormwater infrastructure
- Engaging local minorities in environmental activities
- Walnut creek bank restoration and cleanup
- Access to walnut creek and community events
- Intergenerational



### Trends Detected:

- Projects 4 (Close to the Wetland), 5 (Garner Rd Connection) and 6 (Save the Little Creek) integrated the most of the above priorities.
- The most desired park location is immediately south of the creek.



### Workshop Feedback:

- A quick overview of the designs to the whole group and clarity about where the designs were located would have been helpful.
  - A 500 word abstract for each presentation would be useful to summarize the major goals of each design.
  - Maps were oriented and cropped differently in each presentation. One map template that included a “you are here” marker on each presentation would have been helpful.
- Task Force members enjoyed the meeting and thought the designs and activities were helpful. They thought the students did a great job planning and implementing the meeting. They were not surprised by the results.

The student designs can be viewed at the following link:

[https://wri.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/LAR-Projects\\_-Parks-with-Purpose-Presentation-2.27.2019.pdf](https://wri.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/LAR-Projects_-Parks-with-Purpose-Presentation-2.27.2019.pdf)

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