



Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture  
(PARC) Commission  
February 2, 2017  
5:30 PM

Cornelius Town Hall  
[www.cornelius.org/parc](http://www.cornelius.org/parc)

## MINUTES

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### PARC COMMISSION - 5:30 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

#### 2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was reached with nine commissioners in attendance.

Commissioners present: Rob McCloskey, Karina Baril, Mary Wilson, Carol Livingston, Chris Kolkhorst, Chair Scott Higgins, Denis Bilodeau, Dave Rusk, Travis Dancy, and Town Commissioner Jim Duke

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Director Troy Fitzsimmons, Recreation Superintendent Chad Cauble, Karen Ulmer

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. January 2017 Draft Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2017, meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Denis Bilodeau, Seconded by Travis Dancy. Passed. 9-0. Council Members voting Ayes: Baril, Bilodeau, Dancy, Higgins, Kolkhorst, Livingston, McCloskey, Rusk, Wilson.

#### 4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES - CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS

None

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

##### A. Lake Norman Little League - Glenn Jones

Lake Norman Little League (LKNLL) Baseball Programs Vice President, Jeff Sheets, presented the group's annual report [see attached]. Baseball Programs Coaching Coordinator, Bryan Walsh, and League President, Glenn Jones, were also in attendance. Town Commissioner Duke asked if field space is limiting the group's growth and the answer was yes, if they had more fields, they could include even more

children. They could easily use 6-8 more fields. Director Fitzsimmons pointed out that LKNLL has recently gained access to fields in Huntersville, which uses a co-sponsorship model and partners with multiple organizations. Cornelius partners with just one organization. Mr. Jones said LKNLL was allocated 35% of the field space in Huntersville last season, out of three organizations. They hope to get more, as other organizations decline in registrations. Director Fitzsimmons shared registration numbers for Huntersville Youth Athletic Association (HYAA), LKNLL, Stewards of the Game (SOTG) and Davidson Youth Baseball Association (DYBA) over the past four seasons [see attached]. Commissioner McCloskey asked how they attribute their growth vs other organizations. Mr. Jones said they really pay attention to player development and not just focusing on the top talented kids, they emphasize coaches' training and improvement, and they involve parents as volunteers on multiple committees. "Character, Courage, Loyalty" is Little League's slogan. Commissioner Kolkhorst, who also serves on LKNLL's board as League Operations Vice President, added that about 2-1/2 years ago the group recognized that they were too loosely organized, that they were being reactive not proactive, so they reorganized their board structure. They are now well organized and not only proactive but visionary. Mr. Sheets added that their structure allows for volunteers to easily transition into new roles, resulting in a strong group of volunteers. Director Fitzsimmons commended the organization on the job that they do.

## **6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. January 2017 Director's Report**

Director Fitzsimmons highlighted the following items from his January 2017 report:

- Cornelius Arts Center: The reception for Home Grown, with over 100 local artists, is tomorrow night 6:30-8:30 pm. Up next is the HeART pARTy on Saturday, February 11, 9:30-11:30 am, a free event for families to make Valentine's Day cards and crafts.
- Special Events: On Thursday, February 9, we are hosting a sponsorship appreciation reception at D9 Brewing, 6:00 pm, to thank our 2016 sponsors. We have a new summer camp sponsor for 2017, UDA Dental, which contributed \$4,000. On Saturday, February 18, 1:00-3:00 pm, we will hold our annual Black History Month celebration at Town Hall.
- The Town Board's budget planning session scheduled for February 4 has been cancelled. They will address those topics before their regular meetings, at the pre-meetings on February 6 and 20 at 5:45 pm.
- Based on some initial reports he has seen, the North Meck Regional Recreation Center is in the County's FY18 CIP for \$1 million to start the planning process. They are proposing \$39 million in FY19 to start the construction.
- Summer Camp Expansion: We were all prepped to ask for two full-time recreation programmers to support this proposed expansion and then were told by CMS at the last minute that we cannot get a second bus. Without transportation, we are a no-go for expansion. We have tried every outlet that we can and have nearly exhausted all options for a bus. Town Commissioner Duke suggested we submit to buy a bus.

## **7. PARC COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS**

### **A. Items to be placed on record**

Chair Higgins welcomed two new PARC Commissioners, Dave Rusk and Karina Baril. They have accepted appointments to goal committees: Commissioner Baril will serve on Strategic Planning/Long-Term Finance and Regional Partnerships; Commissioner Rusk will serve on Public Awareness and Programs/Fees/Facilities. . He hopes the new commissioners will pick a mentor to ask any questions they may have. Feel free to reach out. A few housekeeping notes: we will try to start monthly meetings as close to 5:30 pm as we can. Also, if commissioners don't have much to report, there may be items they have questions about, so please ask. Reminder to share committee reports under Old Business.

### **B. Commissioner Mary Wilson**

She was one of many commissioners that attended the arts district meeting on Monday night and wished there had been more time to brainstorm. There is an input form, so please fill out and turn in [see attached]. Public Awareness committee will meet again soon. She suggested PARC should have a "tagline"

and asked the commissioners to give some thought to ideas. They should be short and inspiring, such as “Cornelius PARC: Your place to move, create, and grow.”

#### **C. Commissioner Chris Kolkhorst**

He attended the Town Board meeting to see our new PARC Commissioners get appointed.

#### **D. Chair Scott Higgins**

He took his annual bike tour of all of our parks and greenways and talked to people using them. He got some good feedback. He is working on the Wilhelm Park committee as they prepare for the park renaming ceremony. He stopped by the Cornelius Arts Center and Arts Center Program Manager Mindi Ellison is doing a great job. CAC recently brought back Drop In Art on Mondays and Thursdays; programs like that are critical to our community.

#### **E. Commissioner Denis Bilodeau**

He attended the Town Board meeting and congratulated the two new commissioners. He was also reappointed at that meeting. There are a number of events that PARC partners with in the community. There is a lot of planning going on for the Jazz Fest on May 20 at Smithville Park. The Lake Norman Chamber has approached the Cornelius Cultural Arts Group about expanding that event into a multicultural event, which would include the Splashville opening, then a multicultural event, then end with the Jazz Fest. Director Fitzsimmons said we have the same funding and staff commitment as last year. A special program proposal will come to the PARC Commission next month.

#### **F. Commissioner Dave Rusk**

He enjoyed the arts district meeting on Monday. The arts district can really transform the downtown area.

#### **G. Commissioner Travis Dancy**

Visit Lake Norman is heavily involved with the Carolina Rapids. The Rapids are having their winter tournaments right now. This weekend is their college combine and that will be exclusively at Bailey Road Park, moved from Huntersville’s Richard Barry Park because of the synthetic turf at Bailey. Commissioner Wilson added that we should be very proud of the fact that we have these partners for soccer and baseball, groups that strive to be inclusive, offer scholarships, and emphasize character.

#### **H. Town Commissioner Jim Duke**

The Carolina Rapids said at the last PARC Commission meeting that they were willing to partner with us on building more synthetic turf fields. We need to jump on that. The PARC Commission needs to bring these projects to him so he can champion them to the Town Board.

### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. PARC Capital Improvements Update**

Director Fitzsimmons highlighted the following items from his January 2017 report:

- Smithville Park to JV Washam Greenway: The Town Board approved an NCDOT grant of \$1.4 million for that project. We have sent out an RFQ for design consultants, which are due February 17.
- McDowell Creek Greenway: We have signed the Westmoreland HOA easement and are ready to submit to the Register of Deeds.
- Antiquity Greenway: We finally have verbal agreement on the last easement. We are continuing discussions with Charlotte Water on potential conflicts with their water main.
- South Bailey Road Greenway: The County has picked the project up in their proposed CIP, with \$879,000 targeted for FY19.
- Legion and Bailey Road Parks: We are doing survey work for ADA accessibility projects.
- JV Washam and Bailey Road Recreation Centers: We continue to move forward on gym dividers at BRRC and adjustable basketball goals at JVVRC.
- Bailey Road Park Track & Field: There are significant drainage issues, which we are trying to get

corrected before we move towards converting the field to synthetic turf. We hired Dewberry to do an initial survey for turf on that field and it is looking like it won't be too difficult from a storm water management standpoint.

- Bailey Road Park Playground: We are talking with vendors about renovation of the silo area.
- Caldwell Station Creek Greenway: This project is 90% complete. The grand opening is scheduled for May 13, including the LKN Bike Expo, a 5K race, vendors, prizes, etc.

## **B. FY17 PARC Commission Goals & Committees**

- Strategic Planning/Long-Term Finance: Chair Higgins said this group has had several meetings regarding the CIP, potential park bonds, and bond projects prioritization. Commissioner Livingston said it was a long process but we have a good project list.
- Public Awareness: Commissioner McCloskey said the first PARC column came out in the February edition of Lakeside Living magazine. We will need to think further out on timing for future articles. Chair Higgins said all Commissioners should put information in their neighborhood venues. Commissioner McCloskey said when he writes the columns, he will forward them to all the other Commissioners for their use. A Public Information Officer position is in the Town's FY18 budget.
- Programs, Fees & Facilities: No meeting
- Regional Partnerships: Chair Higgins said the group will meet this coming Tuesday in Huntersville. They are picking up momentum, talking about events to collaborate on. Huntersville is going to add a person from their greenways and trails committee.

## **C. Future Arts/Recreation Center Update**

Commissioner Bilodeau said they have a marketing firm on board working on logo and website development. They are pursuing a national search for an executive director, which should take another 11 weeks or so.

## **D. Regional Recreation Center**

Director Fitzsimmons shared dates for Mecklenburg County's CIP process [see attached]. A key scoring component for prioritization is partnerships. All can attend any of their Park and Recreation board meetings and County Commissioner meetings. Commissioner McCloskey offered to send out a contact list with all County Commissioners.

## **E. Future Park Capital Funding**

Director Fitzsimmons said the Strategic Planning committee met today. They have been looking at the first three years of the previously approved CIP to dial in on what would be the priorities for bond projects. Staff had ranked them and then the committee gave their input. One consideration was that, if there is really a push for road bonds, how do we dovetail with that? Perhaps multi-use paths, greenways, etc. Town Commissioner Duke said we need to prioritize land acquisition on the east side before it is too late and bonds are the only way to get enough money to do that. The bond money we are spending now in 2016 was approved in 2013.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

## **11. NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 2017

Future Dates –Thursday, April 6, 2017; Thursday, May 4, 2017; Thursday, June 1, 2016

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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Date of Meeting:

**To:** PARC Commissioners  
**From:** Troy Fitzsimmons, PARC Director

**Action Requested:**

**Manager's Recommendation:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Name:	Description:	Type:
 <a href="#">2017.1.5.Minutes.pdf</a>	January 2017 Draft Minutes	Backup Material

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Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Commission  
Thursday, January 5, 2017  
5:30pm – 7:00 pm

Cornelius Town Hall  
21445 Catawba Avenue  
Cornelius, NC 28031  
[www.cornelius.org/parc](http://www.cornelius.org/parc)

## MINUTES

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
- 2) **Determination of Quorum** – A quorum was reached with seven commissioners in attendance.  
Commissioners present: Rob McCloskey, Mary Wilson, Carol Livingston, Chris Kolkhorst, Chair Scott Higgins, Denis Bilodeau, Tom Francomano (via phone), and Town Commissioner Jim Duke.  
Commissioners absent: Karen Tovar and Travis Dancy.  
Staff present: Director Troy Fitzsimmons, Recreation Superintendent Chad Cauble, and Karen Ulmer.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes (December)** - Commissioner Bilodeau made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2016, meeting as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Public Appearances – Citizen Concerns/Comments** – None
- 5) **Presentations**
  - a) **Carolina Rapids – Thomas Finlay**

Over the next few months, representatives of some of our partner organizations will make presentations to the PARC Commission. PARC and North Meck Soccer Club (NMSC) have a long history. Thomas Finlay joined NMSC as its Executive Director in 2016. In 2013, NMSC joined the Colorado Rapids Adidas Alliance and became the Carolina Rapids. He shared a presentation about their club [see attached]. Their values, the “five C’s”, are their guiding principles for how they run their club, communicate internally and externally, make hiring decisions, etc. Currently just under 20% of their participants (823) are Cornelius residents. The Rapids give away \$63,000 each year in scholarships, for about 100 players. 95% of their budget is membership fees, so they look for revenue from fundraising, partnerships, sponsorships and tournaments. They raise about \$185,000 from the tournaments. The budget is \$3 million but they are a non-profit business. They are successful because of their values and focus, as well as good coaches, good instruction, and good facilities. Bailey Road Park has without a doubt made their program what it is today. They don’t get to be what they are without Bailey Road Park – the quality of the surface, that it can stay open, the fences around it. Synthetic turf fields mean the coaches will get paid because they will be able to practice and play. Their 10-year plan is now their 5-year plan because of their growth. They are two years away from capping their registration because of growth. If they do continue to grow, their quality must be scalable. In three years, they hope to build an office along with some small fields. Commissioner Livingston said her children played in the club years ago and it is a great organization. Town Commissioner Duke asked how many fields they need in the next 5 years in Cornelius. Mr. Finlay said a minimum of two fields at one site, including parking and restrooms. The agreement between the Town and the Rapids to turf the fields at Bailey Road Park three 3 years ago was the best model he knows and he would do that type of deal again to gain more fields.
  - b) **FY18 PARC Budget Goals – Troy Fitzsimmons**

Director Fitzsimmons gave a presentation to discuss goals for the next budget, including expanding Summer Day Camps and hiring a full-time Recreation Programs Assistant [see attached]. Many of our challenges have been due to changes in FLSA requirements. Staff examined how programming was bunched up into peaks

and valleys and then looked into ways to even that out. Commissioner Kolkhorst said the demand to increase the capacity of Summer Day Camps is clear. Town Commissioner Duke asked about a different approach to registration, such as a lottery. Director Fitzsimmons said we have looked at various ideas, including a lottery, limiting registration to only four camps per child, etc. Several commissioners suggested we ask for at least two full-time Recreation Programs Assistants because just one would only be a Band-Aid approach. At the least, go ahead and ask for one right now and let the Town Board know we will need another one next year, also. Commissioner Wilson made a motion that PARC ask for two full-time Recreation Programs Assistants in the FY18 budget. Commissioner Livingston seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6) Director's Report**

Director Fitzsimmons did not give a verbal report because of the time already taken by the presentations. Chair Higgins reminded everyone to be sure to read the written Director's Report each month because there is a lot more in the written version than what Director Fitzsimmons normally highlights each month.

#### **7) PARC Commissioner Recommendations & Reports**

- a) Items to be placed on record – None
- b) Commissioner Reports
  - 1) Commissioner Rob McCloskey – Last month he mentioned the partnership with Joanie Baker and *Cornelius Lakeside Living* magazine. In their February issue we will have the first official column featuring PARC. He wrote it with assistance from Chair Higgins and Commissioner Bilodeau. Moving forward, he will send the columns to the rest of the board so they can share through any avenues they may have.
  - 2) Commissioner Karen Tovar - Absent
  - 3) Commissioner Mary Wilson – Lake Norman Tennis Association is again sponsoring the 18+ State Tournament. For the Town to get more involved in that tournament, which adds about \$1 million to the local economy, we would need a facility with at least six courts.
  - 4) Commissioner Carol Livingston – No report
  - 5) Commissioner Chris Kolkhorst – Earlier this evening, a couple more candidate interviews were conducted and the committee believes they are closing in on making final selections. Also, his wife is now the Oakhurst HOA President and he plans to work with Commissioner McCloskey on getting PARC information out to that 600-home neighborhood. Recently he explored part of the Caldwell Station Creek Greenway with his family and was very impressed by the quality of the project. He is an engineer and was especially impressed by the width of the path which allows for opposing traffic.
  - 6) Chair Scott Higgins – On Tuesday the Bike Plan was approved by the Town Board.
  - 7) Commissioner Denis Bilodeau –No report
  - 8) Commissioner Tom Francomano – This is his last meeting and he has enjoyed being a part of PARC Commission for the past three years.
  - 9) Commissioner Travis Dancy - Absent
- c) Town Commissioner Report – Commissioner Jim Duke – Commissioners Higgins and Bilodeau are doing a great job attending Town Board meetings. When PARC Commissioners show up for these meetings, it is definitely noticed by the Town Commissioners. The Town Board approved \$1.5 million to buy the blue buildings property across the street. They want to continue to rent out the buildings for now with that revenue going towards the future arts center. Mayor Travis has placed him as the liaison to the PARC Commission for another year.

#### **8) Old Business**

- a) PARC Capital Improvements

Director Fitzsimmons highlighted the following items from his monthly report:

- Antiquity Greenway: Charlotte Water will be putting in a water line along the proposed greenway and we have not yet had a discussion with them since receiving this information. He has a meeting Monday and will discuss the possibility of having them do some post-construction grading.
- McDowell Creek Greenway: The Town Board approved the acquisition of the easement from the Westmoreland HOA property. Now we just need one more parcel from BV Belk.
- South Bailey Road Greenway: We are still negotiating with Mecklenburg County to include construction of this greenway in FY19.

- Smithville Park: Bids have been received to construct accessible routes for the multi-purpose and baseball fields and were within budget.
  - Bailey Road and JV Washam Recreation Centers – We are talking with contractors for gym curtain dividers.
  - Bailey Road Park Track: We are working with ViZ on the erosion issue.
  - Bailey Road Park playground: We attempted to work with the original manufacturer but they are charging too much with no defined scope of work, so we are going to meet with another playground company to negotiate a better price.
  - Caldwell Station Creek Greenway: We are almost complete and hope to have a soft opening as soon as possible in the spring. The official dedication ceremony is set for May 13.
- b) FY17 PARC Commission Goals & Committees
- Regional Partnerships: Chair Higgins reported that this group will meet next Tuesday. They had discussed collaborating with Davidson on an Earth Day and Director Fitzsimmons said that is a possibility.
  - Strategic Planning & Long-Range Finance: Chair Higgins said they need to meet to get ready for the Town pre-budget planning meeting at the Peninsula Club on Saturday, February 4, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Town Commissioner Duke said this meeting will be all about bond packages. The budget retreat is on March 8 at Graylyn in Winston-Salem.
  - Public Awareness: Director Fitzsimmons said he had just emailed a large amount of data to this committee earlier this week, seeking feedback.
- c) Future Arts/Recreation Center Update
- Commissioner Bilodeau said they have a board meeting this coming week. They did a little early fundraising and came up with \$20,000 so far. There are many things happening in committees. Ginger Griffin Design has been contracted to create a logo and design a website. Another committee is working on the nationwide search for the Executive Director.
- d) PARC Commission Bylaws
- Chair Higgins said that the PARC Commission had voted to recommend disallowing calling in as a way to attend PARC Commission meetings. After that meeting, Town Commissioner Duke said that would not work well with the Town because all other commissions including the Town Board allow the call-in. Commissioner Bilodeau made a motion to withdraw the earlier recommendation to disallow call-ins as an acceptable form of meeting attendance. Commissioner McCloskey seconded. Discussion ensued about improving the quality of call-in communication. Options will be identified for possible implementation. Commissioners McCloskey, Wilson, Kolkhorst, Higgins, Bilodeau, and Francomano voted in favor and Commissioner Livingston opposed. The motion passed.
- e) PARC Commission Openings
- Commissioners Higgins, Bilodeau, and Kolkhorst interviewed six applicants to fill the two vacancies on the board trying to find the right fit, with a passion for what we do and their willingness to engage themselves in terms of meetings and events. Commissioner Kolkhorst made a motion to recommend Karina Baril and David Rusk to the Town Board for appointment to the PARC Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilodeau and passed unanimously. [Applications attached.]

## 9) New Business

- a) Joint Meeting for Arts District/Arts Center: January 30
- Director Fitzsimmons said this meeting at Town Hall will also be an appreciation dinner for all of the Town boards and commissions. He shared a document that will be used to collect input at the meeting, [see attached.] If any of the commissioners cannot attend, they should fill it out and send it in.
- b) Future Park Capital Funding
- Director Fitzsimmons said we will be championing a new park bond. The Strategic Planning committee will meet soon to begin planning.
- c) Regional Recreation Center
- Chair Higgins said the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Director and Assistant Director attended the Town Board meeting to discuss the swim beach and were asked about the Regional Recreation Center while there. They are saying it will be part of their FY18 budget, although the County Board of Commissioners has not yet voted on it. He encouraged PARC Commissioners to attend some of the County's pre-budget hearings that will be held, as well as their public workshops for planning and design for the North and Eastside Rec

Centers.

**10) Adjournment** –Chair Higgins adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, February 2, 2017

**Future Dates** – Thursday, March 2, 2017; Thursday, April 6, 2017; Thursday, May 4, 2017

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# LAKE NORMAN *Little League*

COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE BEST YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE IN THE LAKE NORMAN AREA



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## Our Mission...

- ❖ Provide the best recreational youth baseball and softball experience in the Lake Norman area.
- ❖ Develop qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being with our young athletes.
- ❖ Embrace the virtues of character, courage and loyalty.
- ❖ Have a lot of FUN!!!



Lake Norman, est. 2011, is a proud member of

**LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT 3**



# LITTLE LEAGUE NC DISTRICT 3



Lake Norman

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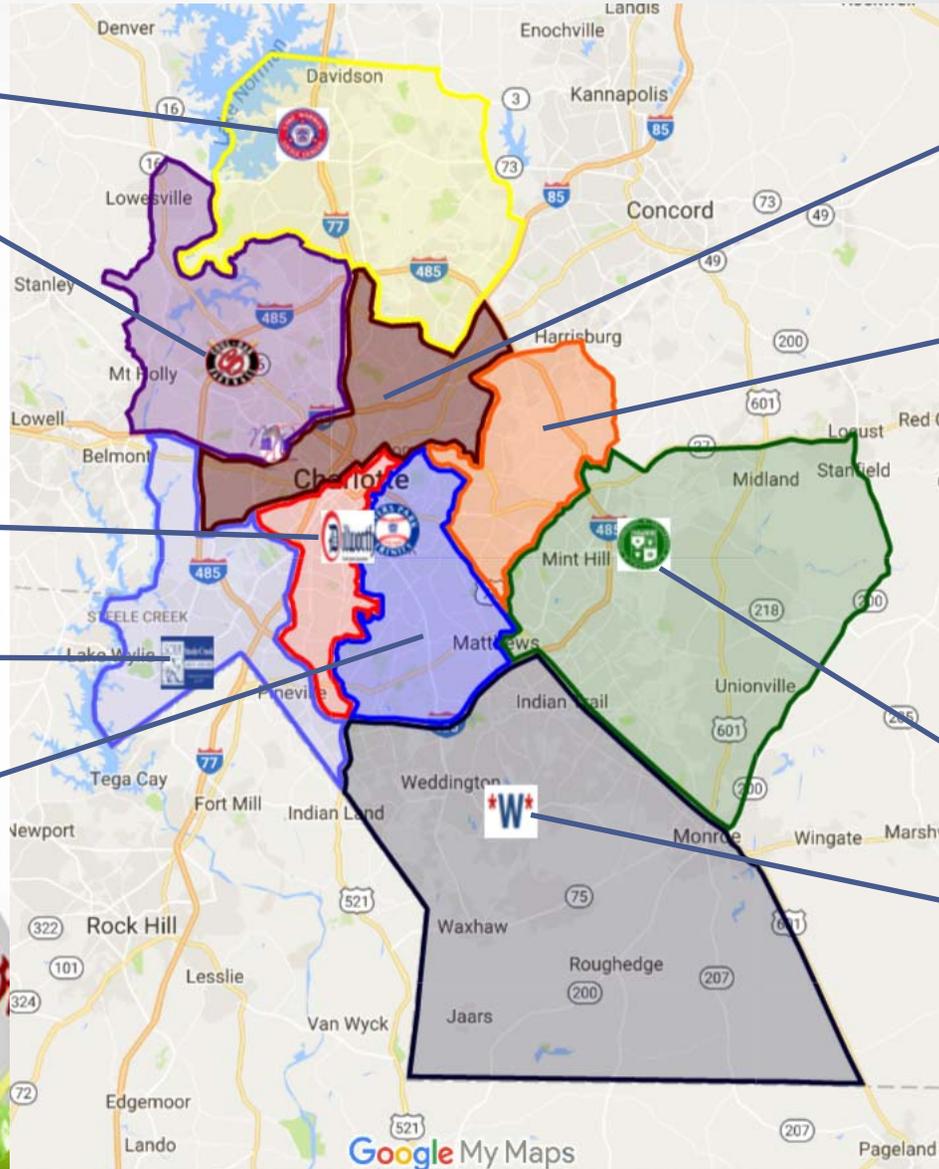
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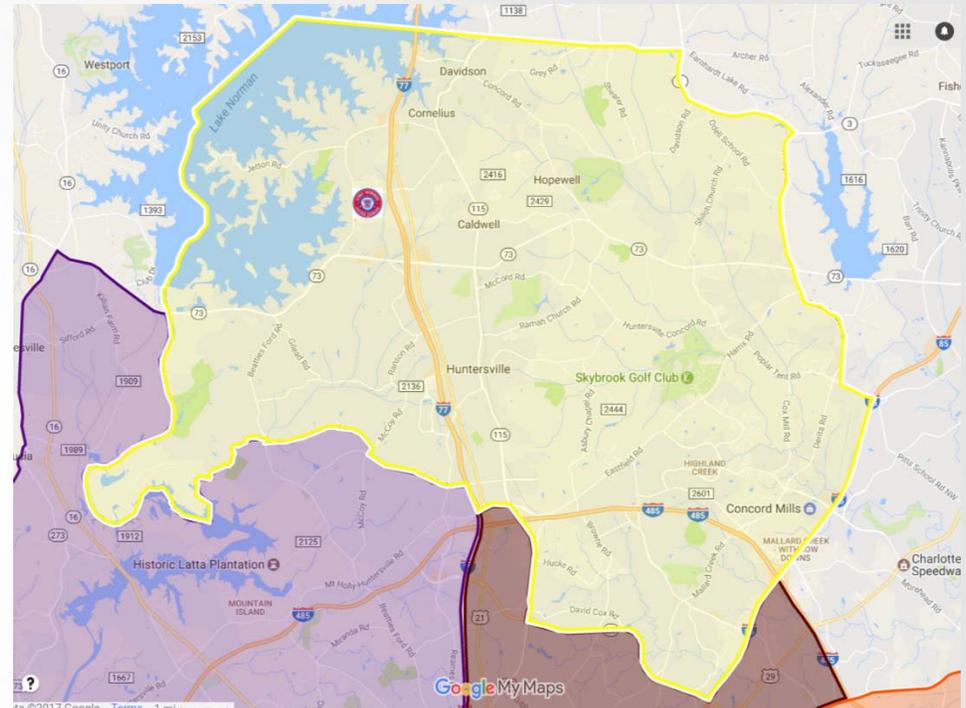
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# LKNLL LEAGUE BOUNDARY



One of the key differences that sets Little League apart from many other youth organizations is the boundary regulations specifically **designed to maintain a community, hometown spirit**. No local Little League boundary can overlap or encroach on another chartered Little League's boundary. Providing parents the option to enroll their children in the league where they reside or where they go to school ensures the community feel parents desire.



# LITTLE LEAGUE CHARTER



## 2017 Little League® Certificate of Charter



*This Certifies that*

**LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE**

*has been organized  
as a Chartered program*

*in accordance with established procedures of Little League Baseball, Incorporated and is hereby franchised for 2017. Granted herein are all privileges needed for proper conduct of your League consistent with the best interest of the Little League movement.*

*Issued January 1, 2017 at Williamsport, Pennsylvania*



This Charter expires  
December 31, 2017

*Stephen D. Keener*

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

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# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



**Bailey Road Park**

**Legion Park**

**Smithville Park**

**Torrence Chapel Park**

**Westmoreland Athletic Complex**

**Wilhelm Park**



**Bradford Park**

**Bradley Middle School**

**Huntersville Athletic Park**

**North Mecklenburg Park**

**Huntersville Elementary**

**Torrence Creek Elementary**

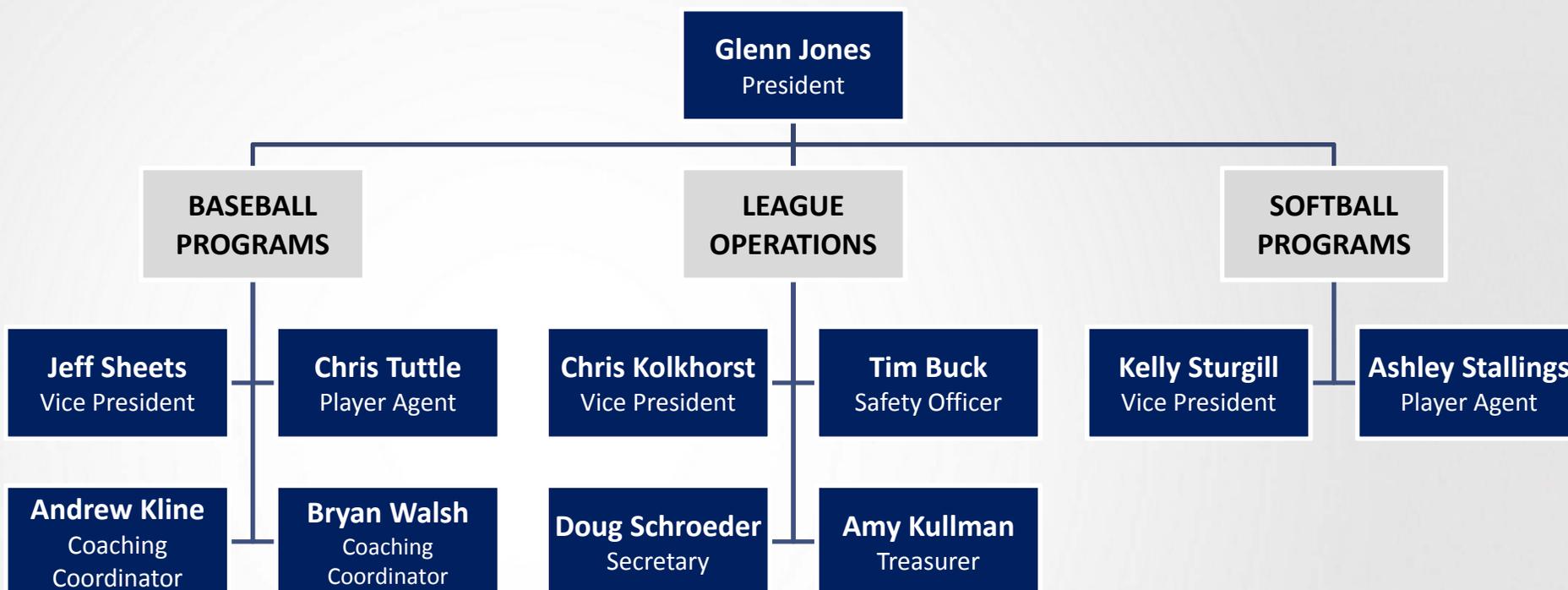




# LEAGUE GOVERNANCE



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



11 Directors Elected at 2016 Annual Meeting of the Members

# BOARD COMMITTEES



- ❖ Executive
- ❖ District
- ❖ Auditing
- ❖ Membership
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ Equipment
- ❖ Umpire
- ❖ Grounds
- ❖ Building & Property
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Coaches

20 Directors and Members Serving on Committees

# 2016 CONSTITUTION CHANGES



## LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Little League ID No. 00281702



August 21, 2016

### ❖ Section 6.02 – Number of Directors

- Defined the minimum (7) and maximum (25) number of directors

### ❖ Section 6.03 – Term of Office

- Defined full term of a Director to be 3 years
- A third of the Director terms shall expire each year, subject to such Directors being re-elected
- Directors shall serve on the board no more than 3 consecutive terms (9 consecutive years)
- Each officer must be confirmed each year in the 3-year term of office

### ❖ Articles VII, VIII, and IX

- Cleaned up officer roles, committee roles, and committee descriptions based on new board structure



# FINANCIAL REPORTS





# 2016 INCOME STATEMENT

<b>REVENUE:</b>	Registration	\$195,033.25
	Sponsorship	\$24,090.00
	Fundraising	<u>\$9,123.60</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>		<b>\$228,246.85</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	Operations	\$124,604.16
	Uniforms	\$73,989.46
	Fields	\$21,070.64
	Administrative	<u>\$11,611.07</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>		<b>\$231,275.33</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS):</b>		<b>(\$3,028.48)</b>

2-years of Insurance and Chartering Fees paid in 2016 (January payment for 2016; December payment for 2017) resulted in Net Loss



# 2016 BALANCE SHEET

<b>ASSETS:</b>	PayPal	\$298.73
	Wells Fargo Checking	\$23,225.69
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>		<b>\$23,524.42</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	None	\$0
<b>EQUITY:</b>	Opening Balance	\$26,552.90
	Net Revenue / (Loss)	(\$3,028.48)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		<b>\$23,524.42</b>

# 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS



- Partial and full scholarships offered utilizing the local school system free lunch program as a guide
- 21 total scholarships granted in 2016
- \$2,841 total value of scholarships granted
- All valid scholarship requests were granted



# 2017 BUDGET



<b>REVENUE:</b>	Registration	\$232,570
	Sponsorship	\$25,000
	Fundraising	<u>\$8,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>		<b>\$265,570</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	Operations	\$148,150
	Uniforms	\$66,000
	Fields	\$38,000
	Administrative	<u>\$9,050</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>		<b>\$261,200</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS):</b>		<b>\$4,370</b>

# 2017 REGISTRATION FEES



- ❖ Implemented a 10% Increase in base registration fees for 2017 due to rising operational costs. First increase in 3 years.
  
- ❖ Registration Fees:
  - Tee Ball \$110
  - Baseball \$175
  - Softball \$190 (*pants being supplied with softball uniforms results in higher cost*)
  
- ❖ Similar programs:
  - **Myers Park** (\$150/Tee Ball, \$215/Baseball, \$200/Softball)
  - **Coul-Oak** (\$110/Tee Ball, \$150/Machine-Pitch, \$190/Baseball)
  - **Dilworth** (\$125/Tee Ball, \$150/Machine Pitch, \$175/Baseball, \$200/Juniors)
  - **Stewards** (\$110/Tee Ball, \$160/Baseball & Softball)



# PROGRAMS REPORT



# 2016 PROGRAMS LAUNCHED



## ❖ Little League Softball



- Launched Spring 2016
- Participated in the North Meck Filly League during 2016
- Working with Little League NCD3 to play complete Little League schedule in 2017 and provide girls an opportunity to play in the Little League International Tournaments

## ❖ Junior League Baseball



- Launched Spring 2016 for 13 & 14-year-old's
- 60/90 field
- District game schedule beginning in early May through mid-June

## ❖ Challenge Baseball – 7U through 12U



- Re-launched Spring 2016
- Teams represent Lake Norman Little League in local Sunday-only tournaments hosted by the Carolina Challenge Baseball League (CCBL)
- Advanced tournament play providing a lower cost alternative to travel ball

# 2017 PROGRAMS UPDATE



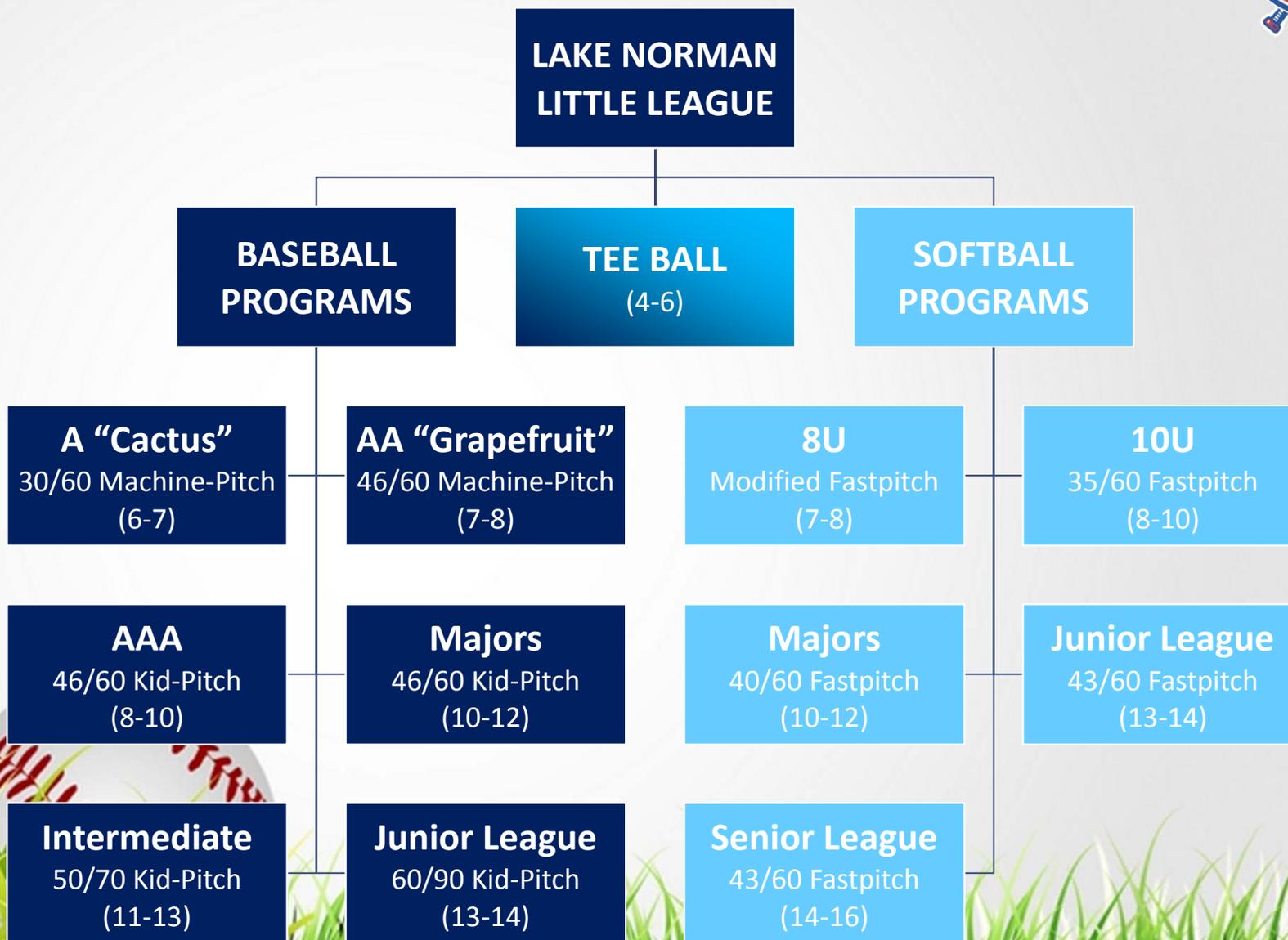
## ❖ Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division

- Launching Spring 2017
- Available for players league-age 11-13
- Utilizes a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot base paths
- Offers a transition for players between the standard Little League field size (46-foot pitching distance and 60-foot base paths) and the Junior League field size (60-foot, 6-inch pitching distance and 90-foot base paths)
- Many of the Junior League rules will be used such as runners being permitted to lead off bases, runners may attempt to steal at any time, and allowing an on-deck batter
- Little League Intermediate Division World Series opportunity

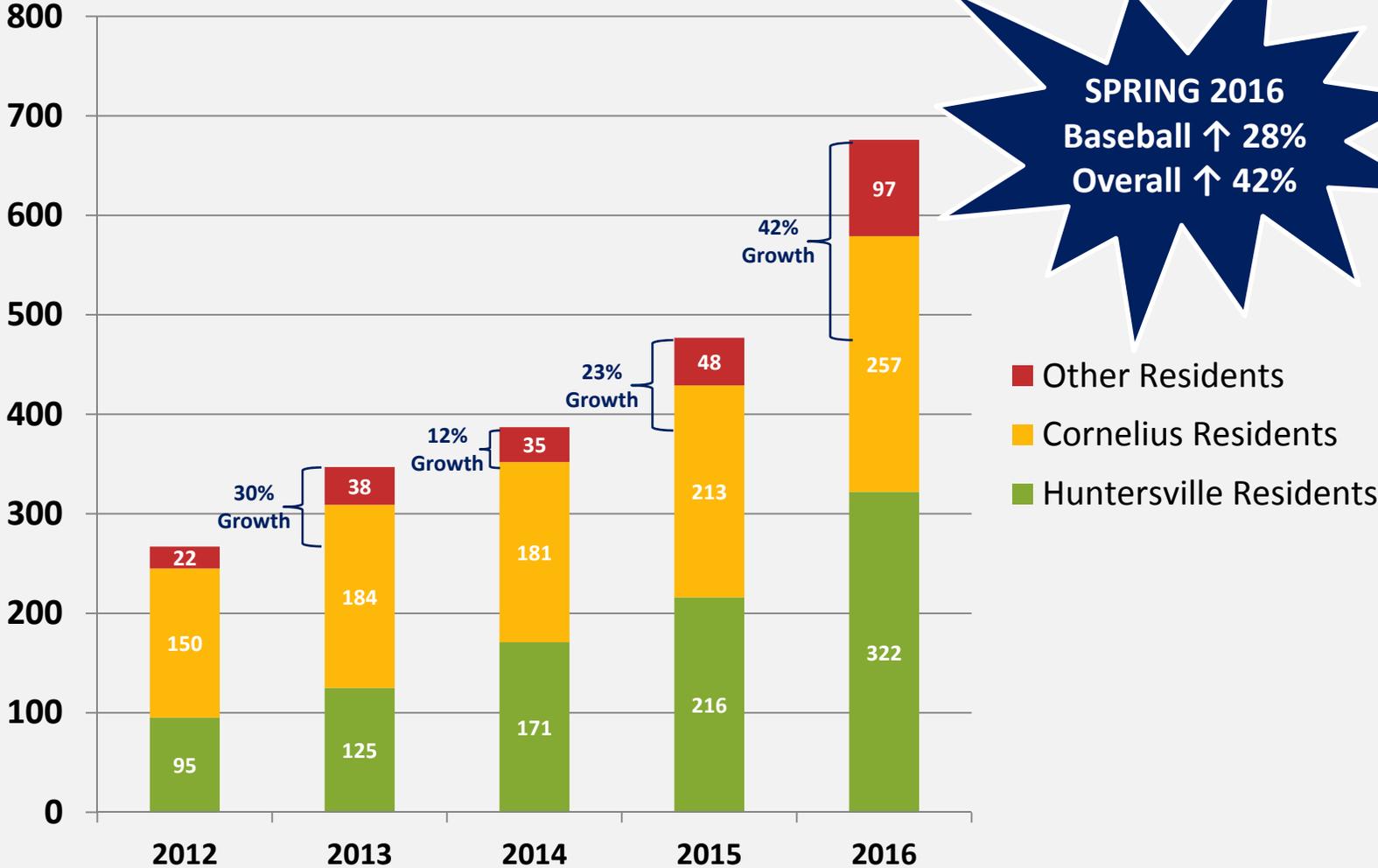




# DIVISIONS OF PLAY

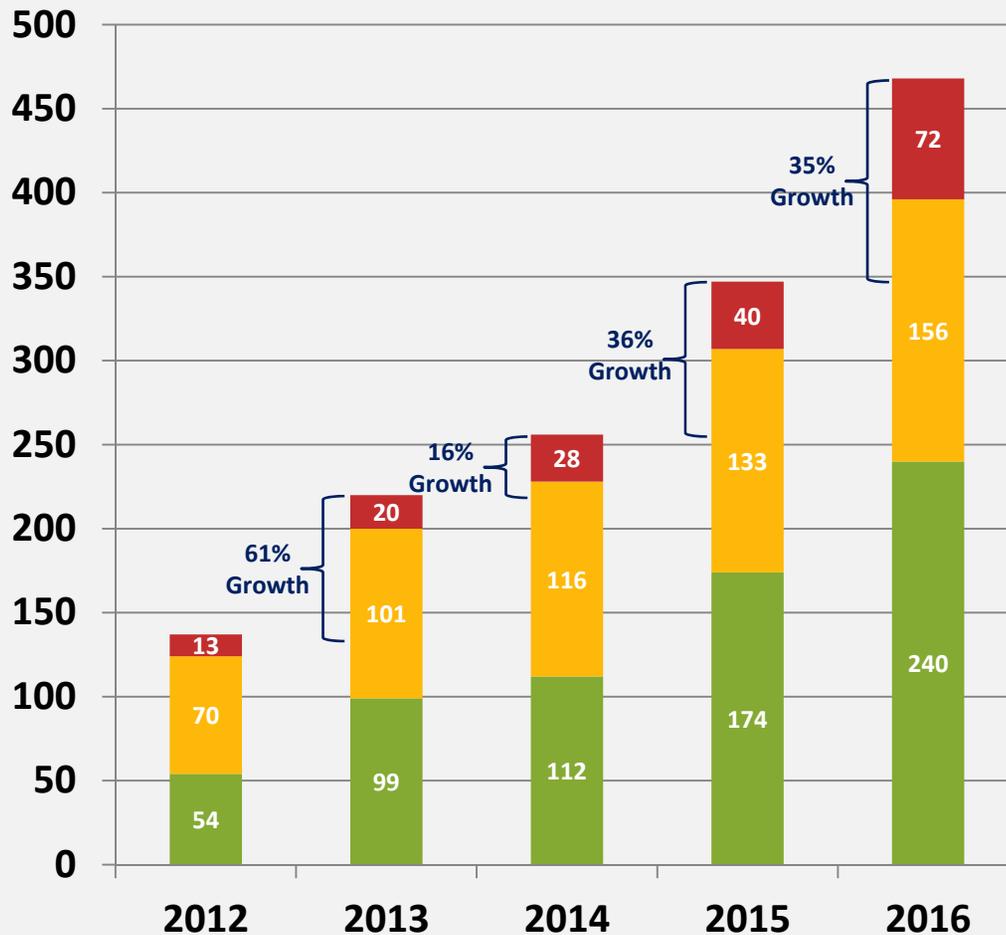


# SPRING REGISTRATION HISTORY



**Spring 2016: 676 players**  
68 Total Teams: 16 Tee Ball, 37 Baseball, 6 Softball, 9 Challenge Baseball

# FALL REGISTRATION HISTORY



**FALL 2016**  
 Baseball ↑ 12%  
 Overall ↑ 35%

- Other Residents
- Cornelius Residents
- Huntersville Residents

**Fall 2016: 468 players**  
 46 Total Teams: 8 Tee Ball, 27 Baseball, 6 Softball, 5 Challenge Baseball

# SPRING 2017 PROJECTION



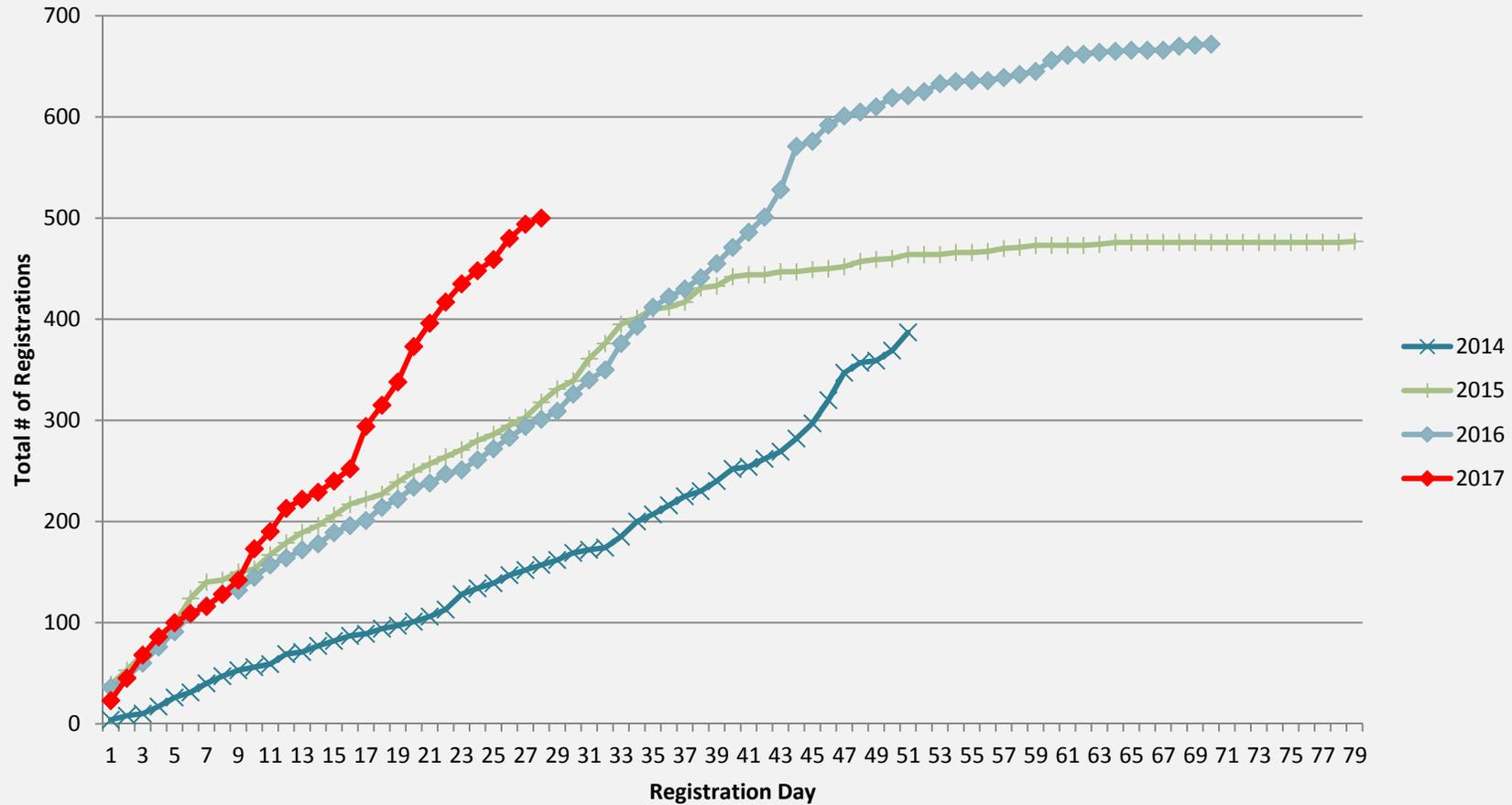
RECREATIONAL PROGRAM	SPRING 2016 ACTUAL		SPRING 2017 PROJECTION	
	PLAYERS	TEAMS	PLAYERS	TEAMS
<b>TEE BALL</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>42</b>
<i>A – "Cactus"</i>	88	8	96	8
<i>AA – "Grapefruit"</i>	98	8	96	8
<i>AAA</i>	134	12	96	8
<i>MAJORS</i>	89	8	88	8
<i>INTERMEDIATE</i>			88	8
<i>JUNIOR LEAGUE</i>	13	1	22	2
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>08U</i>	13	1	24	2
<i>10U</i>	12	1	36	3
<i>MAJORS (12U)</i>	22	2	48	4
<i>JUNIOR LEAGUE (14U)</i>	20	2	12	1
<i>SENIOR LEAGUE (16U)</i>	-	-	12	1
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>69</b>

Projecting 20% growth for Spring 2017

# SPRING 2017 REGISTRATIONS



### Number of SPRING Registrations by Day



On pace to exceed 2017 projections which may result in capping divisions



# 2016 CHAMPIONSHIPS





# State Champs!!



## 2016 Little League 6-7 Year Old NC State Champions

### Coaches:

Andrew Kline, AJ Drury, Shawn Sigler, Chris Ferrick, Jim MacDonald

### 6-7 Year Old All-Stars:

Bryson Uhlhorn, Jackson Drury, Ryan Ferrick, Cooper Mathon, Carter Brandt, Ty Sigler, Bryson Cook, Austin Baxter, Connor Kullman, Hudson Kline, Jackson Ladenheim, Alex MacDonald



## 2016 Little League 7-8 Year Old NCD3 Champions

### Coaches:

John Slusher, Ryan Markheim, Chris Nowak

### 7-8 Year Old All-Stars:

Garrett Barbee, Michael Braun, Jack Markheim, Matthew Nowak, Christopher Nowak Jr., Kelton Osborne, Chase Riggs, Thomas Schubert, John Slusher, Tanner Stultz, Brendan Stupp, Jackson Yarborough



# State Champs!!



## 2016 Little League 8-9 Year Old NC State Champions

### Coaches:

Jeff Sheets, Bryan Walsh, Pete Kullman, and Jim Carper

### 8-9 Year Old All-Stars:

Harrison Sheets, Matt Nesta, Cooper Kullman, Jude Carper, Chase Farmer, Patrick Walsh, Austin Moran, Trey Schubert, Chase Yoder, Jason Andrews, Ryan Herkey, Jonah Kakitsis, Brandon MacDonald



## Fall 2016 NMFL 10U Champions – LKN “Diamonds”

### Coaches:

Kelly Sturgill, Ebony Waters, Susan Doggett

### 10U “Diamonds”:

Bailey Polaski, Madeline Sturgill, Hailey Masterson, Madden McMahan-Waters, Simone Mack, Eddie Greer, Mackenzie Sturgill, Nina Virgilio, Reese Dejong, Olivia Santoro, Lauren Hamilton



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

## Baseball and Softball Participation Data for North Mecklenburg County Leagues

Organization	Spring 14	Spring 15	Spring 16	% change 2014 to 2016
HYAA	549	497	346	-37%
SOTG	291	385	446	53%
LKNLL	380	475	676	78%
DYBA	280	261	282	1%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1618</b>	<b>1750</b>	<b>17%</b>
Organization	Fall 14	Fall 15	Fall 16	% change 2014 to 2016
HYAA	296	240	127	-57%
SOTG	224	299	302	35%
LKNLL	260	345	468	80%
DYBA	100	88	95	-5%
	880	972	992	13%
			projection based on spring 2016 growth	

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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Date of Meeting:

**To:** PARC Commissioners  
**From:** Troy Fitzsimmons, PARC Director

**Action Requested:**

**Manager's Recommendation:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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# PARC Director's Report

## January 2017

### **PROGRAMMING**

#### **Recreation Centers**

- Began registration for the Youth Volleyball Program with Huntersville Parks and Recreation.
- Met with Precision Fitness to partner to offer a new Couch 2 5k running plan program for the spring.
- Met with Jeri Bullock of Fitness by Jeri in Cornelius to offer a new Senior Fit program, scheduled to start in March.
- Continue planning for possible expansion of Summer Day Camps.

#### **Arts Center**

- Began Winter Classes. Ten of the eleven adult programs made, with 77 total registrants (last year twelve classes/workshops were offered with eleven classes made with 84 students), and four of the five youth programs made, with 36 total registrants (Last year nine youth classes/workshops were offered and six made with 49 students). One adult workshop was held with five students.
- Held a call for artists for annual exhibit *Home Grown*, Feb 3 – March 24. Received over 100 submissions from local artists. An opening reception will be held on Friday, February 3, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Began a call for artists for *Beyond Walls 2017-18*. Coordinated the de-installation for 2016-17 *Beyond Walls* public art exhibition.
- Planning for the annual Valentine's Day "heART pARTy" on Saturday, February 11, 9:30-11:30am.

#### **Athletics**

- LNTA Tennis lessons at Jetton Park had 45 participants in the January session (43 in 2016).
- Cornelius/Davidson Youth Basketball League continued games through January. One week was cancelled due to snow and will be made up at the end of the season. The league is at 865 participants and 148 volunteer coaches. (836 and 144 in 2016)
- Managed 276 total hours of outdoor athletic facility use in January.

#### **Special Events**

- Planning for Sponsorship Appreciation Reception for 2016 sponsors on Thursday, February 9, 6:00 pm, at D9 Brewing Company; the annual Black History Month Celebration on Saturday, February 18, 1:00-3:00 pm, at Cornelius Town Hall; and the James Hoyt Wilhelm Park Dedication on Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
- Secured 2017 Summer Camp Gold Sponsorship: University Dental Associates for \$4,000.
- Gave a tour of Town Hall to approximately 50 students from SouthLake Christian Academy on Friday, January 20.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **Under Design**

- **McDowell Creek Greenway** –The Westmoreland HOA board is in the process of signing the greenway trail easement.
- **Antiquity Greenway** – A draft easement agreement for the final easement has been received and is under staff review. Staff continue to negotiate with Charlotte Water on a possible water main conflict.
- **South Bailey Greenway** – The County has requested additional information from staff to submit as part of their Capital Improvement Plan. For construction, Town will develop construction drawings as part of its contribution towards the project.
- **ADA Bailey Road and Legion Parks** –Surveying is underway.
- **JV Washam and Bailey Recreation Centers** – An architect is under contract and preparing bid documents and permit applications for gym dividers (both) and basketball goal height adjusters (JV).
- **Bailey Road Park Track** – Additional survey was required for the consultant to complete the construction documents. The areas surrounding the track and football field are flat which has led to drainage and erosion issues.
- **Bailey Road Park Playground** – Staff were unable to negotiate a contract with the original playground design firm to renovate the silo portion of the playground. The silo is in decline and non-compliant with current ADA guidelines. It needs to be renovated or replaced. Staff are developing a playground RFP to get design and submissions.

### **Under Construction**

- **Caldwell Station Creek Greenway** – The project construction is approximately 90% complete. Cold and wet weather has limited progress over the last month. Fencing, bollards and gates have been installed to help control vehicular access. Dedication ceremony is scheduled for May 13, 2017, tentatively 10:00 am.

## **OPERATIONS**

- Fresh mulch is being added to planter beds throughout the system.

### **Visitation/car counts**

- September: WAC 8343 cars    BRP 22545 cars    92,664 visitors
  - October:    WAC 7218 cars    BRP 18551 cars    77,307 visitors
  - November: WAC 4354 cars    BRP 14133 cars    55,461 visitors
  - December: WAC 2430 cars    BRP 9906 cars    37,008 visitors
- 262,440 total visitors

# Arts District Input Form

*Thank you for providing input for the planning and development of Cornelius' Arts District Overlay. Please feel free to include comments that cannot fit into the provided feedback boxes by using a separate sheet of paper. For further comments please contact Will Washam, Senior Planner [wrwasham@cornelius.org](mailto:wrwasham@cornelius.org) (704)-896-2461 ext. 116*

## Arts District Overlay Extents

\*\*\*A conceptual Arts District extents has been developed around the Arts Center site on Catawba Avenue and the Town Center. See the attached concept map.

<p>How far should the Arts District extend westward on Catawba Ave. How far should the district extend north and south along highway 115? Use landmarks in your description if possible.</p>	
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## Arts District Overlay Uses and Zoning Regulations

<p>What uses should be encouraged in the Arts District? (Performance Space, Art Studio, Micro Brewery, Events Space indoor and outdoor, Music Venue, Business incubators, etc.)</p>	
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## Built Environment, Structures, and Architecture

<p>The existing buildings contribute to the unique character of this area. Should use of the existing buildings be encouraged? What priority should historic preservation be?</p>	
<p>Some areas within the proposed district extents have opportunities for new development. Should zoning regulate building materials/forms to conform to the existing prominent buildings with the proposed art district extents? Should we be more flexible in considering artistic form in architecture?</p>	

## Public Art in the District

<p>Currently murals are subject to ARB review and are not allowed on street fronting wall surfaces. Should Murals be considered differently inside the arts district? What about other art forms (sculpture, statues, etc.)?</p>	
<p>Some arts districts have unique branding incorporated into public art (In Hendersonville they have bear statues in their arts district). Ideas for unique public art branding specific to Cornelius?</p>	
<p>Should we incorporate unique wayfinding signs into the arts district? There is an opportunity to incorporate the existing Historic Walking tour in this area into wayfinding signage</p>	
<p>Should we have a committee whose purpose is to review public/private art and give direction in the district?</p>	

## What other issues are important to you?

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## Mecklenburg County CIP Schedule – FY18

- February 13 – Project Submissions due
- February-March – CIP Committee Project Review and Recommendation
- February-March – CIP Recommendation to Executive Team
- February-March – CIP Recommendation to BOCC
- April-May – CIP BOCC Deliberations and Approval
- May 25 – Manager’s Recommended Budget presentation
- June 1 – Public Hearing/Citizen input re Recommended Budget
- June 8 – Detailed presentation from the Managers Office to the Board
- June 13-14 – Straw vote session re Recommended Budget
- June 20 – Budget Adoption
- November – Bond Referendum