

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

**Number of members:** 8 (includes one County Commissioner and one Board of Education Member)

**Term of Office:** three years - may not serve more than two consecutive terms and cannot be reappointed until at least one year after the 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 each month at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 105 of New Hanover County Administrative Annex Building, 230 Government Center Drive, Wilmington, NC 29403.

**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.

**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

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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.

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM OF OFFICE	
	APPOINTMENT	EXPIRATION
Connie H. Branch, Vice-Chairman 6409 Purple Martin Court Wilmington, NC 28411 686-5006 (H) 297-2032 (C)	Unexpired 6/19/06 First 6/16/08	6/30/2008 6/30/2011
Dr. Henry D. Browning IV 604 Junction Creek Drive Wilmington, NC 28412 772-8066 (H) 793-2520 (W)	First 6/19/06 Second 6/22/09	6/30/2009 6/30/2012
John M. Coble 5003 Villa Place, W. Wilmington, NC 28409 796-6627 (H) 619-2829 (C)	First 8/15/05 Second 6/16/08	06/30/2008 6/30/2011
Walter R. Conlogue, Chairman 102 Braxlo Lane Wilmington, NC 28409 392-1111(H) 262-6507 (C)	First 6/18/07	6/30/2010
Dr. Derrick G. Hickey 6101 Old Branch Road Wilmington, NC 28409 793-4283 (H) 409-2609 (C)	First 6/19/06 Second 6/22/09	6/30/2009 6/30/2012
Katie Ryan, Wrightsville Beach Parks & Recreation Dept. P.O. Box 626 Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480 256-7925 (W) 620-1111 (C)	First 2/19/07	6/30/2010
<b>Board of Education:</b> Donald S. Hayes 7805 Cypress Island Drive Wilmington, NC 28412 799-3228 (H) 367-9543 (C)		
<b>County Commissioner:</b> Jason Thompson 230 Government Center, Suite 175 Wilmington, NC 28403 798-7149 Office 443-0876 (C)	Appt. 12/08	
<b>Director:</b> Neal Lewis/Tara C. Duckworth New Hanover County Parks and Recreation 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 120 Wilmington, NC 28403 798-7198		File: /Parks B/C #23- 6.09