



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, January 7, 2019

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jessica Holmes

Rollcall

Present: 7 - Commissioner Jessica Holmes, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Greg Ford, Commissioner James West, Commissioner Susan Evans, and Commissioner Vickie Adamson

Others Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Michelle Cerett, Executive Assistant to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; and Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner James West

Items of Business

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

Commissioner Calabria said that he objected to the inclusion of item number 16 on the agenda on the grounds that it is a motion to reconsider and that it is not in compliance with rule 11 of the Board of Commissioner's governing rules. He said that the rules state that a motion to reconsider a prior decision "must be made no later than the next scheduled meeting after the original vote was taken and by a member who voted with the prevailing side." He said that the board is not meeting those requirements with item number 16. He said that it is clear that the purpose of the item is to undo the action from the previous vote of the board on June 18, 2018. He said that it is a motion to reconsider, and he objects to its inclusion on the agenda.

Chair Holmes asked County Attorney Warren for his comments.

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, said that the Chair is the parliamentarian and there should be a motion in place in order to move forward with the agenda.

Commissioner Hutchinson clarified as to whether any board member that is not in favor of the agenda vote against it.

Mr. Warren stated that the item is not a motion to reconsider and is a stand alone action. He said that it is proper for inclusion on the agenda and is a legislative action that can be voted up or down.

Commissioner West confirmed that according to the Board of Commissioners' governing rules state that a board member that voted on the prevailing side could bring the item forward. Mr. Warren said that is correct.

Mr. Warren stated that the governing rules state that any commissioner can place an item on the agenda seven days prior to the agenda which was the case for item number 16. He said the board should make a decision on the item and it should be considered as a stand alone item.

Commissioner Calabria said that the item is clearly a motion to reconsider. He said that Vice-Chair Ford said that the purpose of the item is "to correct an action of the prior boards' majority." He said that everyone is aware that the purpose of the item is to oppose the action taken on June 18, 2018.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, to approve the agenda. The motion carried as follows:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Ford, Commissioner West, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner Adamson

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Calabria

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

3. [Wake County Child Fatality Prevention Team/Community Child Protection Team \(CFPT/CCPT\) Annual Report For 2017](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[2017 Child Fatality Report Presentation.pdf](#)
[CFPT Cover Letter 2018.docx](#)
[2017 CFPT Annual Report.docx](#)
[CFPT CCPT Official Membership 10.2018.docx](#)

Dr. Theresa Flynn, Wake County Human Services, thanked the board for their support of the Wake County Child Fatality Prevention Team. She said the total number of Wake County child deaths was minimally changed from 2015 (105) to 2016 (103). Among children aged 1-17, injury accounted for as many deaths (15) as illness (15). Violent deaths (2 suicide and 4 homicide) accounted for about one third (6/19) of the injury deaths overall. Six infant deaths were classified as “other cause” because the infant was found co-sleeping, and in these cases, it is impossible to know if the cause of death was natural or accidental by suffocation.

The largest category of deaths continued to occur in infancy, before the first birthday. The infant mortality rate in Wake County was 5.5 per 1000 births overall, better than the statewide rate of 7.2 and the national rate of 5.9. This low infant mortality rate contributed to Wake County being named the Healthiest County in North Carolina in 2018.

She shared a chart of information on 2016 child fatalities caused by death and age groups. She shared the 2016 infant mortality information by race and ethnicity. She thanked them for addressing the issues that effect child infant mortality. She thanked the board for supporting Human Services and the programs that they provide. She said that there is more work to do based on unmet needs. She said these efforts saves a child's life. She shared a chart of the names of the Wake County Child Fatality Prevention Team. She shared information about the current initiatives and opportunities to address infant mortality.

Current Initiatives

- Health Clinics with wrap around Care Management services (Pregnancy Care Management, Care Coordination for Children)
- High Risk Pregnancy Program in partnership with WakeMed
- Nurse Home Visiting (Nurse-Family Partnership; postpartum & newborn visits)
- Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

Opportunities

- The JJ Way®Model, to be implemented at Wake County Human Services Clinic

- Fetal Infant Mortality Review, in partnership with CCNC
- DHHS alignment and resourcing of statewide Initiatives
 - Perinatal Health Strategic Plan, Early Childhood Action Plan, and Medicaid Transformation

She said the black Infant Mortality Rate was 2.4 times higher, at 13.6, similar to the North Carolina rate of 13.4. The leading cause of infant mortality deaths is preterm delivery, and the March of Dimes ranks North Carolina 44th in terms of racial and ethnic disparities in preterm births. Differences in social determinants of health are believed to contribute to the higher premature birth rate found in African-American women.

Dr. Flynn said in the last year, members of the Wake County Child Fatality Protection Team and Community Child Protection Team have participated in a number of partnerships focused on addressing social determinants of health and promoting resilience. These include the Wake County Population Health Task Force, Advocates for Health in Action, and the Wake County Medical Society's Community Health Foundation. Child Fatality Prevention Team members have promoted community education efforts to reduce child deaths from unintentional injury from drowning, motor vehicle accidents, and infant bed suffocation. She said there are educated community partners to improve recognition and reporting of suspected child maltreatment.

Commissioner West asked if there was correlation between fatherhood and child infant mortality. Dr. Flynn said that there was a correlation. She said that a two parent household provides greater income and resources for basic living needs. She said there is increased time for mothers to bond with their children. Dr. Flynn said the state mandates two teams that are combined. She said one addresses child fatality prevention and the other addresses those that are affected by the Child Welfare Program. She said there is a fatherhood initiative that employs male counselors to engage fathers to support their families.

Commissioner West asked about racial disparities. She said that there is a disproportionate of racial disparities. She said that she would provide the statistics to the board.

Chair Holmes asked her to repeat the disparity rates for women of color as it relates to birth rates. Dr. Flynn said that in 2016 a child born to an African American female was 2.4 times less likely to reach their first birth day.

Chair Holmes thanked and commended Dr. Flynn and her team for their work. Chair Holmes said that the numbers still need work even though they have improved. She said that those in need should not have to wait on the

state. She said an emphasis needs to be placed on a taskforce to look at disparities in communities and make a commitment to include the Wake County Commission for Women or other leaders in the community on the taskforce. Dr. Flynn said she would be willing to assist with the request.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. [Approve Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement for Commuter Rail Portion of Major Investment Study](#)

Attachments: [Final Cost Share Agreement Amendment Item Summary 1-7-19.docx](#)
[Amendment One CSA 12.14.18 FINAL.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approve an Amendment to the Cost Sharing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Commuter Rail Portion of the Major Investment Study, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. [Approval of a Multi-Year Operating Lease for the Wake County Board of Education at 111 Corning Road, Cary, NC \(Second Reading\)](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary Admin Lease Expansion 12-3-2018.docx](#)
[WCPSS Lease Agreement Presentation 12-03-18.pdf](#)
[Precis Lease of Office Space.docx](#)
[BOC Resolution re 111 Corning Road Office Space Operating Lease - 1-7-2019 draft.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached resolution approving a Board of Education office space lease for operational, educational and student support purposes affirms the Board of Education's application to the Local Government Commission for approval of the lease, pursuant to N.C.G.S 115C-530. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [Award Construction Contract in the Amount of \\$2,882,000 for the Wake County Office Building Second Floor Renovation](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Summary -WCOB 2nd Floor](#)
[Bid Tab](#)
[Project Cost Summary](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Award a construction contract to Harrod and Associates Constructors, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina in the amount of \$2,882,000 for the Wake County Office Building 2nd Floor Renovation; and

2. Approve the reallocation of \$130,000 in savings from various Wake County projects to the 2nd Floor Renovations in the Wake County Office Building. The motion passed unanimously.

7. [Affirm Funding Commitment for the Capital Athletic Pavilion Project](#)

Attachments: [CAP Item Summary 1-7-19.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners affirms a funding commitment in the amount of \$300,000 for the Capital Athletic Pavilion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. [Award Construction Contract in the Amount of \\$5,122,268 for the Wendell Falls Public Safety Building](#)

Attachments: [BOC GC W Falls](#)
 [Bid Tab](#)
 [Project Cost Summary](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners awards a \$5,122,268 construction contract to Engineered Construction Company of Raleigh, North Carolina for the Wendell Falls Public Safety Building. The motion passed unanimously.

9. [Conveyance of Easements to the City of Raleigh at Vernon Malone College and Career Academy](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item Sewer Easement Vernon Malone.docx](#)
[Lease Ageement.pdf](#)
[Raleigh Letter June 2018.pdf](#)
[Raleigh Offer Letter November 2018.pdf](#)
[Appraisal.pdf](#)
[City of Raleigh Deed of Easement.pdf](#)
[Easement Exhibit.pdf](#)
[Plan and Profile C2.2.pdf](#)
[Plan and Profile C2.3.pdf](#)
[Plan \(Inset\) C1.3.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approve the conveyance of a Sanitary Sewer Easement, Egress/Ingress Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the City of Raleigh at Vernon Malone College and Career Academy; and**
- 2. Authorize the Chair to execute said deed of easement document (along with any other supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney, and**
- 3. Accept the amount of \$99,600 from the City of Raleigh for the conveyance into the Wake County Public Schools Capital Projects Fund for future appropriation. The motion passed unanimously.**

10. [Conveyance of an Additional Easement at the Wake County South Wake Landfill to Duke Energy Progress, LLC](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Duke Easement DB 16973 PG 229.pdf](#)
[Easement Request November 2018.pdf](#)
[Plans 1.pdf](#)
[Plans 2.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[Duke Energy Easement.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Approvesthe conveyance of an additional easement at the Wake County South Wake Landfill to Duke Energy Progress, LLC; and
2. Authorize the Chair to execute said deed of easement document (along with any other supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

11. [Partial Release of Deed of Trust for 305 Wrenn Street in Apex](#)

Attachments: [305 Wrenn St. Partial Deed Release.docx](#)
[Aerial Map.pdf](#)
[Deed of Trust DB 13726 PG 2411.pdf](#)
[Apex Offer Letter.pdf](#)
[Appraisal.pdf](#)
[Partial Release of Deed of Trust.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Consent to Margaret Wyatt's voluntary sale of a portion of her property located at 305 Wrenn Street (approximately 0.014 acres) to the Town of Apex; and
2. Release said portion of the property conveyed to the Town of Apex from the Wake County Deed of Trust recorded in Deed Book 13726, Page 2411, Wake County Registry; and
3. Authorize the Chair to execute a Partial Release of Deed of Trust (along with any other supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

12. [Approve Resolution Establishing Travel Policies and Procedures for the Board of Commissioners](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary BOC travel policy egl 12.14.18.docx](#)
[BOC Travel Policy Resolution egl 12.14.18.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution establishing that the Wake County Board of Commissioners will follow the Wake County

Travel Policy and Procedures. The motion passed unanimously.

13. [Designation of Map and Plat Review Officers for the Town of Zebulon](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
 [Town of Zebulon Resolution](#)
 [Board of Commissioners Resolution](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners adopts a Resolution designating staff from the Town of Zebulon as Map and Plat Review Officers. The motion passed unanimously.

14. [Tax Committee Recommendations for Value Adjustments, Penalty Waivers, Tax Relief Applications, Refund Requests and Various Reports](#)

Attachments: [Tax Collections Item Summary](#)
 [Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)
 [Executive Summary 1](#)
 [Executive Summary 2.doc](#)
 [January 2019 Refunds Under 500](#)
 [January 2019 Refunds Over 500](#)
 [Daily Updates For Exemptions](#)
 [Daily Updates For Penalties](#)
 [Daily Updates For Tax Relief](#)
 [Daily Updates For Special Situations](#)
 [Municipal Collection Report](#)
 [Wake County Collection Report](#)
 [Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)
 [PFB Summary Report.pdf](#)
 [Register of Deeds Excise Tax Report1](#)
 [Register of Deeds Excise Tax Report2](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approves the attached recommendations by the Tax Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

15. [Approve a Five-Year Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey \(USGS\) to Provide Scientific Monitoring Reporting and Services](#)

Attachments: [Board Item Summary USGS Contract FINAL 12.11.18.docx](#)
 [USGS Presentation.pdf](#)
 [WakeCoGWAassessment_proposal_FinalDraft_11.16.18.docx](#)

Mr. Michael Orbon, Water Quality Director, said Wake County is the second fastest growing county in the US with a population that has exceeded 1 million residents. The County's population is projected to double within 40 years. The problem statement that Wake County is advancing a solution to is "From a One-Water perspective, develop a 50-year Water Supply Plan for a sustainable and resilient supply of clean drinking water for residents within unincorporated areas of the county." In order to reach toward that goal, Wake County staff recommends conducting a scientific study, creating a groundwater model for the County, and creating a monitoring network for wells.

Mr. Orbon said in Fall 2018, County staff engaged in a scoping process with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). USGS submitted a proposal to conduct this groundwater work.

He said Wake County will begin the process of creating a groundwater assessment as part of the One Water initiative. That project begins with a groundwater network of wells that will provide insight into conditions within the groundwater system and provide data to begin analysis of the relationship between groundwater and other water that provides the county a vital resource. Staff have determined that collaboration with USGS on a 5-year study of groundwater will provide the maximum financial efficiency. USGS will be able to cost share and the groundwater model will be useful for analysis for the long term. Once this phase (Phase 1) is complete a second phase will be proposed to achieve a 50-year water supply plan that incorporates surface water, ground water, climate change and growth.

Chad Wagner, the Associate Director for Investigations, has provided insight into the steps required to create a groundwater model that can be used to evaluate plans and situations going forward for an extended time frame. The model relies on the MODFLOW modeling environment. It will allow evaluation of scenarios that might arise due to population growth, changes in rainfall, new industry, or other changes.

Step one is to identify and develop a monitoring network of wells in Wake County that will allow evaluation of the response of groundwater to various condition changes.

Step two is to gather quality and quantity data from the network over time to evaluate responses to changes.

Mr. Orbon said then evaluation of data will be completed including fracture

mapping, soil and water balance, and streamflow analysis. All of the evaluation leads toward completing a picture of the county with regard to groundwater, and then to a dynamic model that can answer questions about future scenarios. After these tasks are complete, new data can be modeled for the county including climate change and demand increases.

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He shared a chart of the \$1 Million county commitment over 5 years.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Mr. Orbon for his presentation and thanked Wake County staff and the One Water initiative. He asked Mr. Orbon to talk about the USGS and the monitoring program. Mr. Orbon said that if the monitoring well network is placed it will be able to predict droughts and provide data for the long-term planning of water in Wake County.

Commissioner West said that the Growth Task Force provided previous work toward these initiatives and asked if One Water and Growth, Land Use and Environment Committee work integrates these same initiatives. Mr. Orbon said that these models integrate with the Growth, Land Use, and Environment Committee, Water Partnership and One Water initiatives.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve a five-year agreement with USGS, to provide scientific monitoring reporting and services in Wake County and authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract for these services, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Commissioner Hutchinson asked the number of persons that were present in the overflow room. He asked if the elected officials that were present could speak first so that they can attend their own town council meetings.

Chair Holmes said that there is a process for public comment and the elected officials arrived early on the sign up sheet. She said that there would be time given to individuals that are listening in the overflow room to make their way to the podium to speak.

Mr. Warren indicated there were 55 in the overflow room.

Commissioner West clarified that there may be various reasons that citizens may have signed up for public comment. Chair Holmes explained that the citizens that were present to speak on any issue other than item

number 16 have signed up separately.

Chair Holmes clarified procedure by which citizens were signed up.

Ms. Natalie Lew, Raleigh, N.C. said that she applied to be on the RDU board because she travels frequently and wants to have a good airport. She said that people want open space and she talked about the friction between that issue and education. She said that they do not go hand in hand. She said that there are ways to use open space. She asked that the board consider the legacy to open space, education, and a great airport.

Councilman Steve Rao, Town of Morrisville, said that the town is looking forward to the new library this year. He shared information about the Youth Green Summit in Morrisville. He invited the board to the Summit Saturday, January 12th at 2:00 p.m. to hear from bright young leaders of the county.

16. [Resolution Authorizing the Sale by Negotiated Offer and Upset Bid of Wake County Surplus Property located along Shady Greens Drive, Brushy Meadows Drive, and Hilltop-Needmore Road, in Fuquay Varina, NC \(formerly known as Crooked Creek Golf Course\)](#)

Attachments: [Crooked Creek Sale of Surplus Property.docx](#)
 [Crooked Creek Property Map.pdf](#)
 [1.2.19 Proposed RESOLUTION- Declaring as Surplus & Authorizing Upset Bid Sale.doc](#)
 [Exhibit A- Legal Description for Resolution.docx](#)
 [June 18, 2018 BOC Minutes.pdf](#)
 [Local Government Property Disposal Procedures.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford said this evening he was proposing a resolution authorizing the sale by negotiated offer and upset bid of Wake County surplus property formerly known as the Crooked Creek Golf Course. He said he is presenting this item myself, but staff is in attendance and prepared to answer questions about the practical, financial, and legal implications as needed.

He said he would present the resolution first and describe what it means, then shared the reasons for bringing this item forward, since it's important that everyone understands how and why he is proposing this action. After this, public comments can be shared followed by board discussion and then a vote.

He said after public comments he was happy to take questions from commissioners, and staff can answer any clarifying questions commissioners may have for them.

"First, some brief background for the public record. On June 18, 2018, the Board of Commissioners voted 4-3 to purchase a portion of the former Crooked Creek Golf Course and keep it closed to the public until its future use was determined. The property was comprised of 11 separate parcels located off of Hilltop Needmore Road, west of Route 401 and north of the Town of Fuquay-Varina, and located within the Crooked Creek Subdivision. The golf course was closed by the owners in 2015. In September of 2018, the county purchased approximately 143 acres of the former Crooked Creek golf course, and has since surveyed the property, marked the boundaries and performed general maintenance. In that same month, the Wake County Board of Education purchased an adjacent 21-acre parcel, also part of the former golf course."

"The specific action I am requesting is in four parts. If you look at your Board materials, you will see the specific language of the action there, which says the following:"

1. Declare as surplus approximately 143 acres of County property located along Shady Greens Drive, Brushy Meadows Drive, and Hilltop-Needmore Road, in Fuquay Varina, NC;
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing staff to initiate a Sale by Negotiated Offer and Upset Bid, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269;
3. Authorize staff to advertise the Sale, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269; and
4. Establish that the development of the Southeast County Park shall be the first priority of the 2018 Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space Bond.

"In terms of Fiscal Impact, proceeds from the sale up to the purchase cost will be used to restore taxpayer monies used from the County's Debt Service fund to acquire the property, since the purchase was not made using any Park bond funds."

"For your reference, staff has also included several documents as attachments, including the following:"

- A map of the Crooked Creek property;
- The actual Resolution mentioned in Item 2 of my motion, which authorizes staff to initiate the sale;
- A legal description of each of the 10 remaining parcels of the former golf course that the County now owns;
- The minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting, with Commissioners' comments about the purchase of the Crooked Creek and details of the

vote itself that day; and

-A document describing how the County can legally dispose of its own property per state law.

"For those of you here or watching at home or the recording of this meeting sometime in the future, all of these documents may be found online at the County's website, www.wakegov.com. Click the Government tab, then click on Meetings & Agendas, then today's meeting date, January 7, 2019."

PART TWO - REASONING

"So I want to answer two questions right off the bat:"

1. Why bring up this issue now? and then
2. Why is this important to bring it up again at all?

"First: Why now? I have 3 main reasons:"

11. For me, this is about character and integrity. Elections have consequences, and voters expect their elected representatives to follow through. This motion immediately addresses a campaign year issue with an action, rather than just talk or inaction. Each of us is now either newly elected or newly re-elected, and it is important that we weigh in on this issue now before any additional time or tax dollars are spent in Crooked Creek. Today we are holding ourselves accountable on two of the issues that most of us campaigned on last year - supporting Wake County's continued great investment in Parks, Greenways & Open Spaces, and addressing the controversial purchase of the Crooked Creek property.
2. Addressing this issue now provides the County Manager and County staff with much-needed and timely guidance as they prepare for the upcoming FY 2020 operating budget, which would otherwise include funding for continued maintenance of the Crooked Creek property and other related expenses.
3. Addressing this issue now also provides Human Services and Parks Staff with clear direction as they prepare for our upcoming Board work session regarding decisions we will make about the \$120 million that voters approved in November for parks, open space and greenways projects. If this motion passes, Crooked Creek would no longer be part of the discussion, while the SE Regional Park Project would be accelerated with first priority status among the other great future park builds and acquisitions.

"Now, why is it important to bring this up at all? Wouldn't it just be easier to leave it alone, practically, even politically? I teach my own kids, as I did with thousands of the students I served over the years, that you have to stand up for what you believe in, and for what you think is right. I believe everyone here today is doing the same thing, although we may be on different sides of the issue. For me, this issue, Crooked Creek, is such bad precedent for Wake County that I feel compelled to do something about it."

"Beyond personal character and integrity, this is also about consistency & good government. While I appreciate some of my colleagues' desire to turn a problem into an opportunity, other colleagues and I have consistently been on record with our strong belief that this deal was not the result of transparency or good government. I have 5 Examples I'd like to highlight today:"

1. The park was acquired outside of the County's accepted parks and open space acquisition process, often without transparency or use of best practices, right down to who and how the purchase price was for the property was actually negotiated;
2. Professional county staff publicly advised the board not to purchase Crooked Creek, but the Board majority ignored professional staff's recommendations and bought it anyway. This had never been done before in the County's 248-year history of parks and open space acquisitions. When some of us asked why, the majority told us it was because it was such a great deal. I'll get back to that in a minute.
3. The old golf course itself is not a good fit for a county park. I have said so, staff originally said so. That's because this is a highly segmented property that weaves its way throughout a neighborhood subdivision, surrounded by private homes and intertwined with the streets of the Crooked Creek neighborhood. And we already have a County park project underway just a few miles from there. That's not to say the Crooked Creek property isn't beautiful, because it is. I've been there 3 times, twice with my family. It would make a great town park, or conservancy preserve. I just don't think it should be a county park.
4. Despite the rhetoric, it turns out that Crooked Creek simply wasn't a good deal for the county our citizens. The property was officially appraised at \$4,045,000 and purchased for \$4,000,000 even - that's a difference of less than 1% off actual appraised value. A less than 1% difference is no "great bargain" by most people's standards - that's actually called full retail price. County staff did not negotiate that deal as has always been the case; instead a Commissioner did. It was not a good price and it was certainly not good government in action. And unlike any other open space owned by

the County, Crooked Creek is again notoriously unique in that we are spending \$70,000 a year just to mow the grass and trim trees and bushes. Nowhere else do we do this as a County on unused open space. Nowhere. So let's talk about some true underlying issues here, like privilege, social capital, and social justice. \$70,000 a year. Think of what that money could be been spent on instead - our programs for homeless veterans and underprivileged populations, or expanding Pre K, or food pantries, or affordable housing, or funding our public schools and teachers better, or increasing library services, or paying our law enforcement officers and firemen and first responders better, or providing for an additional nurse's salary, or a guidance counselor or a new social worker, or ANYTHING better than mowing the grass at Crooked Creek just so that it looks nice for the neighbors. Is this what the taxpayers and voters had in mind when they put us in office? I say no. \$70,000 a year to mow the grass, trim trees and bushes for a property within a subdivision that County staff advised against buying, but was required to buy anyway at full retail price - versus all the other needs struggling people have in this County. That's some true privilege right there.

"Let me expand on the price a bit more by talking about cost per acre. For Southeast County Park in southern Wake, the County has spent approximately \$9000 per acre and now owns 301 acres for a total of \$2.7 million, with planning already underway for a park since Commissioners made the final significant purchase in 2017. There is the potential for hundreds of more acres to be purchased there, which would make Southeast Regional the largest County park in all of Wake County at over 600 acres. Again, the cost to date for the Southeast Regional County park project is \$2.7 million at \$9000 per acre. Then there's Crooked Creek. At less than half the size of Southeast Regional Park, Crooked Creek's 143 acres cost Wake taxpayers retail price: \$4,000,000, resulting in a whopping \$28,000 per acre. That's over 3 TIMES as much money per acre for a property that is only HALF the size of the Southeast Regional Park project. How is paying 3X as much per acre for half the amount of land just a few miles away a good deal for Wake taxpayers? I don't believe it is, and that action was not in the best interests of the taxpayers of the Wake County."

5. The County should not be in the business of bailing out private homeowners property values when neighborhood amenities like a golf course fail. Multiple golf courses have failed in Wake County in the last several decades, and I can't find another instance where anyone at the time rushed forward and demanded that the County should buy them up and preserve them for open space or County parks. Not one. In fact, that was never the original goal of the Crooked Creek homeowners when the golf course first closed. When the golf course failed in 2015, Crooked Creek homeowners first sued the owner of the golf course, but that effort failed in

court. They also went to the elected officials of the Town of Fuquay Varina, who passed on buying it for a town park, and even passed on offering it up as a town park through a local bond referendum for voters to decide, as the Town of Apex recently did for one of their parks. Then the residents came to the County, and suddenly their "Save the Golf Course" campaign of 2015 was rebranded to a campaign of "A Park for Everyone!" for southern Wake County. That was some good public relations marketing there, and the websites, videos, memes and graphics I've seen from that period, and that are now used against those of us taking an opposing position, are quite good! Don't get me wrong; I don't blame the residents of Crooked Creek for wanting what's best for their property. I get it. I have said and still believe that Crooked Creek would make a great town park for Fuquay Varina. But repackaging Crooked Creek's private interests into an opportunity for a County park "for all to enjoy" simply isn't fair or equitable, and begs the question, if the County should do this with this property, then where's the limit for any other group or landowner or entity that says the County should buy their property for a park or open space too? We have laws and rules and procedures and professional staff to provide us with guidance for a reason. Good government means listening to the needs of ALL the people we serve, and making the best decisions in the interests of Everyone, not just special interest groups.

"Finally, let's talk about equity and access and the need for a county park in Southern Wake. Some claim that southern Wake County is getting the 'short end of the stick' on access to a County park. It's a fair argument, especially when you look at the current and projected population growth for that part of our County. Commissioners, yesterday I shared an email with you that includes a series of maps, with data and analysis by County staff. I've also asked Staff to include them in the online attachments as soon as possible."

"Those maps and data show that 40 percent of Wake County's population lives within a 10-minute drive of a county park, which is the standard we've set for a citizen's convenient access to a county park. The Crooked Creek community already is within that standard. If Crooked Creek is built as a County park after Southeast Wake Regional County Park, the net increase in Wake citizens' convenient access to a county park increases by just 0.7 percent with Crooked Creek - after millions of more dollars are spent on building and maintaining a park there. 0.7 percent. We serve the entire county; other parts of Wake County are still underserved. What about those citizens? Does this deal honor them, and the idea of equity? We can and should do better."

"The citizens of southern Wake County deserve a great County park. It should be the one Wake County has planned for and paid for already."

That's why I am especially excited about advancing the construction of Southeast Regional County Park, located within a few miles of Crooked Creek in southern Wake County, to the #1 priority project in the County's Parks & Greenways Master Plan. The County has already spent millions of dollars acquiring property for this project, and the project has the potential of becoming the largest County park in all of Wake County - much needed in an area of tremendous growth. And unlike Crooked Creek, this land was acquired by voter-approved bonds and cannot be sold as surplus. If my motion passes today, Staff tells me that Southeast Regional County Park will receive priority use of the new Parks bond money, and that southern Wake County can get a new County park in just two and a half years - with a projected opening sometime around the Summer of 2021."

"In closing, I am proud of Wake County's solid reputation for preserving open space, and investing in parks and greenways. Until Crooked Creek, every single Wake County Commissioner has unanimously supported every parks and open space acquisition brought before the Board, myself included. And after Crooked Creek, we will continue to honor this commitment to make sure current and future Wake County residents have increased opportunities for enjoying our beautiful local environment for generations to come."

Thank you for your consideration.

Chair Holmes said that she would share the process for the public comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson indicated that there was a potential motion made by Vice-Chair Ford. Chair Holmes said that a formal motion has not been put forward and asked Commissioner Hutchinson to bring forward his motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners table the current resolution and instead instruct staff to research potential uses and combinations of uses of the property and evaluate them based on their appropriateness and their ability to maximize the public good. Staff shall then return to the board to present viable options and conclusion after a reasonable period of time.

Commissioner Evans said that she supports moving forward with public comments and asked for clarification of bringing forward the motion before the public comment period.

Commissioner Hutchinson agreed to postpone his motion until after the public comments.

Commissioners agreed to move forward with public comments.

Mayor John Byrne, Town of Fuquay-Varina, thanked the board for their service. He said that citizens do not understand how important planning is for elected officials. He said that a main challenge for boards is planning for the future. He shared a story about the sewage treatment program and the \$35 million that was spent and how the land will be able to be used again. He said this project is great because of the leaders and what they planned what is best for the community. He said park land is important and the investment.

Mr. Blake Massengill, Town of Fuquay-Varina Mayor Pro Tem, said he is 4th generation resident of Wake County. He said land is our most valuable asset and begged Wake County not to sell the land. He said that location sets the value of the land. He said the Fuquay-Varina budget is pennies compared to Wake County budget. He said that if land is sold then it is lost forever.

Councilman Jason Wunsch, Town of Fuquay-Varina, said he has been commissioner since 2013. He says that he supports not selling the land as surplus property. He shared his description of the park. He said that that his concern is the that using the land for housing would be cost prohibitive to many residents. He talked about the fair market value and said the property must be sold under fair market value. He said the best use of the land is to stay the course and continue with the South Wake Park. He asked that the board not sell the land.

A citizen shared the comments that Vice Chair said in a previous meeting. He shared the comments that were made by Vice Chair Ford. He asked Commissioner Evans and Adamson to honor the commitment of the prior board. He compared Vice-Chair Ford to Jesus and Judas.

Mayor Dick Sears, Town of Holly Springs, thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to speak. He shared reasons that he would like to see a park. He said that he has 100 percent agreement from the Town Board and the Town Manager to support this project. He said Southern Wake County is underserved, which makes this a regional issue.

Councilman Dan Berry, Town of Holly Springs, said the Town of Holly Springs has grown 50 percent since 2012. He shared the benefits and the challenges of the growth rate in South Eastern Wake County. He said questioning the democratic process causes questions about the core value

of this board. He spoke of the three bonds that were recently approved. He said he understands that there is a limited supply of money to fund all projects, but selling land is a mistake. He said the sale does not honor the counties commitment and he asked commissioners to vote no on all aspects of selling the land.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom O'Brien, Town of Holly Springs, said that right decisions must be made. He said that residents in 10 years should have the same opportunities as we have today. He asked for a no vote on selling the land. He said others on his board also support not selling the land.

Council Member Christine Kelly, Town of Holly Springs, spoke on behalf of the Town Holly Springs. She said that residents would like open space and parks. She said that Southern Wake County is under-served, and it is not in the best interest to sell this land. She said Holly Springs residents recently approved a parks bond, which speaks to their desire to have parks and open space. She commented on the cost of mowing the land. She said there are 70,000 residents in Fuquay-Varina so that equals \$1 a person to have a park. She asked that the Board of Commissioners table the issue for an opportunity to talk with the Towns of Holly Springs and Fuquay-Varina.

Mr. Harvey Richmond, Capital Group, Sierra Club, he shared the numerous agencies that offer their support for the park. He shared the benefits of having a park. He said the park will benefit the water supply and is conveniently located. He strongly encouraged the board reject any effort to see the property. He asked the board to table the item until it is reviewed further.

Mr. Matthew McHugh, 1249 August Moon Court, Fuquay-Varina, said that there is not enough information to claim the land surplus. He said that there is a need for more parks. He shared statistics on land purchases in surrounding towns for the purpose of adding parks. He said much of the needs for a park are already included on this land. He asked for a comprehensive study of the project prior to any decisions being made.

Mr. Brian Edlin, Attorney, Crooked Creek Community Association, said that he has a stack of proxy's that residents put a lot of work into obtaining. He said they did that with the understanding that the land would be used for a park. He said selling the property would leave it open to development.

Ms. Nancy Ferrell-Unwin, 4705 Linaria Ln, Fuquay-Varina, asked why we were here defending land. She said this process is political and has undergone scrutiny. She said the project was not rushed and she shared the conditions that the board asked the Home Owner's Association to meet, which they did. She said the proposed sale of the land has been

rushed. She shared work that would need completed for the Southeast Wake Park and said all that work is already done on the Crooked Creek property.

Ms. Sheree Ward, 4604 Springcrest Court, Fuquay-Varina, asked how the decision could be a mistake after all the conditions of the sale were met. She shared her perception of a nice park. She shared the parks and recreation mission statement. She said that she had a list of over 600 people in support of the park.

Mr. Monte Cohen, 4720 Linaria Lane, said that the commissioners serve as a "Chamber of Commerce" for the county. He said all should be concerned about this process and the lasting effects it could have on the county and economy. He said that great lengths have been taken to hurt people for personal gain and influence.

Mr. Buddy Salpeck, 5456 Brushy Meadows Drive, Fuquay-Varina, shared that he moved here to watch his kids grow. He shared his support for the park. He asked that the item be tabled.

Mr. Hwa Huang, 7401 Ebenezer Church Rd, student at NCSU. He said that he is concerned about the property being sold to the highest bidder. He shared his experiences in other cities and his performance in schools based on clean water and his allergies. He said that the land should not become surplus property.

Mr. Tom Jadelis, 3312 Heathrowe Grove Court, Fuquay-Varina, said that he hopes the show of support tonight makes a difference in the decision.

Ms. Donna Bertrand, 5421 Greensflag Lane, Fuquay-Varina, shared statistics for open and green space. She said, the county is short 163,000 acres of Open Space according to the plan, so she doesn't understand how 143 acres can be considered surplus. She said that residents need the park. She said that only children get do-overs.

Ms. Veronica Nawojczyk, 5700 Creekfall Lane, Fuquay-Varina, daughter of Mr. Ron Nawojczyk, spoke about her perspective on open space. She said that this would be the best local park. She said that this is not a bailout. She said Southern Wake county is deserving of a park.

Mr. Randy Cohen, 4720 Linaria Lane, Fuquay-Varina, said she is upset that the land could be considered surplus and asked where the democratic process is. She said it matters when people vote and questions what this process has done to the democratic process. She commented on the development of the Southeast Park and said this park is too far for residents of Crooked Creek to enjoy.

Mr. Carey Kidd, 4729 Linaria Lane, Fuquay-Varina, said he is a life time resident of Wake County. He said he recently purchased a home in the Crooked Creek area because of the plans to build the park. He said that he does not agree with the vote that was made last year being reversed. He described the parks in the near neighborhoods. He shared that he has lost faith in the democratic process.

Ms. Joy Carson, 2512 Thurrock Drive, Fuquay-Varina, spoke in favor of the park and urged the board to follow through with their plans. She shared her thoughts on having a park and investing in green space. She said parks significantly increase property values as well as increases the quality of life. She referenced social media comments and said they were inaccurate.

Ms. Judi Gordon, 1348 Lane Ridge, Fuquay-Varina, said that she is in favor of the park. She says that she does not live in Crooked Creek. She asked the board to table the item.

Ms. Shelley Peele, 7528 Troy Stone Drive, Fuquay-Varina, shared how she must take her daughters on a street to ride their bikes. She said Fuquay-Varina has increased in population from 8,000 to 28,000. She asked that they preserve open space. She said that this is an investment, not a bailout.

Mr. Jeffrey Sandell, 5413 Willow Bridge Rd, Fuquay-Varina, asked if commissioners were veterans. He asked the veterans in the audience to be acknowledged. He shared that he served many years in the military. He said that they took an oath to defend the United States and the Commissioners took the same oath. He spoke about the amendments that gave individuals the right to vote.

Ms. Linda Sandell, 5413 Willow Bridge Rd, Fuquay-Varina, shared her thoughts on the issue. She feels the opposition to the park is personal. She shared that she is in favor of the park. She shared a quote made by Vice-Chair Ford and said she feels those remarks are inaccurate. She commented on the development of the Southeast Wake Park and said the cost of that park will be very costly.

Ms. Elizabeth Adams, 103 Larkspur Lane, Cary, said she works at UNC and supports the Sierra Club. She urged the commissioners to vote no to the park. She shared her opinion on the resources for the county, wells and water. She said the commissioners must support all citizens at all stages of life.

Ms. Loraine Hayes, 8309 Muirfield Drive, Fuquay-Varina, asked the board not to sell the park. She shared that she is excited to have the park. She

said that she asked a commissioner to take the item off the agenda, but said that the commissioner said that the issue need to be corrected. She said open space is a resource that is quickly disappearing.

Mr. Harold Albrecht, 4738 Linaria Lane, Fuquay-Varina, said that he was speaking on behalf of his neighbor who is in a wheelchair and is looking forward to using the trails. He said that democracy should be respected, and last year's vote should not be second guessed.

Mr. David Carter, 5216 West Oaks Drive, Fuquay-Varina, said that he would like to talk about good government. He spoke of the spring primary election and the contributions made to the candidates. He asked that the commissioners vote no on selling the land.

Mr. Ashley Delamar, 6017 Brass Tack Court, Fuquay-Varina, said he and his family moved from North Raleigh and purchased as close to a park as possible. He shared that the commissioner's decision to purchase the park had big implications on their move. He shared that there is no competition between schools and parks. He said the county should not chose development over recreation. He is in favor of a park and asked the board to vote no to the sale.

Ms. Annette Balent, 4729 Shady Greens, Fuquay-Varina, said she has been a CPA for over 20 years and integrity is everything. She shared the definition of integrity. She said that integrity is a must have quality for commissioners. She asked the commissioners to honor the commitment for the park.

Mr. Ron Fogle, 4733 Linaria Ln, Fuquay-Varina, said that most of his points had already been made. He asked the board to think about their decision. He is in favor of the park and asked that it be preserved for future generations.

Mr. Kelly Pearson, 1613 McLaurin Lane, Fuquay-Varina, said she does not live in Crooked Creek. She is in favor of the park. She said new commissioners should not undo the work of prior boards.

Ms. Mary Freeman, 1204 Filmore Street, Raleigh, said she has owned her downtown Raleigh home for 33 years. She estimates it is valued at 9 times what it was purchased for. She said that she votes for tax increases because she supports schools and quality of life issues. She said she intended to use the new park for safety reasons. She said that this project is a no brainer and asked the board to table the item or move forward with the park.

Mr. Mike Austin, 4604 Gomar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, said he has lived at

his current residence for 25 years. He said that this is not a bailout and he doesn't understand why this land is being considered for sale. He said citizens want to preserve the land. He shared his opinion on the values of other parks on other sides of the county. He shared an article from the News and Observer.

Mr. William Wingfield, 7525 Messenger Drive, Willow Springs, said that he is favor of the park. He said that it would increase his property values. He said that this is not the way Wake County should be conducting business. He said that this is not the image that we should be projecting. He shared a quote of President Lincoln.

Ms. Marcia Meyer, 4500 South Ridge, Fuquay-Varina, said save the park.

Mr. Anthony LaGiudice, 4511 South Ridge, Fuquay-Varina, begged the commissioners not to sell the property. He said he moved here from New York for fresh air and places to walk.

Mr. Shaun Pollenz, 2315 St Pauls Square, Fuquay-Varina, shared a court case he spoke about on the school board trail. He said the Board of Education won the lawsuit in the amount of \$70 million plus interest but has not received any of it. He asked the Board of Commissioners to work with the Board of Education to enforce that judgement against the state. He spoke of another court case that was won recently declaring that the county is not fully responsible for funding the school system.

Mr. Derric Grimes, Commander, American Legion Post 116, Fuquay-Varina, said that he is representing the post and the veterans of Wake County. He shared the veterans views for having a park such as rehabilitation and outdoor activities. He asked the board not to approve the sale.

Ms. Sharon Riley, 5437 Greensflag Lane, Fuquay-Varina, said that she and her husband moved from Florida to this area for the quality of life. She shared the town of Fuquay-Varina has approved an additional 7,800 homes to be built in the future. She shared the definition of surplus. She said failure to keep their word on this matter will cause future decisions to be questioned. She asked the commissioners to keep their word and build the park.

Mr. John B Adcock, 7429 Rouse Rd, Holly Springs, thanked the commissioners for their service. He said that item 16 speaks to the integrity of this legislative body. He asked that the board vote no to selling the property. He spoke of the conditions put on the purchase of the property and said constituents lost legal rights were forever. He said he respects differing opinions, but he cannot respect an institution that goes back on its

word.

Mr. Donald Hicks, 2601 Hidden Meadow Drive, Fuquay-Varina, said that the vote is not based on good governance. He quoted a doctrine on the trust of elected officials. He said selling the land will damage trust in the board.

Ms. Kelly Whitfall, 1432 Shady Rise Glen, Raleigh, shared her thoughts on honoring commitments. She said adults lead the younger generations by example and said going back on their word will diminish peoples trust in them. She said she has lived in Southern Wake County for 15 years, and this park is desperately needed for the children.

Mr. Gary Lewis, 5212 Crooked Bluff Lane, Fuquay-Varina, shared the definition of a promise and said while it is not always legally binding, it is morally binding. He shared a comment from the Indy Week about questions posed to two commissioners.

Ms. Amy Bratager, 3513 Coach Lantern, Wake Forest, said that she is in support of the park. She said most of her family lives in Southern Wake County and should not have to move north to have access to parks. She said all residents should be represented equally and asked the commissioners to respect the vote of the previous board. She said the children are watching and asked the board to look past their differences.

Ms. Stacey Larson, 114 Gables Gate Court, Apex, shared that her kids grew up without parks. She said she is concerned about the health of the children due to a lack of exercise. She suggested a donation box in the park to help with the cost of mowing.

Ms. Patti Goodwin, 2627 Brighton Bluff Drive, Fuquay-Varina, said that she finds the sale of the park a tragedy. She asked what changed since July 2018. She said this park fits into the county park master plan and is against the sale of the park.

Ms. Rebecca Pendley, 4404 Birnamwood Court, Holly Springs, said she is not in favor of the sale of the land. She shared a handout outlining paved trails. She also shared a heat map that shows the growth in southern, eastern and western Wake County. She said the majority of the growth is in Southwest Wake, not near the Adams property. She said land is quickly disappearing and there's not much time to save the remaining land.

Ms. Karrah Maud, 7201 Ladora Drive, Willow Springs, asked for more green space. She said that she is speaking on behalf of her children and this park is needed. She spoke of recent overdose deaths in Fuquay-Varina.

Mr. Doug Saffir, 2717 Cutleaf Drive, Apex, thanked the commissioners for their time. He said that he is new to Wake County. He shared his thoughts on green space and the safety of them and the neighbors. He asked the commissioners to table the issue.

Ms. Angie Scioli, 5712 Harrington Grove Drive, Raleigh, shared her thoughts on the education of children. She talked about once in a lifetime opportunities that she has experienced as a teacher.

Mr. Ben Taylor, 622 Daniels St, Raleigh, shared his thoughts on the purchase of park land. He congratulated last year's board on their efforts of making the decision to preserve this land.

Ms. Shirley Rodgers, 5440 Greensflag Lane, Fuquay-Varina, asked what the vote would be if this was happening in their districts. She asked if they would fight to keep their parks open. She asked the commissioners to move the lines of division.

Mr. Greg Horner, 2647 Bloomsberry, Fuquay-Varina, said he understands the issues surrounding education funding. He said that he is a veteran and he is required to get a certain amount of exercise a day. He shared comments on good governance. He spoke of a recent US Supreme court case. He asked the board to keep their promise, and keep the park.

Mr. Raymond Goodwin, 2627 Brighton Bluff Drive, Fuquay-Varina, said that he is a former resident of Cary. During this time living there, he took his children to the parks often. He said that parks are not available to him in Fuquay-Varina. He said that it's too dangerous to ride his bike because there are no sidewalks. He said that he is unhappy how the board has treated the residents of Crooked Creek. He said the Crooked Creek residents gave up their rights and there has been no mention of restoring those rights. He asked for a vote of no to the sale of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Scott, 5464 Brushy Meadows Drive, Fuquay-Varina, said they are both retired veterans with a combined 53 years of service. He said they retired, they sought a community where they would continue their exercise regimen. He said the board of commissioners need to find a way to say yes to affordable housing and education without saying no to this project. He said he has spent his own time to maintain the property in Crooked Creek.

Ms. Susan Bowers, 1330 Bacz Street, Raleigh, commented on the cost of county parks. She spoke of a friend who uses the park for socialization. She agrees that affordable housing is important and feels the board needs to work together on a solution. She spoke of candidate questionnaires from the most recent election.

Ms. Laura Broadbelt, 5416 Lake Edge Drive, Holly Springs, said she has been a resident of Holly Springs for 23 years and it has grown tremendously. She said that Holly Springs is forward thinking, and supportive of the project. She spoke of Bass Lake and the struggles to turn it into a park.

Ms. Karen Bachman, shared that her property is on the former golf course. She shared that Senator Sam Searcy is in favor of this project moving forward and sent an email to the board stating so. She said she is a concerned about this property becoming a park. She said it is being widely used already, including horses. She shared that she and her neighbors are supportive of this becoming a park. She said the residents want to partner with the county to make this park happen. She said that she doesn't know the reason for the sale of the property.

Mr. Jeremiah Pierce said this issue is about the ideology of today's world. He said that he represents Southeast Raleigh and he spoke of the gentrification of that area. He spoke of the lack of resources in the schools. He said that 16,000 Wake County school students live in transitional housing. He said money should be being spent on affordable housing. He said the living wage is not enough to live on in Wake County.

Ms. Phyllis Pickett, Shady Ridge Drive, Fuquay-Varina, shared that this is her third appearance to the commissioners meeting and she described her reasons for showing up. She shared the definition of an investment. She thanked Chair Holmes for allowing her to speak. She said the board should consider the future when making decisions.

Chair Holmes asked that Commissioner Hutchinson restate his previous motion for the public record.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners table the current resolution and instead instruct staff to research potential uses and combinations of uses of the property and evaluate them based on their appropriateness and their ability to maximize the public good. Staff shall then return to the board to present viable options and conclusion after a reasonable period of time.

Commissioner Evans thanked citizens for attending the meeting and acknowledged the e-mails and phone calls that she had received. She said that she is perplexed about having to vote on this agenda on the item. She says that having it on the agenda sends a message to the public about priority of issues. She said that she feels compelled to make remarks about her campaign. She served on the Wake County School Board from 2011-2016. She said that she campaigned on bringing good governance to the public school system along with her colleagues. She says that her primary focus and reason for campaigning for County Commissioner was her strong passion for high quality, well funded public schools. She said that there was a lack of school support from the previous commissioner that held her seat. She says the county funding for the school system is 53 percent.

Commissioner Evans says that Crooked Creek issue is not a priority because she has not had ample time to research the entire process. She said that her campaign focused on what she felt she brought to the table and her value on the board, instead of a planned park. She said that it is unfortunate that the needs of the schools were put aside to purchase the land for the park. She said that blame for school funding is often made on the legislature. She said that her victory on the board had nothing to do with Crooked Creek since she did not campaign on the issue. She acknowledged a recent Indy Week article about her concern around the process and consensus of the purchase of the park land. She indicated the article did highlight her value for land, appropriate use of the land, and timing for the use of the property. She said that she values process and good governance. She said that she does not think that placing the property up for sale is not good governance and fair process. She said that she has done due diligence since the item was placed on the agenda in that she visited the Crooked Creek Property, Southeast Wake Property, and met with staff for an overview of the property. She said that she has spoken with her colleagues and respects their views on the issue. She said that there are pros and cons to the purchase of the property. She would like a more measured and thorough process before a decision is made on the property. She said that she supports Commissioner Hutchinson's motion.

Commissioner Calabria said that he agrees with the motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson. He said the motion represents a compromise. He said that the motion is an attempt to pump the brakes. He said that this issue was a lengthy process and not performed in a rush. He said the board met twice in 2017 and twice in 2018. He pointed out an e-mail that he had that dated back to 2014 when a discussion about the property was made. He said that the board held Growth, Land Use, and Environment, meetings with staff, and Town Hall meetings to discuss the issue and

ultimately buy the property. He said that there was only three weeks notice to sell the property and with two new commissioners. He said that the board should take a step back and re-litigate all the decisions that were made before. He said it is the job of the Board of Commissioners to think about what is good for the citizens moving forward. He said that involving the community and staff and providing more time for discussion should be given. He said the only reason for not moving forward could potentially be because it is not convenient for the process or votes, but this reasoning is always the wrong approach. He said that an indicator is when a town council says that they are just hearing about the issue and haven't had a chance to negotiate or talk about what could happen. He said the issue has generated more e-mails and public comments than he can ever recall. He said the decision has a huge impact on southern Wake County, He said it is important to figure out the best public use of the property.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that the process of park development starts with a Master Plan process. He said that every park that has been planned has public involvement. He said that he respects his colleagues comments. He said that the land is beautiful, scenic, and has infrastructure. He said that the property does not look like a park to his colleagues. He said to understand the value or lack of, they should take a step back and do due diligence to have a full process to make an informed decision. He said to understand the value then due diligence would involve a Master Plan process.

Commissioner Calabria shared that he has spoken to Mr. Frank Cope, Community Services Director, about a Master Plan or evaluate different options or different options for the use of the land. He said if there is concern about the \$70,000 to mow grass, then this could be eliminated. He said there has not been sufficient time to look at park or non-park uses. He said that more thought and rationalization is better than less. They could talk about it and not act rationally. He said more knowledge and thought is better than less.

Commissioner Adamson thanked the citizens for attending the meeting. She said that she did campaign on Crooked Creek and she performed research on this issue during her campaign and attended county meetings that were held on the issue. She said that in June 2018 when the vote for the land purchase was held, Wake County Parks staff provided her information about the parks that she had requested. She said that she read all the material. She said that she is prepared to vote tonight.

Commissioner West thanked the citizens for their participation in the process. He said that he has looked at every aspect of this plan and that he is ready to vote. He said that when there are challenging situations there are unintended consequences that can come from the process. He said

that today is the day to move forward.

Vice Chair Ford, said that he opposes Commissioner Hutchinson's proposal. A roll call vote was requested on Commissioner Hutchinson's motion. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners table the current resolution and instead instruct staff to research potential uses and combinations of uses of the property and evaluate them based on their appropriateness and their ability to maximize the public good. Staff shall then return to the board to present viable options and conclusion after a reasonable period of time. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Commissioner Calabria - Aye
Commissioner Adamson - Nay
Commissioner West - Nay
Chair Holmes - Nay
Vice-Chair Ford - Nay
Commissioner Evans - Aye
Commissioner Hutchinson - Aye**

Vice-Chair Ford said that he had a motion to put forward for consideration by the board.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Declare as surplus approximately 143 acres of County property located along Shady Greens Drive, Brushy Meadows Drive, and Hilltop-Needmore Road, in Fuquay Varina, NC;**
- 2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing staff to initiate a Sale by Negotiated Offer and Upset Bid, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269;**
- 3. Authorize staff to advertise the Sale, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269; and**
- 4. Establish that the development of the Southeast County Park shall be the first priority of the 2018 Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space Bond.**

Commissioner Hutchinson said "I want to thank everyone taking the time out of your busy lives to be here tonight as well as to speak. I also want to thank the writers of the 800+ e-mails in support of this project, which is most, by a factor of 5, than I have ever received on any other issue. They were personalized, heart felt emails from people who have done so much to make this park a reality and now are feeling betrayed. I also want to thank those who responded with likes, comments, and shares of posts on social media that we have been pushing out over the last weeks regarding South Wake Park."

"But mostly, I am sorry that you have to be here. I feel angry, and frustrated, and saddened, and I know so many in this room are feeling the same way."

"Many of you know that I have spent a career of 20 plus years as a parks, open space & greenways advocate. Known as Mr. Green Jeans locally, I've led numerous bond referendum over the last 18 years, which has been used to purchase more than 7,000 acres of open space, expanded and improved numerous parks and built greenways that number more than 200 miles in Wake County alone. During my tenor, prior to being a Commissioner, I have been before commissions of both Republicans and Democrats, Conservatives and Liberals, those leaning far right to far left and throughout my tenor over 18 years, I have **never** ever received anything but praise and appreciation for this work we we're doing preserving open space and parks; in the most beautiful place in America; with by the way, has some of the richest biodiversity on the entire planet. I've was instrumental in getting Wake County to set as a goal of preserving 165,000 acres of permanently protected open space, of which, we have a long way to go. But in the second fastest growing large county in America with 65 people a day coming to Wake County, we all know and agree, including 100 percent of Republican and Democratic Commissioners for the last 18 years, that we have strong support for this program."

"And it's not that we haven't received support for open space and parks by this board; recently, we purchased 1,000 acres of open space in the Falls Lake Watershed; Opened our first two Nature Preserves in Turnipseed Park, and Roberson Mill Pond."

"So the question you have to be asking yourselves for the last several weeks is, "Why is South Wake Park" different that would cause a majority of a **Democratic** commissioners to oppose this project, when we have had unanimous support for parks and open space by commissioners for the last 18 plus years... Great question, right."

"The reality, of which was articulated well in Ned Barnett's editorial in Sunday's paper and by Anna Johnson today in her article in the N&O, is that their opposition doesn't have anything to do with this park at all. Unfortunately, it has everything to do with simple political gamesmanship. This is a story is about big money donors, looking to sway elections and get people elected; or unelected. The types of gamesmanship that Democrats rail against when it's the Koch Brothers, but are perfectly fine with it when it's within their own party or money for them."

"This fight is about the fact; that the previous board did not give enough money to the Wake County School Board, even though they did more and did it faster than any board in the history of the County. From the donors perspective, it wasn't enough. So several of these large money donors took it upon themselves to try to unseat four commissioners for what they had done, or didn't do."

"Now for those of you who need a quick lesson in the "Underbelly of politics 101," when you are trying to take some candidates out, you need an issue, right... After all, it couldn't be just that we didn't give enough money to the schools."

"So unfortunately, while **their** plan was being baked, we were also talking with the supporters and working through 11 requirements necessary for the County to buy the Park."

"For the donors, this was perfect. A retired golf course, due to a lack of use, because golf courses are not as popular as they once were, and this issue could be framed as a "failed, or bankrupt golf course and a bail out for a lot of rich white people."

"None of which was true. It was a golf course at one time but had been closed for 3 years, and was looking to be sold. The houses were not rich people but average prices houses for the triangle market and the community was well diversified. But in politics, you can't let facts get in the way of the story."

"Mailers went out, money was spent, social media lit up, and when the dust settled, two commissioners had lost their seats. Big Money Politics had worked. The type of big money politics that makes most people sick, and the reason so many people hate politics and why politicians have such a bad reputation."

"And what makes this even worse; this is a great project. 143 acres of beautiful open space in an quickly urbanizing part of the County, which is in desperate need of new parks. Purchased below appraised value and just before the new I-540 extension is going in, which will significantly raise prices when that does happen."

"The land already had millions of dollars of amenities including greenway trails, parking lots, a club house; and to make things even more magnificent, the Wake County Public School System had purchased land on one end, so that kids could walk or bike to school from a park or participate in environmental education classes right there."

"27,000 people would be within 10 minutes drive; With the next future park, which had not even been built yet, being five miles away. Southern Wake County needs parks, deserves parks; and this park is perfect!"

"The residents loved the idea of a park in their backyard; as evident of voting to remove the covenant rights, with a 94 percent vote. The Master planning possibilities were limitless; and what really reinforced the deal for me was when I posted my support on Facebook and received 785 comments on the post in support of the park."

"In fact, in my 20 years of doing this work, I have never had so much support for a project. In addition, David Proper, who put this deal together with the Conservation Fund and has been doing this work for 30 years including time working for Wake County; And has done more of these land conservation deal in North Carolina than any other human being alive, told me that in his career, he had never seen anything like the consternation he received over such a **great** project as this."

"One thing that is clear to me with my 20 years of doing this work, is that the citizens and residence of Wake County, love their parks! And they love their open space, as evident by passing the Open Space, Parks and Greenways Bond by 68 percent."

"And this project is no exception. We need parks. And whereas in the rest of the US, where communities are experiencing high degrees of growth, they are buying open space and parks as quickly as they can, according to my good friend Chuck Flink who in a National Consultant on these issue. He says no community in America is actually Selling Their Parks. Period. In fact, in our 248-year history as a County, we have never sold park land at all until possibly today. It is unprecedented in Wake County. Unprecedented in the Country. And, of all things, by Democrats."

"The process to acquire this park was lengthy, transparent and open. 11 conditions had to be met; including removal of encroachment, removal of covenants and many more, which were met over a year and a half period."

"Comments such as lame duck commissioners approving this deal at the last minute are totally bogus and inaccurate, in that we had been working on this deal long before the primary even began the final vote took place 6 months before the end of the current Commissioner's terms ended."

"That's reality. What also needs to be said is historically, boards have always honored previous boards decisions, which should be done in this case. And **for** this much needed park? It's been reduced to political pay back for rich donors who put tens of thousands of dollars into campaigns to get people elected, and unelected. I can't begin to express my disappointment. It saddens me, as it does you."

"But, friends, we live in a great country, which is governed by the rule of law; and I would encourage the folks in this room to take every opportunity, that is legally afforded them to stop this action if the vote does forward to sell this beautiful park."

"There is a very good chance that Commissioner Calabria and I will have done all we could do to save this park and then lose tonight. But as the eternal optimists and knowing the great country we live in, and that elections do come around again; and knowing what a truly great project this is, I would offer that the fight is not over tonight, but in fact, is only beginning."

Commissioner Evans shared that she has spent the last few weeks speaking with other commissioners and learning the thoughts behind this project during the holidays. She said that she respects their views of others and was open minded about her decision. She said that she has looked at all of the data from staff. She said that this is a messy situation and unfortunate things have brought the board to this place. She said the budget season of the spring of 2018 was a disappointment for supporters of the schools and less than two months later the board approved to purchase the Crooked Creek park land. She said that there was not cohesive energy with the board members last year and the year before. This included a lack of trust around process. She said there is a need for high quality schools, open space, and other needs of the community. She said that she worked in the building and development business and no more land is being made. She said that she does not have perfect clarity about whether the board should move forward with offering the land up for

surplus property.

Vice Chair Ford yielded his comments to his colleagues.

Chair Holmes shared a quote from Martin Luther King Jr. "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right." She said that she strived to live by this quote and as she serves on the board." She said that her decision is based on values and priorities that are no less than the citizens. She said the values and priorities of her constituents are priority. She said that she will continue to support park projects that come before the board. She said that every park project, open space land acquisition, and green space initiative has received unanimous support from the board since she was elected in December 2014. She said that all of the park initiatives came out of designated park funds and did not compete with funding for schools, mental health, deputies, and other county needs. She shared that when the general fund is used and the AAA rating score affected, this becomes a different story. She apologized to the public that politics and personalities have dominated the facts. She said the park leaves a \$4 million gap in the county's savings account. She said her conscience weighs on the previous quote. She said there is a misconception that the land sale as surplus property must be sold to the highest bidder. She said that the park land can be sold in the same way as property for affordable housing, at a fair market value. She said there will be opportunities to work with the Towns of Fuquay, Holly Springs and the Triangle Land Conservancy to ensure that some or all of the property remains open space but not out of the county's general fund.

Commissioner West thanked the citizens for their attendance. He said that when the Crooked Creek issue conversations started that he had conversations with the Town of Fuquay-Varina officials about the park partnership. He said that there is no statutory requirement from the General Assembly for the county to build parks, but parks are important for the citizens of Wake County. He said that there have been statements made about elected officials and campaign contributions as it relates to the park proposal and politics has nothing to do with the decision made on the issue. He said the board needs to create synergy and everyone has their own paradigm. He shared the four P's: politics, party, people and problem solving. He says that he respects all views on issues. He spoke about the former Task Force on the UN Conspiracy Theory that focused on growth that was changed as boards changed over the years. He said that he believes in equity, access and balance. He said ones' position provides authority, but behavior yields respect. He said teamwork and synergy are needed. He spoke of a recent Human Services Board motion around key issues that are needed in Wake County. He thanked the citizens of Wake County for their input on the issues.

Commissioner Adamson asked if the board votes to surplus the property that the Wake County Public School System receive the first right of refusal.

Mr. Warren stated that conversations have been made with the schools in the event the property is sold for surplus. He said that these type transactions involve a measured process that takes time.

Commissioner Adamson said that she has visited the former golf course site at Crooked Creek two times, read hundreds of pages of documents, listened to voice mails, and read emails. She said that she supports Commissioner Ford's motion. She said the purchase of the property against staff recommendation without consensus from the entire board or before waiting for the new board to be seated. She said the purchase was for one particular neighborhood that did not want homes in their back yard. She said that southern Wake County is receiving a county park on the Adams Farm Track, and she fully supports its accelerated development to a destination park. She said the project was included in the parks bond and the planning process has begun. She said the Adams Farm Track is perfectly suited for a destination park that will serve all citizens of Wake County and provide close park access for southern Wake County. She said her decision is how tax payer dollars are spent fairly for all that live in Wake County.

Commissioner Calabria thanked the citizens for their attendance and have expressed what the community needs. He said that he has received more emails on this issue than any other since becoming a commissioner. He thanked citizens (non-supporters and supporters) of the park land for their e-mails. He said his vote would be in support of keeping the park land, keep promises, and preserve the amenity. He said that he has respect for all his colleagues, but believes that selling the land for surplus is wrong. He said that the communities support for the project has been clear from the beginning. He asked how the board could be in possession of secret wisdom that no one else has. He said the Mayors and town council of Fuquay-Varina and Holly Springs, Mayor and elected officials of Wake Forest, Sierra Club, Southern Environmental Law Center, News and Observer, American Heart Association, and others have come to the same conclusion with the exception of a few citizens and board members about the issue. He said entire Board of Commissioners met in August and November, 2017 and twice in June 2018 to discuss the issue. He said there were multiple committee meetings, countless informal meetings, and Town Hall meetings. He said the project endured seemingly endless delays and the Open Space, and Parks Advisory Committee approved of the project unanimously. He said the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee opposes the sale of the land. He said the county purchased the land because it is beautiful, partly in a watershed, co-located with a school,

is along a path of a future greenway, and will enable the county to take advantage of the dozens of acres preserved by the Triangle Greenways Council. He said that Wake County is rapidly growing, available land is dwindling, and there are only a few bike lanes, walking paths, sidewalks, and other opportunities for outdoor recreation. He said the purchase of the property was a commitment. The North Carolina Conservation Fund tendered the property to the county with the understanding that it would be used for the public good. He said the residents trusted the board to do the same. He said the item before the board is non-unanimous, unprecedented, rushed and not recommended by staff. He said there were examples of the decision being illogic, poor thinking and unrooted in the communities values. He said there was a misconception that the vote needed to be unanimous. He said that there is a misconception that the park land is number one on the board's priority list. He said that the park is not readily fungible and the road infrastructure is making travel more difficult in southern Wake County. He said making the park "number one" is promising the community something that they are already getting. He referenced a document that indicated that the park was in the process of the Master Plan. He said the notion that the community is "getting something that they weren't getting before" is false. He said the inclusion of that provision in the resolution is allusive and patronizing. He said the reality is that southern Wake County will be moving from two parks to one. He said this is not what the commission should be focusing on and there are other priorities such as education, transportation and affordable housing. He said the board should be focusing on those issues instead of clearing the agenda for an issue that is unpopular among the board members. He said the board should be focused on the quality of life. He posed questions to the board. Who feels that the quality of life will improve by selling park land? Who feels that Apple and Amazon will come to Wake County because the park land is sold? He asked how many residents have attended the meeting because they were opposed to the sale of the land? He said the impact to the community will be significant, lasting, and hurtful. He said the resolution seeks to dishonor the understanding held with partners a few months ago. He said people and businesses must know that they can rely on the board's word and commitments. He said that anything else undermines citizens' faith in local government. He said that the project does not conflict with other projects or board goals. He said that this board has a perfect record when it comes to affordable housing. He said that the funding allocated will be used to pay off the debt for the land. He said the AAA bond rating is not being threatened. He said that at the end of the day the commission is not dropping the ball but throwing the ball down. He said that the decision is an unforced error and a self inflicting wound that will take the county a very long time to heal. He apologized for the hurt that the county has endured.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, to call the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Warren clarified that the motions intent is called to end the debate.

A roll call vote was taken on Vice-Chair Ford's previous motion.

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Declare as surplus approximately 143 acres of County property located along Shady Greens Drive, Brushy Meadows Drive, and Hilltop-Needmore Road, in Fuquay Varina, NC;**
- 2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing staff to initiate a Sale by Negotiated Offer and Upset Bid, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269;**
- 3. Authorize staff to advertise the Sale, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269; and**
- 4. Establish that the development of the Southeast County Park shall be the first priority of the 2018 Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space Bond. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Commissioner Calabria - Nay
Commissioner Adamson - Aye
Commissioner West - Aye
Chair Holmes - Aye
Vice-Chair Ford - Aye
Commissioner Evans - Nay
Commissioner Hutchinson - Nay

Appointments

Commission for Women

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Amy Womble for an At-Large appointment.

17. [Historic Preservation Commission](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary Historic Preservation.doc](#)
[Historic Preservation Member List 12-18.pdf](#)
[Historic Preservation App Roster 12-18.xlsx](#)
[Historic Preservation App Packet 12-18.pdf](#)
[Historic Preservation Bd Choices 12-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following for reappointment suspending the rules for term limits:

Ms. Stephanie Ashworth
Ms. Carrie Ehrfurth
Mr. Marshall Harvey
Mr. Charles Morris
Mr. Daniel Turner

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. Charles Blunt for reappointment.

18. [Housing Authority](#)

Attachments: [Wake County Housing Authority Item Summary.doc](#)
[Housing Authority App Roster 12-18.xlsx](#)
[Housing Authority Applicant Packet.pdf](#)
[Housing Authority Board Choices 12-18.xlsx](#)
[Housing Authority Member List 12-18.pdf](#)
[HA Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Devone Young for reappointment

19. [Juvenile Crime Prevention Council](#)

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[JCPC Member List 12-18.pdf](#)
[JCPC App Roster 12-18.xlsx](#)
[JCPC Applicants 12-18.pdf](#)
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[JCPC Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following for reappointment:

Mr. Darryl Blevins - County Manager Designee
Mr. Tony Cancel - Commissioner Appointee
Ms. Christal Carmichael - Faith Community Appointee
Ms. Linda Cuttler - Commissioner Appointee
Mr. Eric Desimone - Chief of Police Designee
Mr. Sharif Deveaux - Juvenile Defense Attorney Designee
Ms. Katherine Edmiston - District Attorney Designee
Ms. Christy Famolare - Parks and Recreation Designee
Mr. Jonathan Glenn - At-Large
Ms. Beth Nelson - Substance Abuse Designee
Mr. Donald Pinchback - Chief Court Counselor Designee
Ms. Mala Ross - At-Large
Ms. Tamra Sanchez - Director of Social Services Designee
Mr. Paul Walker - School Superintendent Designee
Ms. Meredith Weinstein - Commissioner Appointee
Mr. Joseph Antwon Williams - At-Large

Vice-Chair Ford recommended Mr. Rhushawn Holley for appointment - 18 and under Designee

20. [Library Commission](#)

Attachments: [Library Commission Item Summary.docx](#)
 [Library Commission App Roster 10-10-18.xlsx](#)
 [Library Commission App Packet10-10-18.pdf](#)
 [Library Commission BD Choices 10-10-18.xlsx](#)
 [Library Commission Member List.pdf](#)
 [Library Commission Attendance 2018 \(Jan 2018-Sept 2018\).xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Brenda Buchanon (District 7) for appointment.

21. [Nursing Homes Community Advisory Committee](#)

Attachments: [NHCAC Item Summary.doc](#)
 [NH Member List 12-18.pdf](#)
 [NH App Roster 12-18.xlsx](#)
 [Nursing Home App Packet 12-18.pdf](#)
 [NH Board Choices .xlsx](#)
 [NH attendance record.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Megan Douglas and Mr. Cornelis van Dijk for reappointment.

22. [Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority](#)

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 [RDU Member List.pdf](#)
 [RDU App Roster 12-18.xlsx](#)
 [RDU Applicants 12-18.pdf](#)
 [RDU Board Choices 12-18.xlsx](#)
 [RDU Attendance 11-19-18.xls](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. John Kane for reappointment suspending the rules for term limits.

He nominated Mr. David Kushner for appointment.

23. [United Arts Grants Panel](#)

Attachments: [United Arts Grants Panel Item Summary.doc](#)
 [United Arts Grants Panel Member List.pdf](#)
 [United Arts App Roster 12-21-18.xlsx](#)
 [United Arts Grants Applications 12-21-18.pdf](#)
 [United Arts Bd Choices 12-21-18.xlsx](#)
 [United Arts Grants Attendance 12-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Marjorie Hodges (District 6) for appointment.

24. [Apex Board of Adjustment](#)

Attachments: [Apex Board of Adjustment Item Summary 2018.doc](#)
 [Apex Board of Adjustment 12-18.pdf](#)
 [Apex Letter of Recommendation for BOA and Planning 2018.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. Tim Royal for appointment.

25. [Apex Planning Board](#)

Attachments: [Apex Planning Board Item Summary 2018.doc](#)
 [Apex Planning Board Member List 12-18.pdf](#)
 [Apex Letter of Recommendation for BOA and Planning 2018.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. Stephen Tyburski for appointment.

26. [Upcoming Vacancies for February](#)

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Ms. Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk, shared the Upcoming Vacancies for February 2019.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, to accept the appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, indicated there was no need for a closed session.

Adjourn

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Gilyard, NCCCC
Deputy Clerk to the Board
Wake County Board of Commissioners