

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Keegan McDonald, Planning Supervisor
Department	Planning and Development
Date	April 8, 2022
Subject	Appearance Commission – 2021 Abridged Annual Report

The Appearance Commission was established by City Council in 1973 to provide guidance, advice, and recommendations regarding the visual quality and aesthetic characteristics of the City of Raleigh.

Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160D-962.A, “the commission shall, no later than April 15 of each year, submit to the governing board a written report of its activities, a statement of its expenditures to date for the current fiscal year, and its requested budget for the next fiscal year.”

Activities

Cases

Text Change TC-19-19 became effective on June 17, 2021, and converted the former Administrative Alternate for Design process into a new Design Alternate process. In 2021, the Appearance Commission, performing the quasi-judicial duties of the Planning Commission (as designated by the City Council) reviewed 14 Design Alternate Cases and 18 legacy Administrative Alternate for Design Cases. In addition, the Commission provided comments on the Eastern and Western Corridors of the Wake County Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

Sir Walter Raleigh Awards

Due to the pandemic, and the desire for an in-person event, the 2021 Sir Walter Raleigh Awards will now be held on April 13, 2022.

Budget

Current expenditures for FY22 are attached. For FY23, the Appearance Commission is requesting a budget of \$10,000 for general expenses and \$25,000 for the Sir Walter Raleigh Awards and a future Legacy Project.

Comprehensive Report

The Appearance Commission plans to present the Council with a more comprehensive report and work plan this Summer which will include an overview of the Sir Walter Raleigh Awards and the 2022 Annual Retreat. The Council would be asked to vote on the approval of the annual work plan at that time.

Dept. ID	Program Code	Program Description	Account Number	Description	Balance	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget
2410	73801	Appearance Commission	708900	Contractual Svcs-Other	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 687.63	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,312.37
2410	2420	Sir Walter	701010	Operational & Maint Supplies	\$ 39,650.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 33,920.00

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, April 8 – Thursday, April 14

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

Permitted Special Events

[Yappy Hour](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, New Dog Park

Saturday, April 9

Event Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The new dog park on Umstead Drive will be used from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

[We the People, North Carolina](#)

Exchange Plaza

Saturday, April 9

Event Time: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Exchange Plaza will be used from 10:00am until 7:00pm.

Other Events This Weekend

[Hurricanes vs. Islanders](#)

Friday, April 8

PNC Arena

[Doc & Cover - PineCone](#)

Friday, April 8

Fletcher Opera Theater

[Gershwin Piano Concerto - NC Symphony](#)

Friday, April 8 & Saturday, April 9

Meymandi Concert Hall

[The Magic Flute – North Carolina Opera](#)

Friday, April 8 & Sunday, April 10

Memorial Auditorium

[Explore Dix Park: Guided Walking Tour](#)

Saturday, April 9

Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

[Mayor's Unity Day](#)

Saturday, April 9

Moore Square

[Bon Jovi](#)

Saturday, April 9

PNC Arena

[The Magnetic Fields](#)

Saturday, April 9 & Sunday, April 10

Fletcher Opera Theater

Hurricanes vs. Ducks

Sunday, April 10
PNC Arena

Black Flea Market

Sunday, April 10
Moore Square

Public Resources

Pilot Text Alert Program: Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

Road Closure and Road Race Map: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

Online Events Calendar: View all currently scheduled events that impact City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.

Council Member Follow Up



Raleigh

MEMO

To: Marchell Adams-David, City Manager

Thru: Michael Moore, Director

From: Matthew Currier, Parking Manager

Department: Transportation

Date: April 8, 2022

Subject: Dix Park Edge Parking Lake Wheeler Corridor

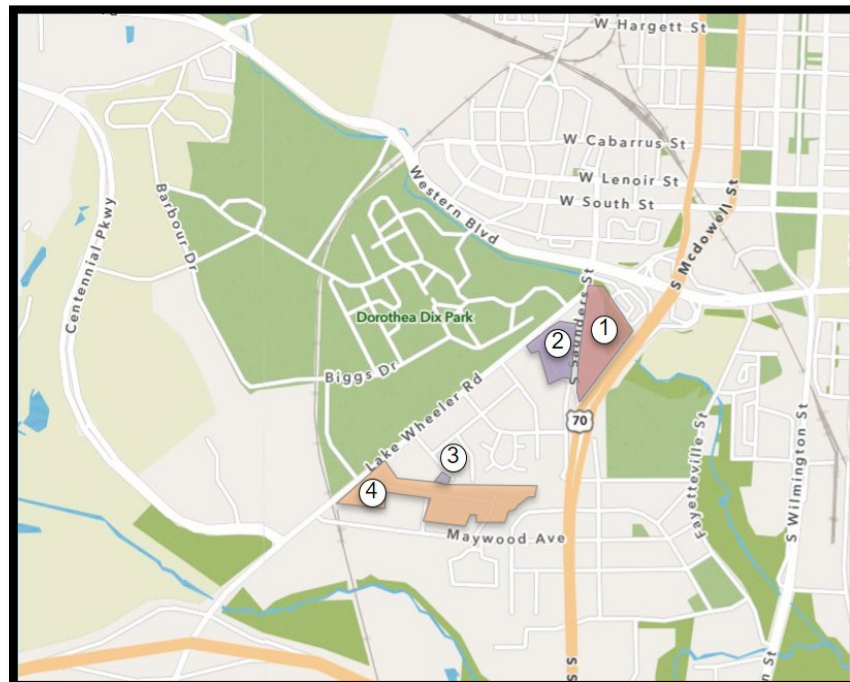
During the February 8, 2022, work session Council Member Buffkin requested a report from staff about the current rezoning cases along the Lake Wheeler Road corridor and whether there are any opportunities for shared parking with future private development as it relates to Dix Park.

Below is a summary of the current rezoning cases in the area including any known parking structures and sizing as well as staff's approach and process to encourage shared parking within the city.

Current Rezoning Cases along Lake Wheeler Road Corridor

Planning & Development staff have confirmed that none of the Dix Park area rezoning cases have included provisions or zoning conditions to require publicly accessible parking within their developments but will likely have some available for the public.

Below is a map and summary of the current rezoning cases along the Lake Wheeler Road corridor near the edge of Dix Park. Given the various stages that the potential projects are at, limited information may be available at this time. In the summary below, staff have provided either known information or likely assumptions given the proposed projects.



Municipal Building
222 West Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

One Exchange Plaza
1 Exchange Plaza, Suite 1020
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

City of Raleigh
Post Office Box 590 • Raleigh
North Carolina 27602-0590
(Mailing Address)

Map Reference	Rezoning Case #	Project Name	Proposed Uses	Structured Parking	Developer/Contact
1	Z-32-18	Park City South	Multi-Family Res, Office, Retail	Yes - >1,000	Merge Capital/Kane Realty
2	Z-60-20	Hammell	Multi-Family Res, Office, Retail	Yes - Unknown #	Mack Real Estate Group
3	Z-3-22	Daladams	Multi-Family, Retail likely	Unlikely	Live Oak Assets
4	Z-72-20	Baker Roofing	Multi-Family Res, Office, Retail	Likely - Unknown #	JPB Holdings

Staff Approach for Publicly Accessible Parking in Private Developments

As a part of the normal development process, Transportation staff are made aware of projects that may include structured parking and engage with Planning & Development staff to review the project layout, plans and the proposed mix of uses within the development. Staff provide comments on projects in areas of interest to engage with the developers to discuss the proposed operational conditions within parking structures. The intent of these discussions is to educate developers on the parking conditions within the City and to encourage shared publicly accessible parking and early investment in parking deck equipment that can be flexible to changing conditions.

Staff sees opportunities for shared parking along the Lake Wheeler Road corridor at the edge of Dix Park that is mutually beneficial for both the mixed-use developments and visitors of the park. As with city owned parking decks in downtown, most of the parking demand is during the daytime hours, Monday-Friday with lower demand in the evenings and on weekends when office workers are not commuting. High parking demands for Dix Park are anticipated to be during the evening hours and on weekends providing opportunities for those visitors to utilize parking with nearby private developments. This can provide a steady flow of potential customers to restaurants and retailers at the mixed-use developments when visitors to Dix Park arrive or depart the park.

As the projects that have gone through rezoning traverse the development process, staff will continue to engage with these developers to educate and encourage opportunities for shared publicly accessible parking in close proximity to the park.

Existing Parking within 1 mile of Dix Park

In addition to privately developed parking structures, there are existing parking structures and surface lots in and near the park to support both recreational and event driven visitors. The below map shows the parking spaces currently available within about a mile of the center of the park.

