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INFORMATION:

Work Session – Tuesday, September 10 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

Public Comment Session - Tuesday, September 10 - 7:00 P.M.

In addition, Council will also meet **Tuesday** for the scheduled public comment session at **7:00 P.M.**

Athens Drive Library and Lake Johnson Park

Staff Resource: Stephen C. Bentley, Raleigh Parks, 996-4784, stephen.bentley@raleighnc.gov

In response to various discussions related to the Wake County Athens Drive Library, Raleigh Parks staff has prepared a summary of the implications that would need to be addressed if the Council were to consider relocation within the Lake Johnson Park boundary. Approximately 300 acres of the park property is currently under [Land and Water Conservation Fund \(LWCF\)](#) protection administered by Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS). The process to include the library within the park boundary, if allowed by the NPS, would be considered a "conversion of use" which is complex, rigorous and costly.

(Attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

No Items This Week

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Tansy Hayward, Deputy City Manager
From	Stephen C. Bentley, Director, Raleigh Parks
Department	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department
Date	September 3, 2024
Subject	Items to consider for the Wake County Athens Drive Library relocation within the Lake Johnson Park Boundary

In response to various discussions related to the Wake County Athens Drive Library, Raleigh Parks staff has prepared a summary of the implications that would need to be addressed if the Council were to consider relocation within the Lake Johnson Park boundary.

Lake Johnson Park is a popular metro park in the city park system in southwest Raleigh. The park offers boating, picnic shelters, concessions, facility rentals, greenway trails, waterfront recreation and environmental education facilities accommodating a variety of classes, special events and recreational opportunities for residents in Raleigh as well as from the Region. Approximately 300 acres of the park property is currently under [Land and Water Conservation Fund \(LWCF\)](#) protection administered by Department of Interior, National Park Service.

As stated in the attached LWCF manual, “the LWCF State Assistance Program was established by the LWCF Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578) and is enacted as positive law at 54 U.S.C. § 200301 et seq. (hereinafter, “the LWCF Act”). Its purpose is to stimulate a nationwide action program to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of present and future generations, and visitors who are lawfully present within the boundaries of the United States, such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation; and to strengthen the health and vitality of U.S. citizens.”

Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act contains strong provisions to protect Federal investments and the quality of assisted resources ([Description of Section 6\(f\)\(3\) impacts is in this link on starting page 108 of 123](#)):

“SEC. 6(f)(3) No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”

Lake Johnson Park received LWCF funding in 1993 and, as a result, the 6(f) boundary was established around the park property. In order to use a portion of the 6(f) park property for a public library which is a non-outdoor recreation use, it is necessary to conduct a conversion process with qualified replacement properties and obtain ultimate approval from National Park Service. Please see requirements and process [in this link to the LWCF Manual](#), Chapter 8 Pages 104-110.

Based on Raleigh Parks past experience, such conversion requires identifying and acquiring replacement property(s) with same or more acreage, equal or higher appraised value, and contiguous to the subject 6(f) park property. The process for a conversion is thorough and rigorous.

In this case, if Wake County was able to locate and acquire such replacement property(s) in Lake Johnson area, it could be logical that the County could build the library without going through the complex conversion process. If the City and the County decide to pursue this relocation, it is staff's recommendation that the County be responsible for finding the contiguous property(s) including costs, the public engagement process, consulting services and other associated staffing and various resource requirements to execute all the tasks assigned by the National Park Services and their partners.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, September 6 – Thursday, September 12

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
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Permitted Special Events

[Hopscotch Music Festival](#)

Fayetteville Street District & Moore Square

Friday, September 6 & Saturday, September 7

Event Times: 4:00pm - 11:00pm on 9-6-24; 1:00pm - 11:00pm on 9-7-24

Associated Road Closures: The following roads will be closed during the designated dates and times:

- Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza, and Market Plaza from 4:00pm on 9-6-24 until 2:00am on 9-8-24
- Martin Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Salisbury Street from 8:00am on 9-5-24 until 2:00am on 9-8-24
- Hargett Street between S. Blount Street and S. Person Street from 6:00am on 9-7-24 until 2:00am on 9-8-24

[First Friday @ The Times](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, September 6

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:30pm until 11:59pm.

[North Hills 5K](#)

Trinity Baptist Church & Route

Saturday, September 7

Event Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed from 8:45am until 10:00am for the event. Note that all cross-streets will be detoured during the event and view the [5K route map](#) for more details.

[Triangle Heart Walk](#)

PNC Arena & Trinity Road

Sunday, September 8

Event Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: One lane of Trinity Road between Youth Center Drive and Peter Karmanos Junior Drive will be closed from 7:00am until 2:00pm. Note that Trinity Road will remain accessible to traffic during the event.

Other Upcoming Events

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, September 6

Downtown Raleigh

[Boyz II Men](#)

Friday, September 6

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

[Martin Lawrence](#)

Friday, September 6

PNC Arena

Justin Moore & Randy Houser

Friday, September 6
Red Hat Amphitheater

No Fear and Blues Long Gone: Nina Simone

Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 8
Fletcher Opera Theater

Grandparents Day Tea

Saturday, September 7
Pullen Park Community Center

Artist Reception

Saturday, September 7
Sertoma Arts Center

Engage Raleigh Community and Neighborhood Expo

Saturday, September 7
McKimmon Center

Megadeth

Saturday, September 7
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Summer Concert Series

Sunday, September 8
Fred Fletcher Park

Self Care Sunday: Yoga

Sunday, September 8
The Chapel at Dix Park

National Night Out

Tuesday, September 10
North Hills

Hans Zimmer Live

Tuesday, September 10
PNC Arena

Omar Apollo

Wednesday, September 11
Red Hat Amphitheater

Cigarettes After Sex

Wednesday, September 11
PNC Arena

Intergenerational Luncheon

Thursday, September 12
Pullen Park

Field Studies Artist Talk

Thursday, September 12
Pullen Arts Center

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Jazz in the Square

Thursday, September 12
Moore Square

George Balanchine's Scotch Symphony – Carolina Ballet

Thursday, September 12 – Sunday, September 29
Fletcher Opera Theater

Public Resources

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of 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.