

City of Charlotte  
Special Park Board Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Doug Hull, Dave Skidmore, Chris Burt, Brian Lautzenheiser, Karen Holtz, Amy Schoonover

Guests: Lisa Knowles

## II Discussion of Proposed Trail in Bennett Park

Lisa reviewed the Step by Step committee that came out of the Can Do group. She updated the Board as to what they have done so far, and what they would ultimately like to do. The immediate plan is to construct a loop trail in Bennett Park and across property of the wastewater treatment plant. According to Chris Freiburger at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), there is a good chance of obtaining a grant for the trail along the Battle Creek River, however, he works in the Fisheries Division and makes no guarantees.

As part of the Battle Creek restoration project, the DNR would most likely knock down any trees needed for the trail while they are on site next summer.

Lisa stated to make this a grant eligible, the project would need to be listed in the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The Board would need to amend the plan to include it, which is not a big deal.

The Board voted to approve the concept of a trail along the Battle Creek, acknowledging that there are issues to be resolved, i.e. land ownership, amending the Five Year Plan as well as the recently completed Bennett Park Master Plan.

In referencing the recent Master Plans, the Board felt that this trail would be a #3 priority behind the Boundless Playground and more parking at Bennett Park. However, they would reevaluate the need for additional parking if this trail would come to fruition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.