

# DIX PARK MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Workshop #5

*Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

*Aloft Hotel, 2100 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27607*

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## Agenda

<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Updates</b>
<b>6:10pm</b>	<b>Equity and Engagement, Discussion with Mickey Fern, Professor of Practice, NCSU</b>
<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Social Fun Time</b>
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Meeting Close</b>

## Speaker

### **Mickey Fearn, Professor of Practice, NCSU**

Mickey Fearn has been a parks, recreation, and conservation professional for over 45 years. He is currently a Professor of Practice in the North Carolina State University's School of Natural Resources. From 2009 to 2013 he served as the National Park Service's Deputy Director for Communications and Community Assistance from 2008 until 2013. His responsibilities included Communications, Public Affairs, Strategic Planning, Youth Programs, International Affairs, Partnerships, Legislative and Congressional Affairs, Policy, State and Local Assistance Programs, and outreach and communications to groups currently underrepresented in park, recreations and conservation.

Before joining the National Park Service, Mickey worked in Seattle where he held positions as the Director of the City of Seattle's Innovation Project, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Leadership Program, Manager of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative, and Director of Communication and Citizen Engagement in the Department of Parks and recreation. In addition, Mickey led the creation of the architecture to end youth violence in the City of Seattle, and developed programs connecting young people with nature.

Mickey served as a Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner for 12 years. Prior to his work in Seattle, Mickey worked for the Governor of California, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Mayor of Oakland California. Mickey's organizational interests include inclusion, collaboration, and innovation and creativity. Mickey earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation and Park Administration from California State University and his Master of Science Degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from the University of Oregon.

## Upcoming Community Events at Dix Park

### **Movie by Moonlight – May the Fourth be With You – May 4, 8:00p.m.**

Join us for a movie in the Flower's Field at Dix Park!

### **Explore Dorothea Dix Park – Invasive Species Removal – May 6, 9a.m.**

Join us at Dorothea Dix Park in an invasive plant removal volunteer activity.

### **Skywatching – May 6, 9 p.m.**

Join staff and volunteers from the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observational Society (CHAOS) and Raleigh Astronomy Club (RAC) for a free skywatching program at Dorothea Dix Park! Telescopes will be set up to view stars and the moon.

### **National Bike Month – May 20, 8:30 a.m.**

Did you know May is National Bike Month? What better way to celebrate than taking a ride on City of Raleigh greenways, with a stop at Dorothea Dix Park! This low-key ride will start at Eliza Pool Park. We'll venture out on the Walnut Creek Trail and bike through NC State's Centennial Campus before taking a break at Dorothea Dix Park. We'll then continue along the Rocky Branch Trail which will bring us back to Eliza Pool Park.

### **Urban Sketching with Artspace – May 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Join experienced teaching artists, Scott Renk (Mary Phillips High School) and Angela Lombardi Zappala (Education and Outreach Coordinator at Artspace), for a lively morning of drawing outside.

### **Summer Concert Series – Begins June 4, 6 p.m.**

This summer concert series will feature a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where families can pack a picnic and enjoy the beautiful view of downtown Raleigh from historic Harvey Hill. The concert series will alternate each week between Dix Park and Fletcher Park and will run for ten weeks. Musical acts and food trucks are booked for each Sunday evening.

### **Explore Dorothea Dix Park – Summer Solstice Yoga with Carrington Jackson – June 21, 5:45 a.m.**

Celebrate the longest day of the year with yoga practitioner Carrington Jackson as she leads us through an early morning yoga session in Flowers Field.

**\*Register to attend and find out about more events at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), keyword search "Dix Park."**