

## ROC Meeting Minutes: June 2019

**In Attendance:** Dana Bradley, Jerry Stensland, Willie Lowe, Robin Worcester, Ben Carswell, Steve Gilbert, Tim Will, Ray Gaj, Bruce Rome, Lisa Rome, Penny Flynn, Neil Fruhwirth, Steve Crowley, Sara Crowley, Tim Johnson, Larry Curtis

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.
  
- **ROC General**
  - Tim Johnson from Destination by Design gave a presentation on the river access areas that will be installed on US-221 and US-221A. The access areas will be top of the line with lights and other amenities. He is hoping that the access at US-221 will be completed within a year. There is access currently at US-221A, but the trail to the water is heavily eroded and is difficult to maneuver. They will be installing a new access with more parking and a smooth walkway to the river.
  
- **ROC Past Event Recap:**
  - 5/24: ICC workday
  - 5/25: ROC Walk With Brother Wolf at 10 am
  - 5/21: ROC table at TJCA health fair
  - 6/2: Hike around Mt. Mitchell
  - 6/7: BCP workday
  - 6/13: BCP workday
  - 6/15: ROC Broad River Spring Sweep
  
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - 6/21: ICC workday at 8:30 am
  - 6/22: ROC Walk with Brother Wolf at 10 am
  - 7/12: Bearwallow sunset hike at 6 pm
  - 7/20: ROC Float on Section 5 of the Broad River at 9:30 am
  
- **Outdoor Programs Director – Projects Update:**
  - Hiking 101 will be held from September 9<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup> at ICC this fall. New flyers for this course were given out.
  
- **Trail Projects:**
  - Rail Trail: The official opening of the Rail Trail will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The benches that were dug up have been reinstalled.
  - Broad River: River Road was improved some and the Spring Sweep was a success.
  - Buffalo Creek Park/Weedpatch Mountain: The trails are in good shape.
  - Youngs Mountain: Construction should begin mid-spring to early summer for the 2-mile trail to the upper cliffs/almost summit of Youngs Mountain. Hoping to be completed by end of year.
  - Purple Martin Trail: The town manager of Rutherfordton has said that May will be a very active month for the Purple Martin Trail as they seek to expand the greenway. They

have acquired two new easements, and they are planning to finish paving to Kiwanis park before the Purple Martin race later in the year.

- Dittmer-Watts: The fallen trees have been removed from the trail.
  - ICC Trails: ICC trails are looking good.
  - Rumbling Bald: Parking lot is in the process/planning of being expanded.
  - Chimney Rock State Park: They are working to create a Shumont Mountain Trail, and possibly extending it to Party Rock.
  - South Mountains State Park: Clear Creek access is open and there is a new loop around the lake.
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- **Race Series**:
    - The next race in the series is the Meet Me at the Fountain 5K on July 27<sup>th</sup>.