

TPDF Committee Phase II Final Review Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

Explore Asheville Always Asheville Room (27 College Place, Asheville, NC)

Meeting Minutes

Present (Voting): Jim Muth, Chair; Jack Benton, Ken Floyd, Lew Bleiweis, Michael Andry, Michael Hickerson, Randy Claybrook, Scott Kerchner, Stephanie Moore

Present (Non-Voting): Matthew Lehman, BCTDA Liaison

Staff: Vic Isley, Tiffany Thacker, Ashely Greenstein, Allison Bashford

Legal Counsel: Sabrina Rockoff, McGuire, Wood & Bisette

Call to Order

The TPDF Phase II Final Review Meeting was called to order by TPDF Committee Chair, Jim Muth at 9:01am.

Available Funds to Invest

Tiffany Thacker informed the Committee that Explore Asheville projects \$12,992,000 million to be available to award by October 2025 for this committee's consideration today. Vic Isley reminded the Committee that in a planning session held in March 2025 with voluntary leadership of the BCTDA, it was determined that the following types of projects were to be considered priority for future investment: entertainment and cultural facilities, sports facilities (including indoor multi-use facilities), and family-friendly experiences.

Asheville Unpaved – Amendment Request

Following a discussion of the amendment request lead by Chair Jim Muth, the Committee voted on the amendment request as follows:

- **Motion:** Lew Bleiweis motioned to recommend the BCTDA Board approve the requested scope and budget changes to the 2022 AVL Unpaved Grant Agreement as presented by AVL Unpaved. Ken Floyd seconded the motion.
- **Result:** Motion passed (8 Yes, 1 Abstention).
 - **Yes:** Jim Muth, Jack Benton, Ken Floyd, Lew Bleiweis, Randy Claybrook, Michael Hickerson, Scott Kerchner, Stephanie Moore
 - **Abstained:** Michael Andry

Investment Levels Discussion and Allocation Vote(s)

Jim Muth, Chair, led the discussion of each application. Following a discussion of each application individually, the Committee voted to recommend the following projects to the BCTDA Board as follows:

1. Buncombe County Parks and Recreation – Enka Destination Phase II

- **Motion:** Lew Bleiweis motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the Enka Destination Phase II project at a \$1,975,920 investment level contingent upon the following items being prioritized within the completion of the entire scope: 1-lighting and 2-turfing. Scott Kerchner seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed (9-0).

2. Asheville Museum of Science – AMOS Downtown Expansion: Immersive Science Experience

Lew Bleiweis recused himself from the vote and discussion based on discussions related to his joining the AMOS Board of Directors.

- **Motion:** Randy Claybrook motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the AMOS Downtown Expansion project at a \$189,500 investment level, contingent on the signing of a 10-year lease on the project property. Stephanie Moore seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed (8-0).

3. Beacon Foundation – Beacon Park

- **Motion:** Lew Bleiweis motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the Beacon Park project at a \$4,500,000 investment level. Ken Floyd seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed (8 Yes, 1 No).
 - **Yes:** Michael Andry, Jack Benton, Ken Floyd, Lew Bleiweis, Randy Claybrook, Michael Hickerson, Scott Kerchner, Jim Muth
 - **No:** Stephanie Moore

4. Enka Youth Sports Organization – Bob Lewis Ballpark: Iconic Sports Destination Development through Visitor Amenity Enhancements

- **Motion:** Michael Hickerson motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the Bob Lewis Ballpark project at a \$220,000 investment level or 50% of expenditures whichever is less, contingent upon the raising of matching funds prior to each requested reimbursement. Michael Andry seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed (9-0).

5. Warren Wilson College – Warren Wilson College Aquatics Center

- **Motion:** Randy Claybrook motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the Warren Wilson College Aquatics Center project at a \$1,850,000 investment level. Stephanie Moore seconded.
- **Result:** Motion did not pass (2 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstention).
 - **Yes:** Stephanie Moore, Randy Claybrook
 - **No:** Lew Bleiweis, Jack Benton, Michael Andry, Scott Kerchner
 - **Abstained:** Jim Muth, Michael Hickerson, Ken Floyd

- **Motion:** Lew Bleiweis motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the Warren Wilson College Aquatics Center project at a \$1,606,000 investment level. Michael Andry seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed (9-0).

6. UNC Asheville Foundation – UNCA On-Campus Tennis Complex

- Motion:** Lew Bleiweis motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the UNCA On Campus Tennis Complex project at a \$500,000 investment level. Michael Hickerson seconded.
- Result:** Motion passed (9-0).

7. White Horse Black Mountain – White Horse Black Mountain Community Patio

- **Motion:** Ken Floyd motioned to recommend BCTDA approve the White Horse Black Mountain Community Patio project at a \$736,537 investment level. Randy Claybrook seconded.
- **Result:** Motion passed (8 Yes, 1 Abstention).
 - **Yes:** Michael Andry, Jack Benton, Ken Floyd, Lew Bleiweis, Randy Claybrook, Michael Hickerson, Scott Kerchner, Stephanie Moore
 - **Abstained:** Jim Muth

Additionally, the Committee discussed the application submitted by the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce. Ken Floyd recused himself from the discussion. No motion was made to recommend the project to the BCTDA for funding.

Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Jim Muth and seconded by Stephanie Moore. The motion carried 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.