

# DIX PARK | MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Workshop #4

*Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 6:00pm – 8:00pm*

*Five Points Center for Active Adults, 2000 Noble Road, Raleigh, NC, 27608*

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## Agenda

<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>6:05pm</b>	<b>MPAC Discussion- Governance and Engagement</b>
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Break for Dinner</b>
<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Noteworthy Big Picture Trends Presentation by Emlyn Koster, CEO North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences</b>
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b>
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Meeting Close</b>

## Speaker

**Emlyn Koster, PhD**

With a BSc from the University of Sheffield in England and PhD from the University of Ottawa in Canada, both in geology, his career began with faculty appointments at Montreal's Concordia University and the University of Saskatchewan. His interest to engage society in sustainability issues arose from fieldwork in UNESCO World Heritage Sites and visits to landscapes and cities around the globe. Choosing the vehicle of major museums for their greater potential, CEO appointments followed at Alberta's Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, Liberty Science Center next to New York, and since 2013 at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Founded in 1879 and today among the nation's most progressive nature and science museums, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences maximizes the dividends from public and private sector investments with new collaborations to propel its mission to illuminate the interdependence of nature and humanity. This institution was recently honored at the White House with a national medal for outstanding community service and with the Thad Eure, Jr., Award from the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Honored by the University of Ottawa as a Distinguished Alumnus, his educational, scientific and civic contributions have been recognized by the American Conference on Diversity with its Humanitarian of the Year Award and by France with its Chevalier Medal of L'Ordre des Palmes Académique. A past president of the Geological Association of Canada, he is an adjunct professor in the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at NC State University. Conference

keynote invitations have come from across North, Central and South America as well as from Australia, the Asia-Pacific Rim, and Western Europe. Advisory, board and committee appointments have assisted the International Council of Museums, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, Challenger Center for Space Science Education, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Association of Science-Technology Centers, and the Getty and Noyce Leadership Institutes.

In an article about the future of science museums, *The Informal Learning Review* opined that “the word relevancy is irrevocably connected to [Emlyn Koster]”. Examples of his leveraging museums as innovative platforms include becoming a sanctuary for families stricken after the terrorism on September 11, 2001 and co-leading a trans-Atlantic conference on coastal city management with rising sea level and storm surge risk. In 2016, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary book by the International Council of Museums on *Museums, Ethics and Cultural Heritage* includes his invited chapter on nature and science museums and the pioneering new book *Fostering Empathy through Museums* his invited foreword; and in 2017, *The Future of Natural History Museums* includes an invited chapter on the need for a holistic ethos. A prolific author in this sector and one of its few TED Talk presenters, he is a proponent of Aristotle’s philosophy that leadership should be about the harmonious pursuit of positive consequences in the world which includes holistic new concepts such as the Anthropocene and Big History to stress humanity’s escalating influence on the Earth’s natural history.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 3

6-8pm

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## Upcoming Community Events at Dix Park

### Spring Fling at Dorothea Dix Park – Play Like a Kid Again!

Adults will get a chance to be a kid again while they run through a 50’ inflatable obstacle course, take funny selfies and search for eggs stuffed with candy and prizes!

### Explore Dorothea Dix Park – A Burden Too Great to Bear: Dorothea Dix Hospital and the Civil War, April 15, 1 p.m.

Join COR Museum Director Ernest Dollar as he explores the occupation of the hospital grounds by Union soldiers in 1865 and the war’s legacy in those who sought treatment for the deep trauma it caused. Using letters, diaries and patient records, Dollar brings to life those who found the Civil War’s carnage a burden too great to bear.

**Twilight Trek! – April 22, 8 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day with a guided evening hike led by a Wildlife Educator! The hike will last approximately 50 minutes and will focus on Dorothea Dix Park's history, landscapes and habitats.

**Spring Nature Walk – April 23, 10:30 a.m.**

Take a Sunday stroll with us on an easy paced, guided nature hike through Dix Park. The walk will be about a mile and will focus on birds, frogs, and seasonal nature.

**Get Fit at Dix - Nia! – April 29, 10 a.m.**

NIA is a form of fusion fitness for the body, mind, emotions and spirit. The technique integrates movements from dance, the martial arts and healing arts to create an experience that is high energy, expressive, fun and restorative. This non-impact form is a safe, body-centered workout that is adaptable for all fitness level.

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

Join us at Dorothea Dix Park in an invasive plant removal volunteer activity. Invasive plants threaten our natural habitats for wildlife and create hazardous conditions along our greenway trails. Removing these plants allows native species to flourish and helps provide healthy homes for wildlife.

**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. Look up at the night sky as educators guide you through fun observations of stars, planets, moons, nebulae and other celestial objects!

**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 for All Ages with Artspace – May 27, 10 a.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.

**Urban Sketching for Adults with Artspace – May 27, 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 afternoon 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. Watch the sun rise over downtown Raleigh on the first day of summer as you breathe, stretch, relax and enjoy the peacefulness of nature.

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