

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, March 17, 2011  
10:00am

**RTPTOUR**

**General Account of Tour**

Place: Research Triangle Park Headquarters, 12 Davis Drive, Durham NC  
Present: Chairman Michael D. Page Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow and Commissioner Brenda A. Howerton  
Absent: Commissioners Becky Heron and Joe W. Bowser  
Staff: County Manager Mike Ruffin; Deputy County Manager Marqueta Welton; Michael Davis, Assistant to the County Manager; Pam Meyer, Budget and Management Services Director; Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager; and Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

Ms. Liz Rooks, Interim President and CEO, Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina welcomed the group. She briefed the Board and County staff on the RTP. The group boarded a bus for the tour of the Park.

During the tour, Ms. Rooks pointed out that the Foundation maintains all the rights of the way through the Park. A major enhancement has been the installation of recreational trails throughout the Park. There are over 30,000 residents around the Park. Most of the buildings have been LEED designated.

Ms. Rooks pointed out that a major difference between the Durham County and Wake County ordinances regarding the park is in the area of setback requirements. The Foundation will probably come to the Board regarding the ordinance.

The tour included a ride through the Glaxo Smith Kline campus, IBM campus, and the Wake County side of the Park.

The Board and staff expressed their appreciation, and all were enlightened by the tour.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Michelle Parker-Evans  
Clerk to the Board