## **Commissioner George Dusenbury**

Mayor Kasim Reed has appointed of George Dusenbury as the City of Atlanta Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Prior to his recent appointment, George Dusenbury served as the Executive Director of Park Pride, a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to building civic and corporate support for City of Atlanta parks. In that role, he gained invaluable experience in park and greenspace conservation.

At Park Pride, Mr. Dusenbury and his staff worked with hundreds of volunteers to improve Atlanta's parks and greenspaces. The organization coordinates more than 15,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks annually. Park Pride also works with communities to develop conceptual plans through its Park Visioning program. In addition, Mr. Dusenbury built key relationships in Atlanta's business and civic community to advocate for funding to maintain and increase parks and greenspaces through initiatives such as the Atlanta BeltLine project. He worked tirelessly to encourage municipal and county governments, such as the City of Atlanta and Fulton County, to improve parks and increase greenspace acreage.

Prior to working with Park Pride, Dusenbury served as the district director for Congressman John Lewis (D-Atlanta) for eleven years. Dusenbury received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Cornell University and his juris doctorate degree from Emory University School of Law.