

**PARKS, GREENWAYS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA**

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Chapel Hill, NC

Roll Call: Renuka Soll (Chair), Wesley McMahon (Vice Chair), Linda Alexander, Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Jeanette Bench, William Kaiser, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Jochen Schwarz, and Guthrie Richardson (Youth Council Representative)

7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome and Roll Call – Chair

7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (June 16, 2020)

7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff

7:20 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance – Chair

7:25 p.m. 5. Presentations by Commission Applicants

8:25 p.m. 6. FY20 and 21 Business Plan Update and FY21 Operating Budget Update - Phil Fleischmann and Linda Smith

8:40 p.m. 7. Liaison reports

8:45 p.m. 8. Recommendations to Fill Commission Vacancies

9:00 p.m. 9. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff:

- *Mobility and Connectivity Plan Update* – Transportation Staff is proposing to include an upgrade for the proposed facilities along NCDOT roads to compliment the Complete Streets Policy (bike lanes and sidepaths) and reconfigure proposed multiuse paths in the area around Carraway Village. Please see <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/residents/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian/chapel-hill-mobility-and-connectivity-plan> webpage. PRGC members are being invited to attend the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board meeting to view a presentation on the proposed update and to provide input. Alternatively, PGRC members may attend one of the public meetings to offer feedback.

Schedule:

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board (TCAB) and PGRC - September 22, 2020

Planning Commission – October 6, 2020

Public Meeting – September 24, 2020 or September 29, 2020

- *Ordinance Revision* - Transportation Staff is proposing to amend the TOCH ordinance Chapter 12 Article 1 Section 12.2 to allow E-Bikes on Town Greenways.

Greenways, Sidepaths and Parks Projects - Progress: Following are brief updates. Commission members should feel free contact staff if you have any questions or comments.

- *Bolin Creek Trail (East of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.):* Construction and Coal Ash Remediation work is on-going on the portion of the Bolin Creek trail between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Bolinwood Dr.

Bridge repair work is complete on the second bridge connecting Bolinwood Drive and the Community Center (see photo on the next page). The Town did provide a 2' wide temporary bridge as an alternative means of connectivity during the bridge closure. The old asphalt trail between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Bolinwood Drive will also be replaced with a more resilient concrete path.

We anticipate the trail portion of the project will be wrapping up this fall. Please see the [Bolin Creek Trail Phase 3A Construction | Town of Chapel Hill, NC](#) webpage.



- *Fordham Sidepath Project:* Public Works is completing patching on the existing asphalt section of the sidepath by Cleland Drive. Chapelboro featured a story about this work on July 26; to view the article, click [here](#).

Park Planning worked with Transportation and Planning Staff to prepare and post a survey to receive input from stakeholders on two concept plans for traffic calming in the Little Ridgefield Neighborhood. The survey ran through August 21. Staff is reviewing the results with the Project Engineer Staff, will update PGRC members on the results of the survey, and hold a public meeting before the end of the year to inform community members on the project progress and the feedback received through the survey. More information can be found on the [Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project | Town of Chapel Hill, NC](#) webpage.

- *Little Free Pantry at Homestead Park:* Four Carrboro High School students have completed the little free pantry at Homestead Park. Visitors can now drop off or pick up non-perishable food items and personal supplies. Staff has invited the students to make a presentation to PGRC later this fall. See the photo of the new addition below.



- *Playground Replacement at Burlington and North Forest Hills Parks:* Staff has received input from community members on vendor's options for the playground equipment and made a recommendation on awarding the contract to the purchasing team. Construction will commence this fall.

5. Presentations by Commission Applicants

The PGR has two Town Resident vacancies and one Orange County vacancy. Alice Armstrong, Orange County Resident has reapplied. The applicants will attend the meeting and make a brief statement about their interest in serving and qualifications:

6. FY 20 and 21 Business Plan Update and FY 21 Operating Budget Update

A presentation providing an overview of this topic will be shared during the meeting

7. Liaison Reports:

Commission liaisons may make a report on topics of interest to the entire Commission:

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| • Community Design Commission | McMahon or TBD |
| • Community Tree Committee | Kaiser |
| • Cultural Arts Commission | Kivihya-Ndugga |
| • Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board | Bench |
| • Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation | McMahon |
| • Orange County Parks/Recreation Council | Armstrong |
| • Planning Commission | Bench |
| • Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board | Soll |

POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Greenways Updates

Greenways Topics Covered So Far:

- Blue Hill District Sidepaths and Trails
- Bolin Creek and Horace Williams Trails
- Booker Creek
- Fordham Sidepath Project
- Morgan Creek and Fan Branch Trails
- North and Dry Creek Trails

Other Topics

Parks and Recreation Department – Update and Overview

Teen Center Tour with Commission

Parks Master Plan Overview

Greenways Plan Overview

Open Space Data – How much do we have in comparison to other communities? Where are there gaps?

American Legion Update

Greene Tract Presentation

Eastown Project

Rails to Trails

Sidewalk Maintenance

Bus Rapid Transit

Development Buffers

Affordable Housing

Sponsorships