

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

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 17, 2020

**Virtual Meeting
Chapel Hill, NC**

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

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome, New Member Introductions and Roll Call – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (October 20, 2020)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaison, and Staff
- 7:30 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance – Chair
- 7:45 p.m. 5. Climate Action Plan – John Richardson, Community Resilience Officer
- 8:15 p.m. 6. Payment in Lieu Program –Linda Smith, Assistant Director and Marcia Purvis, Senior Park Planner
- 8:30 p.m. 7. Liaison reports
- 8:40 p.m. 8. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff:

Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission (PGRC) New Member Appointments – At the October 28 business meeting, the Town Council appointed Leah Boucher and Tyler Steelman to seats on the PGRC. The Town will also send a letter to Orange County that Commissioner Armstrong is recommended for reappointment. An orientation session is being scheduled with new members for early December.

Arbor Day Celebration – The Town will commemorate Arbor Day 2020 through an event that will be streamed virtually on Fri., Nov. 20 beginning at 9:45am. This year's tree planting will occur at the Stephens Street parking lot at Town Hall. Funding and support for the tree installation was provided by the Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation. Commission members are invited to attend the virtual ceremony. More information can be found on the Town's website.

Mobility and Connectivity Plan Update – Town Council approved the update to include an upgrade to the proposed facilities along NCDOT roads to complement the Complete Streets Policy (bike lanes and sidepaths) reconfiguring the proposed multiuse paths in the area around Carraway Village on October 28, 2020.

Ordinance Revision Update – Council approved the text amendments to allow e-bikes on Greenways as part of a new bike-share program for the Town on October 28, 2020.

Town Bike Share Program – The private vendor that the Town and Carrboro have been working with to offer e-bike rentals may not be available for contracting with the Town due to bicycle and bike parts shortages. The existing e-bikes hubs located on the UNC campus may be relocated to downtown.

Future Land Use Map Status – Town Council will resume the Public Hearing on November 18 and consider adoption on December 9. The latest version of the FLUM is available on the project webpage Charting Our Future (<https://chartingourfuture.info/>). In early 2021 the next phase will commence on the rewrite of the Town's development regulations.

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

- *Playground Replacement at Burlington and North Forest Hills Parks:* The Town Council approved the budget amendment for additional funding on October 28, 2020. Construction is projected to begin in December on both playgrounds.

5. Climate Action Plan:

John Richardson, the Town’s Community Resilience Officer, will be providing the PGRC with an update on the Town’s Climate Action Plan. Commissioners will be asked to provide feedback on critical points of connection between parks and greenways and climate protection, including;

- Replacement and additions to trees and open space in parks and greenways
- Shift commute mode to walking and biking (greenways)
- Protection of water quality, natural and agricultural resources through parks and greenways

6. Payment in Lieu Program:

At its last meeting, Commission members expressed an interest in receiving information about the Town’s Parks and Recreation Payment-in-Lieu program. Marcia Purvis and Linda Smith will review the Town’s Payment-in-Lieu Ordinance requirements and how the Commission could be involved.

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

Chapel Hill Pickleball Ambassadors Presentation
 2200 Homestead Road Redevelopment
 Hope Gardens Update
 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