

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting- December 15, 2020; 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm

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

Members not Present: Jochen Schwarz

Staff Present: Phil Fleischmann (Director), Linda Smith (Assistant Director), Kevin Robinson (Park Maintenance Superintendent), and Marcia Purvis (Senior Planner), Mike Troutman, Interim Athletics Supervisor

Citizens Present: Joel Bulkley, Community Sports News, Sandy Douglass and Jen Johnson USA Pickleball Ambassadors for Chapel Hill, Abby Bowdish and John Wood, Hope Gardens Committee Co-Directors

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	Approval of November 17, 2020 Minutes	Steelman motioned, and Kivihya-Ndugga seconded a motion to approve the Minutes.	The motion passed 8-0
Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff	Phil Fleischmann, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, explained and recognized the Town's first financial contribution under the new partnership arrangement with the Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation. The funds will support designated	N/A	N/A

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	program areas, such as Aquatics, Athletics, the Community and Hargraves Centers, Pickleball, Therapeutic Recreation, and Volleyball.		
Pilot Program (Southern Community Park In-line Hockey Rink)	Mike Troutman, Interim Athletics Supervisor, and Linda Smith, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation, presented information on a Pilot Program at Southern Community Park, which utilizes the In-line Hockey Rink pickleball program at this facility.	N/A	N/A
Pickleball Update	Sandy Douglass and Jen Johnson, USA Pickleball Ambassadors for Chapel Hill, reviewed pickleball growth, pickleball's unique character, and provided feedback on the pilot program expansion of pickleball at the Southern Community Park in-line hockey rink.	N/A	N/A
Hope Gardens Update	Abby Bowdish and John Wood, Committee Co-Directors Hope Gardens, shared an update on Hope Gardens, a collaborative initiated between UNC, the Town, and the community hosted on Town-owned open space at 2200 Homestead Road. Commission discussed their support of the Hope Gardens project and supports the Town in assisting with the relocation of the garden at 2200 Homestead Road.	Bench motioned, and McMahon seconded a motion to send a letter of support to the Mayor Town Council	The motion passed 8-0
FY 22 Proposed Fees and Changes	Linda Smith, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, presented new or modified fees that the Department recommends for the next fiscal year. Commission approval will	McMahon motioned, and Soll seconded a	The motion passed 8-0

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	allow these changes to move forward to the Town Council for support.	motion to approve the proposed changes.	
Discussion Regarding Joint Meeting with Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board	The Commission and Staff discussed the next steps for holding a joint meeting with the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board next year. Parks staff will work with Transportation staff to arrange a joint meeting to receive an overview of various connectivity plans and reports and how projects included within these documents are prioritized and receive funding.	N/A	N/A
Liaison Reports	<p>Boucher to replace Bench as a volunteer and to become the Commission's liaison to the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board</p> <p>Steelman volunteered to become the Commission's liaison to the Community Design Commission.</p> <p>Kaiser notified the Commission that the Community Tree Committee would be having a meeting in early January.</p> <p>Richardson informed the Commission that the Youth Council is focusing on recruitment.</p>	N/A	N/A