

## Quick Minutes

### *Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission*

**Date/Time:** Virtual Meeting – June 15, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Renuka Soll, (Chair), Leah Boucher, Jeanette Bench, William Kaiser, and Tyler Steelman

**Staff Present:** Parks and Recreation Department - Phil Fleischmann, (Director), Linda Smith, (Assistant Director), Kevin Robinson, (Park Maintenance Superintendent), Marcia Purvis, (Senior Planner), Nikiya Cherry, (Recreation Manager) and Monica Rainey, (Administrative Service Manager)

**Citizens Present:** Joel Bulkley, Community Sports News

	<b>Discussion points</b>	<b>Motions/Votes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Approval of Minutes	Approval of May 18, 2021, Minutes	Boucher motioned; and Steelman seconded a motion to approve the minutes.	The motion passed 5-0
Communications and Petitions from Commission	Soll reviewed her meeting with Councilperson Stegman and recommended that other Commission members meet with Council members and discuss the need for their support for P&R funding, particularly a new Comprehensive Master Plan.	N/A	N/A

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Presentation by Commission Applicant	Commission members heard from one candidate who had applied to be a member of the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission.	N/A	N/A
Summer Program Update	Nikiya Cherry reviewed the department's summer programs, including camps, aquatics, arts, Special Olympics, and teen programs.	N/A	N/A
Park Donations Program	<p>Phil Fleischmann and Monica Rainey talked about a department proposal that is being drafted which would enable the Town to accept donated funds that would be used to acquire needed park amenities such as benches, picnic tables, trash cans, and trees. In contrast, more significant donations would be handled by the Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation. Contributions for trees would also include a fee for one year of maintenance. The donor would receive the recognition, which could include a small plaque on a fixed equipment. The Department also requested input on what to call this program.</p> <p>Boucher asked about how the Department will market this program and plaques on donated athletic equipment. She suggested not including that type of recognition on items such as basketball nets.</p> <p>Steelman asked if the program could include larger items such as concession buildings, and roof replacement.</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>Bench and Bucher also asked about creating a central location to acknowledge donors instead of individual plaques.</p> <p>Soll suggested creating an area using engraved bricks to recognize donors.</p> <p>Boucher asked if there was a method for accepting smaller monetary donations similar to what nonprofit organizations offer such as, adopting a goat for a family in Africa.</p> <p>Steelman suggested naming the program “Parks and Recreation Contribution (PaRC)</p>		
<p>Recommendations to Fill Commission Vacancy</p>	<p>All members made recommendations on the candidates who should fill Commission vacancies and which individuals would be submitted to the Town Council for approval.</p>	<p>Steelman motioned and Bench seconded a motion to recommend the appointment of Hallie Cherry to the Mayor and Town Council.</p>	<p>The motion passed 4–1</p>
<p>Commission meeting Schedule for July, August and September</p>	<p>Phil reminded the Commission members that typically, the July meeting is canceled, and they have agreed in the past to keep the August meeting on the schedule if needed for some review or action. In most cases, the August meeting has been canceled as well.</p>	<p>Boucher motioned and Steelman seconded to not meet in July and only meet in</p>	<p>The motion passed 5–0</p>

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Liaison Reports	<p>Steelman talked about a discussion at the Community Design Commission regarding Booker Creek Basin Park.</p> <p>Armstrong shared notes by email on the Orange County Parks and Recreation meeting. They discussed development at Fairview Park, which is a former landfill site. It has been decided to cap it, rather than remove the landfill, so the park will have to be developed without any structures which require digging into the ground—mostly trails, pollinator gardens, etc. and perhaps soccer fields. They already have tennis courts and are painting new lines to create Orange County’s first public pickle ball courts.</p>	N/A	N/A