

Quick Minutes

Parks, Recreation and Greenways Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting-May 18, 2020; 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Members Present: Renuka Soll, (Chair), Wesley McMahon (Vice Chair), Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Jeanette Bench, William Kaiser and Jochen Schwarz

Members not Present: Linda Alexander and Guthrie Richardson (Youth Council Representative)

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

Citizens Present: Joel Bulkley, Community Sports News, Eric and Drew Roeder, Boy Scout - Attendance for Rank Requirements

Council Liaison Present: Allen Buansi

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	Approval of February 18, 2020 Minutes	McMahon motioned and Schwarz seconded a motion to approve the Minutes.	The motion passed 7-0
Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff	Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission Appointments update – Staff confirmed Linda Alexander’s term will expire at the next meeting. Alice Armstrong’s term was to expire on June 30,	N/A	N/A

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	<p>however, Town Council extended existing advisory board and commission members terms to November 30, 2020. Armstrong has reapplied</p> <p>Council Action regarding Cemeteries – Staff received consensus regarding standing quarterly update on cemeteries. Can schedule cemetery updates more frequently if there are items to discuss or rotate cemetery news with project updates.</p> <p>American Legion Property - McMahan provided an update on PGRC petition to keep property as a park. Town Council will receive petition on May 20.</p> <p>Booker Creek Trail Art Project – Kivihya-Ndugga provided an update on the Booker Creek Art Project. The artist will be painting murals on six Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) manholes.</p>		
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	Completion of the project is anticipated this summer.		
Liaison Reports	Soll asked if anyone had an interest in changing the board(s) to which they serve as liaisons. McMahon is on the Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and will no longer be on the Community Design Commission. McMahon noted Friends Group Trails Fest fundraiser is postponed until Fall. Soll called for members to consider volunteering to serve as Commission's liaison to Community Design Commission. There was no response.	N/A	N/A
COVID-19 Department Response	Some Commissioners were concerned over a plan to reopen playgrounds in Phase II. Expressed unease over ability of Staff to monitor playgrounds and staff's wellbeing in whatever Phase II plans are determined.	N/A	N/A

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	McMahon suggested incorporating ways to stay cool as part of pop-up park programs.		
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