

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting - January 19, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Members Present: Renuka Soll, (Chair), Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Leah Boucher, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Jeanette Bench, William Kaiser, Jochen Schwarz, and Tyler Steelman

Members not Present: Wesley McMahon (Vice Chair) 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), Nate Broman-Fulks, (Affordable Housing Manager) and Emily Holt, (Affordable Housing Officer)

Council Members Present: Allen Buansi and Karen Stegman

Citizens Present: Joel Bulkley, Community Sports News, Dhara Buebel, Ashley Meggs, Sarah Wesley, and Chloe Carroll, Carrboro High School students, Wendi Ramsden, Landscape Architect, Coulter Jewell Thames PA and Dan Levine

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	Approval of January 19, 2021 Minutes	Steelman motioned, and Soll seconded a motion to approve the Minutes.	The motion passed 8-0
Communications	Schwarz expressed his interest in the Greene Tract and his desire to being informed about the project. Armstrong suggested asking Carrboro Parks and Recreation Department and Orange County Parks staff to make a presentation to the PGRC. It was also suggested that Staff provide regular updates		

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

	on the project.		
Little Free Pantry Projects	Council Member Karen Stegman and her family established a Little Free Pantry at Booker Creek Road's trailhead. Carrboro High School students Dhara Buebel, Ashley Meggs, Sarah Wesley, and Chloe Carroll created and built one at Homestead Park. The purpose of both efforts is to allow individuals to pick up needed non-perishable and household items at any time. Community members donate items by leaving them in the pantry.	N/A	N/A
2200 Homestead Road Redevelopment Project	Emily Holt, Affordable Housing Officer, Nate Broman-Fulks, Affordable Housing Manager, Housing and Community Division, and Wendi Ramsden, Landscape Architect, Coulter Jewell Thames PA presented the current plans for an affordable housing development on the Town-owned open space at 2200 Homestead Road and shared an update on the project. This is also, the property where Hope Gardens is currently located.	N/A	N/A
Capital Improvement Program Planning Process	Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner Parks and Recreation Department explained the planning process and schedule for the FY 23 Capital Improvement Program.	N/A	N/A
Discussion Regarding Joint Meeting with Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board	Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner, and Phil Fleischmann, Director Parks and Recreation Department, notified members that a joint virtual meeting with the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 16. McMahon will provide an introduction and the objectives for the meeting. Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager and Marcia Purvis will review active connectivity plans/reports and how projects included within these documents are prioritized and receive funding. They will also share Parks and Recreation Department and Transportation Division project list and priorities.	N/A	N/A

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Liaison Reports	<p>Steelman reported on an environmental report that the Community Design Commission reviewed.</p> <p>Kaiser told the commissioners that the Community Tree Committee would be meeting with the Friends Group.</p> <p>Bench reviewed information on a new development project that was reviewed at the Planning Commission.</p>	N/A	N/A