

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

**7:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting
Chapel Hill, NC**

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

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome and Roll Call – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (October 19, 2021)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Waynesville North Carolina Accessible Playground Presentation - Rhett Langston, Waynesville Parks and Recreation Director
- 7:25 p.m. 4. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff
- 7:30 p.m. 5. Greene Tract Discussion – Chair
- 7:45 p.m. 6. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance – Chair
- 7:55 p.m. 7. Fee and Schedule Change Recommendations– Monica Rainey, Administrative Services Manager and Phil Fleischmann, Director Parks and Recreation Department
- 8:10 p.m. 8. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project List – Marcia Purvis, Senior Parks Planner
- 8:20 p.m. 9. Splash Pad Update – Kevin Robinson, Park Maintenance Superintendent and Phil Fleischmann
- 8:30 p.m. 10. Meeting Schedule – December – Chair
- 8:50 p.m. 11. Liaison reports
Liaisons may make a report on topics of interest to the entire Commission:
- Community Design Commission Steelman
 - Community Tree Committee Kaiser
 - Cultural Arts Commission Kivihya-Ndugga
 - Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Boucher
 - Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation McMahon
 - Orange County Parks/Recreation Council Armstrong
 - Planning Commission Bench
 - Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board Soll

- Youth Council Krause
- Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders
Committees Soll
- Splashpad Work Group Boucher

9:00 p.m. 12. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Accessible Playground Presentation - Rhett Langston, Waynesville Parks and Recreation Director will present and share information on an accessible playground the Town of Waynesville has developed.

4. Communications and Petitions

Greene Tract – The three partners – the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and Orange County - hosted a Community Meeting at the RENA Community Center on November 7 and a virtual meeting on November 8 to review the history of the Greene Tract, the Environmental Assessment, Site Connectivity, future development, land uses and the next steps. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://www.orangecountync.gov/2127/Greene-Tract>.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding - The Town will receive \$10,668,497 in funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which passed into law in March 2021. ARPA, specifically the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), is meant to help towns and cities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Town received the first half of the funding in May 2021. The other half is expected to come to the Town in May 2022. The Town is requesting input through an online survey <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/newsroom/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa>

Arbor Week Celebration - Arbor Week activities are being planned by the Community Tree Committee, Friends of Parks & Recreation, and department to include tree planting at the Bolin Creek Trail. The Town will commemorate Arbor Day 2021 at noon on November 19, 2021 through an event that will be streamed virtually.

Thanks+Giving Food Truck Rodeo - Community Arts & Culture and Parks & Recreation will be hosting this new event to be held at Legion Road Open Space from 12-4pm on Sunday, November 21. Read more about the event here: <https://www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/thanks-giving-food-truck-rodeo/> .

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

Cedar Falls and Hargraves Parks Projects - Chapel Hill is in the design phase for a new tennis complex to replace the existing courts at Cedar Falls Park and has plans to resurface the tennis courts at Hargraves Park. The public is invited to join a virtual public information meeting on Thursday, December 2, from 7-8:30 p.m. to present the design plans for these Projects. To participate in the discussion, please register in advance for this live Zoom webinar at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_axBevFeiQsGumbfoebtVcA. Residents may participate online via the Zoom platform or by telephone. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Downtown Enhancements - A contractor of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership has completed the refurbishment of the brick planters on E. Franklin St. In addition, Parks & Recreation staff made improvements to the planters at the Post Office and planted grasses within the right-of-way in the area. The work performed is consistent with the Adopt-a-Block program designed to improve the aesthetics of the downtown area near campus.

Ephesus Park Court Repairs Project – The Mondotex surface on the pickleball courts has been refurbished and the bubbles and ridge crack on the tennis courts have been repaired. The tree trimming is complete, and the lights has been repaired. Contractor will be submitting an estimate for drainage work. Other improvements are ongoing.

7. Fees and Charges Schedule Change Recommendations– Monica Rainey, Administrative Services Manager and Phil Fleischmann, Director Parks and Recreation Department will review the Department’s fee changes recommendations for the next fiscal year. The same recommendations reviewed by the Commission last year are being presented for the next year as the Town did not approve any changes for the current year.

8. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project List – Marcia Purvis, Senior Parks Planner will share Parks and Recreation’s proposed Capital Improvement Program project list and ask for input and support from members.

9. Splash Pad Update – Kevin Robinson, Park Maintenance Superintendent, and Phil Fleischmann will review feedback provided by the Town Council at its October Work Session and additional input offered by the Splash Pad Work Group during its meeting earlier this month. Possible next steps for the project will be outlined and input from the Commission will be sought.

11. Meeting Schedule - The Commission typically cancels its December meeting. The meeting date is December 21, 2021. Action is required by the Commission if it wishes to cancel this meeting.