

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting – October 19, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present: 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)

Members not Present: N/A

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Department - Phil Fleischmann, (Director), Kevin Robinson, (Park Maintenance Superintendent), and Marcia Purvis, (Senior Planner)

Citizens Present: Joel Bulkley, (Community Sports News), Johnny Randall, (Director of Conservation Programs, North Carolina Botanical Garden), Jerry Edwards, (Tennis Community Representative), Dianne Willis, (Tennis Community Representative), and Jen Johnson (Pickleball Community Representative)

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	Approval of September 21, 2021, Minutes	Boucher motioned; and McMahon seconded a motion to approve the minutes.	The motion passed 9-0

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Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons and Staff	No updates	N/A	N/A
Stillhouse Bottom Nature Preserve Update	Johnny Randall, Director of Conservation Programs, North Carolina Botanical Garden, provided an update on the Raney property and a revised request to the Commission to recommend support to the Mayor and Town Council of a \$100,000 pledge toward the acquisition of private property to expand the Stillhouse Bottom Nature Preserve.	Steelman motioned, and Kaiser seconded a motion to work with P&R staff to prepare a memo for the chair supporting a \$100,000 pledge from the Town towards purchasing private property for the Stillhouse Bottom Nature Preserve.	The motion passed 9-0

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Tennis and Pickleball Project Updates	Staff reviewed the repairs/improvements made on or planned for the tennis and pickleball courts at Ephesus Park and Cedar Falls Park. Jerry Edwards a representative of the tennis stakeholder group and Jen Johnson, pickleball representative shared needs and ideas for these two sports in Chapel Hill.	N/A	N/A
Cemeteries Update	Kevin Robinson, Parks Maintenance Superintendent provided a quarterly update on the department's operations and maintenance program for the Town's cemeteries.	N/A	N/A
2021 – 2022 Commission Agenda Topics Ideas	Commission members reviewed a list of agenda topics for this year's upcoming meetings, and for next year and provided feedback on the information.	N/A	N/A
Advisory Boards Liaisons, Changes and Assignments	Commission members reviewed their current liaison assignments and discussed any needed changes, including adding members to other committees and workgroups. Soll will participate in Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committees and Boucher will work with the Splashpad Work Group. All other assignments remained the same.	N/A	N/A
Liaison Reports	No updates	N/A	N/A