Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting – January 18, 2022; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Council Liaisons: Paris Miller-Foushee, and Amy Ryan

Citizens Present: Joel Bulkley, (Community Sports News), Raymond Zhao and Kevin Guo, (East Chapel Hill High School Monarch Butterfly Club Representatives)

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	Approval of January 18, 2022, Minutes	Boucher motioned; and Soll seconded	The motion passed 9-0
Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons and Staff	Commissioner Soll asked about the replanting of plants that have died at the Booker Creek Basin Park. Commissioner Cherry asked about the trail lights at Homestead Park	N/A	Kevin Robinson will inquire about the status of both items and inform Commissioners.

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East Chapel Hill High School Monarch Butterfly Club Overview and Recognition	Kevin Robinson, Park Maintenance Superintendent recognized and thanked the East Chapel Hill High School Monarch Butterfly Club for their leadership in establishing two native pollinator areas designed to attract monarch butterflies in 2021. Gardens were established at the Legion Road Open Space and at Community Center Park in front of the department's Administrative Offices.	N/A	N/A
Comprehensive Parks, Greenways, and Open Space Master Plan Overview and Outline	Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner, shared an overview and outline of the proposed contents for a Comprehensive Parks, Greenways, and Open Space Master Plan	Commissioners asked if the existing 2013 Comprehensive Master Plan could be amended instead of preparing a new plan.	Staff will investigate and come back to the Commission with information on this subject.
Parkland and Open Space Inventory Discussion	Phil Fleischmann, Director, and Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner shared drafts of new maps and data showing parkland and open space within the town limits.	Commissioners asked if there could be further refinement of the areas shown as Open Space.	Staff will investigate and come back to the Commission with information on this subject.

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Splash Pad	Kevin Robinson, Park Maintenance Superintendent and Phil	Soll motioned	The motion
Update	Fleischmann, Director, provided an update on the Splash Pad	and Bench	passed 9-0
	Project including funding status, the work group, ideas for	seconded a	
	"pop-up" splash pads, and the status of the feasibility	motion that the	
	assessment and report.	Commissioners	
		recommend to	
		the Mayor and	
		Town Council	
		that if the	
		Splash Pad	
		project could	
		not be funded	
		with surplus	
		funds allocated	
		for deferred	
		maintenance	
		that the Cedar	
		Falls Park	
		Athletic Field	
		be substituted	
		for that	
		funding.	
Liaison Reports	Adopt a Trail work could be postponed due to snow	N/A	N/A