

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

**7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
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 (March 15, 2022)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff
- 7:15 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance – Chair
- 7:25 p.m. 5. Chapel Hill North-South Bus Rapid Transit Update – Matt Cecil, Transit Development Manager, Chapel Hill Transit
- 7:40 p.m. 6. Advisory Boards Resident Support Information – Shakera Vaughan, Community Connections Coordinator, Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department
- 8:00 p.m. 7. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Significance and Overview – Rashawn King, Central East Region Consultant, Recreation Resources Service, Department of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Management, College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University
- 8:15 p.m. 8. Comprehensive Parks, Greenways, and Open Space Master Plan Update – Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner
- 8:25 p.m. 9. Town of Chapel Hill Jay Street and Trinity Court Affordable Housing Projects Open Space, Greenways, Parks & Recreation Payment-in Lieu Recommendations - Presentation, Discussion & Commission Recommendation – Tyler Steelman, Chair and Jeanette Bench, Commission Member
- 8:35 p.m. 10. Joint meetings with other Commissions and Boards - Ideas and Schedules- Tyler Steelman, Chair
- 8:45 p.m. 11. Cemeteries Update - Kevin Robinson, Park Maintenance Superintendent



*Community Programs - “April is for Earth”* In March and throughout the month of April the Town invites residents to celebrate Earth Day all month long. Residents are invited to get outside, appreciate natural spaces, and learn about local sustainability efforts. Look for the Tree Icon and Green Titles on page 8 of our [RECREATE Guide](#) or see our April is for Earth Programs [Online here](#).

*Spring & Summer Program Registration:* Parks & Recreation has released its spring program brochure and summer camp guide, which can be viewed [here](#). Featured programs include Earth Day and spring themed program options at all locations. The Eggstream Egg Hunt and Campfire and Movie in the Park return this season.

Summer day camp registration for Chapel Hill and Orange County residents began on Tues., April 5. This year, Parks & Recreation intends to offer camps at 80% capacity and offer an additional location at a school in order to accommodate anticipated demand.

*Parks, Open Space Reserve Areas, Greenways, and Bikeways Map* – The interactive map has been updated to include further refinement to define and identify Open Space. The map is scheduled to be released in April for Earth Day. The Commission provided input on the map at meetings earlier this year.

*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.

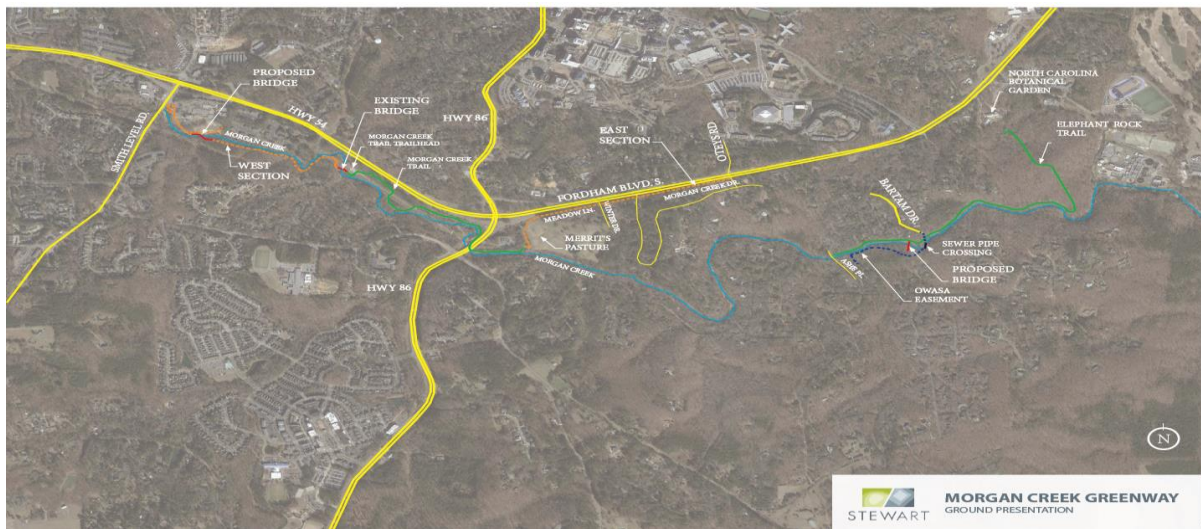
*Cedar Falls and Hargraves Parks Tennis Court Projects:* Parks staff and design team representatives from WithersRavenel met with the Technical Review Team (TRT) on March 29 to share the 60% Cedar Falls tennis court reconstruction plans and receive TRT members' input on what is needed for permitting. Another meeting will be scheduled with this team to review the Hargraves Park tennis court resurfacing project.

Staff received the geotechnical report for Hargraves Park Tennis Courts. The engineer's first option recommended the complete replacement of the courts using the same subsurface construction method for addressing the poor soil conditions being pursued at Cedar Falls Park. The second option is to construct over the existing courts, which is what is programmed and funded for this project. The 60% percent set of plans is due in early May.

*Ephesus Park Drainage Project:* A contractor has completed a drainage project around the perimeter of the courts. The project was recommended by a geotechnical study as a possible way to reduce issues on the courts. The project included the expansion of a concrete walkway, an extension of the gravel walkway, a channel drain, two catch basins, underground pipes and a drainage swell around two sides of the tennis and pickleball courts. See photos of the work below. The next step in remediation will be resurfacing of the tennis courts; this work is expected in the summer.



*Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Announces Funding of Fordham Sidepath and Morgan Creek Trail Projects:* The Parks & Recreation and Planning Departments are excited to share that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be providing a total of \$1.43 million in funding to support the Morgan Creek Greenway – West section extension and the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath project. The \$1.27 million awarded to the Morgan Creek Greenway project will supplement \$1.1 million in existing 2015 Town greenway bond money in order to finish the design documents and construct the West Section, which extends from the existing trailhead at NC 54 bypass to Smith Level Rd. in Carrboro.



The \$160,000 award for Fordham Boulevard Sidepath will supplement the funding already received from the Town and the Federal Highway Administration. A news release announcing this award can be found [here](#).

*Community Splash Pad Project:* Members of the work group reviewed feasibility study qualifications submitted by six firms. A proposal has been requested from CJT PA & 80 West Team to complete the study

4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance:

5. Chapel Hill North-5.South Bus Rapid Transit Update – Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner, will introduce Matt Cecil, Transit Development Manager, Chapel Hill Transit who will update the Commission on the status on Chapel Hill North South Transit plans and impacts to Parks and Recreation facilities.

6. Advisory Boards Resident Support Information – Phil Fleischmann, Parks and Recreation Director, will introduce Shakera Vaughan, Community Connections Coordinator, Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department who will update Commission members on various methods of support the Town offers to Advisory Board members.

7. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Significance and Overview – Phil Fleischmann, will introduce Rashawn King, Central East Region Consultant, Recreation Resources Service, Department of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Management, College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University who will share information regarding the importance and significance of having a current Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Master Plan.

Recreation Resources Service (RRS) is the nation’s oldest technical assistance program for parks and recreation agencies in North Carolina. RRS provides technical assistance, applied research, and continuing education for the state. Services are available to government agencies, citizen boards, civic and service groups, schools, youth agencies, hospitals, senior centers, commercial, and non-profit organizations. Recreation Resources Service can assist you in establishing, improving, and or expanding recreation and leisure services in your area of North Carolina.

Services are provided through a partnership of the Division of Park and Recreation-North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources and the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, North Carolina State University. RRS began as a function of the State of North Carolina Recreation Commission in 1943. For more information about RRS, view: <https://rrs.cnr.ncsu.edu/>

8. Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Master Plan Update – Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner will share the revised outline of the proposed contents for amending the existing 2013 Comprehensive Parks Plan as suggested by Commission members at January meeting. This will include information about what can likely be updated from the 2013 plan and what would need to be developed and incorporated into a current plan.

9. Town of Chapel Hill Jay Street and Trinity Court Affordable Housing Projects Open Space, Greenways, Parks & Recreation Payment-in Lieu Recommendations - Presentation and Discussion– Tyler Steelman, Chair and Jeanette Bench, Commission Member will share information on the importance of parks and recreation and recommendations related to the Jay Street and Trinity Court Projects.

10. Joint meetings with other Commissions and Boards Ideas and Schedules- Tyler Steelman, Chair will review various boards and commissions that the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission members have mentioned wanting to conduct or attend joint meetings including:

- Town of Carrboro Parks and Recreation Commission 7:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
- Town of Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Board – 7:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Orange County Parks and Recreation Council - 6:30 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month
- Town of Chapel Hill (TOCH) Cultural Arts Commission – 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- TOCH Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- TOCH Housing Advisory Board – 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- TOCH Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board - 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month
- TOCH Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month
- Community Parks Tour with Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission Members, Town Council Members and other Boards and Commission Members and members of the public – tentatively in July to coincide with National Parks and Recreation Month activities, date to be determined

11. Cemeteries Update - Kevin Robinson, Parks Maintenance Superintendent will provide a quarterly update on the department’s operations and maintenance program for the Town’s cemeteries. This agenda item was postponed from the March meeting.