

## Quick Minutes

### ***Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission***

**Date/Time:** Virtual Meeting – March 15, 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), Kevin Robinson, (Park Maintenance Superintendent), Nikiya Cherry, (Recreation Manager) and Deaver Smith, (Teen Specialist) – Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department – Emily Holt, (Development Officer)

**Council Liaisons:** Paris Miller-Foushee and Amy Ryan

**Citizens Present:** Joel Bulkley, (Community Sports News), Gregory Georges and Patrick Mortell, (Kings Mill Morgan Creek Neighborhood Representatives), Nils Brubaker, Vicki Derderian, George Entenman, Carolyn Ferrell, Paul Jones, Melissa McCullough, Ruth Morgan, Sue Rakes, Johnny Randall, Libby Thomas and Diane Willis (Community Members)

	<b>Discussion points</b>	<b>Motions/Votes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Approval of Minutes	Approval of February 15, 2022, Minutes	McMahon motioned and Kaiser seconded	The motion passed 9-0
Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons and Staff	Commissioner Cherry asked about the potholes in the parking lot at Cedar Falls Park.  Commissioner Kivihya-Ndugga updated the Commissioners on new artwork (murals) for the aboveground utility pipes that the Lake Forest Neighborhood residents & Audubon Society support & would like to have added to the pipes that	N/A	Kevin Robinson, Parks Maintenance Specialist said he will work with Public Works Department to

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	<p>have not been painted. Audubon has offered to help pay for nature related murals. Commissioner Armstrong inquired about the cost. Commissioner Bench shared cost from previous artwork project. Parks and Recreation Staff will follow up with Community Arts Staff and ask about contacting OWASA to repair.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Staff is meeting with athletic clubs to update them on Cedar Falls Park fields and lights. Commissioner Boucher, mentioned getting several complaints about the athletic field being more rubber than turf. Bench asked if fees from fields could be set aside as an endowment for maintenance and upkeep of the fields.</p>		repair the potholes.
Morgan Creek Greenway East Section Information	<p>Marcia Purvis introduced Gregory Georges and Patrick Mortell. Mr. Georges and Mr. Mortell presented information outlining and explaining why funding is needed for the East Section of the Morgan Creek Trail and asking Commissioners for their support.</p> <p>Commission voted unanimously 9-0 for Chair and Vice Chair to work with Parks and Recreation Staff and to forward to the Council a request to allocate funding from the American Rescue Plan Act or any other source which is readily available for the East Section of the Morgan Creek Greenway.</p>	Bench motioned and Armstrong seconded.	The motion passed 9-0.
Proposed Policy Framework for Repurposing Open Space for Alternative Uses	<p>Phil Fleischmann, Parks and Recreation Director, Marcia Purvis, Parks Planner and Emily Holt, Affordable Housing Development Officer, Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department presented a proposed framework for repurposing Open Space for alternative uses. Commissioner McMahon, proposed a motion where Steelman, Chair, would work with other Commissioners and Parks and Recreation</p>	McMahon motioned and Armstrong seconded	The motion passed 9-0.

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	Department Staff to prepare a memo to the Mayor and Town Council outlining their input on the proposed framework.		
Teen Center Projects and Programs	Phil Fleischman, Parks and Recreation Director introduced Deaver Smith, Teens Specialist. Deaver shared projects, programs and activities for the Teen Center and Black Space, including programs shared with Hargraves Community Center.	N/A	N/A
Liaison Reports	Planning Commission	Bench discussed the Town's affordable housing project at Trinity Court and the status of recreation space and Parks Payment-in-Lieu requirements.	N/A
Adjourn		Boucher motioned and Armstrong seconded	The motion passed 9-0.