

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting – April 19, 2022; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tyler Steelman (Chair), Leah Boucher (Vice Chair), William Kaiser, Renuka Soll, Jeanette Bench, Hallie Cherry, Wesley McMahon and Emerson Krause (Youth Council Representative)

Members Absent: Alice Armstrong and Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Department - Phil Fleischmann, (Director), Marcia Purvis, (Senior Planner), Kevin Robinson, (Park Maintenance Superintendent), Atuya Cornwell, (Assistant Director)
Matt Cecil, (Development Manager), Chapel Hill Transit, Shakera Vaughan, (Community Connections Coordinator), Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department

Council Liaisons: Paris Miller-Foushee and Amy Ryan

Citizens Present: Joel Bulkley, (Community Sports News)

Others: Rashawn King, (Central East Region Consultant), Recreation Resources Service, Department of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Management, College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	Approval of March 15, 2022, Minutes	McMahon motioned and Bench seconded	The motion passed 8-0.

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Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons and Staff	Commissioner Cherry asked about some of the lights not working at Homestead Park	N/A	Kevin Robinson, Parks Maintenance Specialist updated the Commissioners to let them know he had a meeting with Duke Energy to repair the lights.
Chapel Hill North-South Bus Rapid Transit Update	Marcia Purvis, Senior Planner, introduced Matt Cecil, Transit Development Manager, Chapel Hill Transit who updated the Commissioners on the status on Chapel Hill North South Transit plans and impacts to Parks and Recreation facilities.	N/A	N/A
Advisory Boards Resident Support Information	Phil Fleischmann, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Shakera Vaughan, Community Connections Coordinator, with the Affordable Housing and Community Connections Department who updated Commission members on various methods of support the Town offers to Advisory Board members.	N/A	N/A
Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Significance and Overview	Phil Fleischmann, introduced 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 shared information regarding the importance and significance of having current Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space and	N/A	N/A

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	Greenways Master Plan.		
Town of Chapel Hill Jay Street and Trinity Court Affordable Housing Projects Open Space, Greenways, Parks & Recreation Payment-in Lieu Recommendations	Tyler Steelman, Chair and Jeanette Bench, Commission Member shared information on the importance of parks and recreation and recommendations related to the Jay Street and Trinity Court Projects.	McMahon motioned and Boucher seconded to share a presentation with the Mayor and Town Council supporting affordable housing and the recommendations made by Commissioner Bench with changes suggested by Boucher and crafted with help from Steelman and Bench.	The motion passed 8-0.
Joint meetings with other Commissions and Boards Ideas	Tyler Steelman, Chair reviewed various boards and commissions that the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commissioners have mentioned wanting to attend including Orange County, Carrboro Intergovernmental Committee Meeting in the Fall, 2022	N/A	N/A

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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
Liaison Reports	Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation	McMahon talked about a Friends Volunteer Day to work on the new trail at Trinity Court the Town's affordable housing project.	N/A
Adjourn		Bench motioned and Soll seconded	The motion passed 8-0.