

## Quick Minutes

### *Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission*

**Date/Time:** Virtual Meeting – September 20, 2022; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Tyler Steelman (Chair), Leah Boucher (Vice Chair), Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Shane Brogan, Hallie Cherry, Renuka Soll, Marcella Twamley, and Christopher Worrell

**Members Absent:** Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Hemminger

**Staff Present:** Phil Fleischmann, Parks and Recreation Director, Atuya Cornwell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, and Kevin Robinson, Parks and Recreation Senior Manager Planning and Park Operations, Marcia Purvis, Parks and Recreation Principal Planner, Nikiya Cherry, Parks and Recreation Manager and Anita Badrock, Senior Ombuds, Town of Chapel Hill

**Citizens and Others Present:** Joel Bulkley, (Community Sports News); Sandy Douglass and Jen Johnson, (Local Ambassadors, Chapel Hill Pickleball); Sue Balog, Jerry Edwards, and Diane Willis, (Community Members and Tennis Players); Wendi Ramsden (CJT PA); additional pickleball and tennis players

	<b>Discussion points</b>	<b>Motions/Votes</b>	<b>Action</b>
Approval of Minutes	Approval of June 21, 2022, Minutes	Soll motioned and Armstrong seconded	The motion passed 8-0.

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<p>Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons and Staff</p>	<p>Move Item 7 on the Splash Pad and Inclusive Playground to the September 26 meeting.</p> <p>Soll advised the Commissioners that the Council has an item on their agenda for the Legion Property and recommended that the Commissioners submit a memo or a petition asking for an update on previously submitted petitions since the Commission is concerned that they have not had a chance to weigh in on this issue.</p>	<p>Soll motioned and Armstrong seconded.</p> <p>Soll motioned and Boucher seconded that for this reason, the Commissioners should ask the Council to delay the meeting with the consultant and to allow them an opportunity to review and provide feedback on any design concepts.</p>	<p>The motion passed 8-0.</p>
<p>Cedar Falls Park Tennis Court Renovation Project Accessibility For Parks Grant Program Application Overview and Support</p>	<p>The 90% design documents are complete and ready for bidding construction and based on the most recent Engineer’s Opinion of Probable Construction Costs (OPCC), there is a funding gap of \$992,877.</p> <p>Staff is actively pursuing external funding in an effort to fully fund and begin the project. In addition, to the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grant for \$50,000, Department staff has submitted a draft application for a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Accessibility for Parks (AFP) Grant for Technical Review. This matching grant of up to \$500,000 can be used to build new facilities or adapt existing facilities that</p>	<p>Soll motioned and Worrell seconded that the Commission submit correspondence to the Town Council expressing their support for the AFP grant application and for completing the Cedar Fall Park</p>	<p>The motion passed 8-0</p>

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	<p>meet the unique needs of children and/or veterans with physical and developmental disabilities. Staff believes that this grant presents a unique opportunity to support the department's inclusion efforts in that this project will make the Cedar Falls tennis facility fully accessible and enable it to host different tennis programs for individuals of all abilities. Council authorization of the grant application is required in order to proceed with the formal application..</p>	<p>Tennis Court Renovation Project and the Commission requests that it be considered for any available capital funding so that the project can move forward.</p>	
<p>Pickleball and Tennis Courts Shared Use Discussion and Status</p>	<p>This item was a continuation of the discussion which occurred during the June 2022 Commission meeting. The Commission was asked to provide staff with recommendations related to the shared use proposal at Ephesus Park. As shared use is an administrative, operational decision which can be made by staff, staff will then take all feedback into account and render a final decision.</p> <p>Steelman summarized what had occurred during the Commission's last discussion of this item in June. Staff provided information and feedback received since the meeting including the survey results, feedback from other jurisdictions who allow shared use, and consideration of other surfaces.</p>	<p>Soll motioned and Boucher seconded to recommend to staff hold off on further consideration of shared use of the tennis courts at Ephesus by pickleball at least until Cedar Falls and/or Hargraves tennis projects are completed and to continue to help pickleball find other temporary</p>	<p>The motion passed 8-0</p>

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		<p>places to play, for example, at schools.</p> <p>Additionally, the motion indicated that the Commission will advocate for a stand-alone pickleball complex and to add it to its high priority needs and requests of the Council.</p>	
<p>Downtown Pocket Parks Naming Process and West Rosemary Street Pocket Park Review</p>	<p>Fleischmann explained to the Commission that the Town anticipates acquiring at least two new pocket parks along Rosemary Street as part of developments occurring in downtown Chapel Hill, including an approx. 6,000 sq. ft. pocket park to be located adjacent to a new hotel development and Old Town Hall, reviewed a proposed process for naming the parks, and requested the Commission’s feedback. Wendi Ramsden, CJT PA, provided the Commission with an overview of the planned pocket park at Rosemary and Columbia St. Twamley suggested including someone with historical knowledge in the naming process. Steelman suggested developing some criteria for naming sites and have a subcommittee of Commissioners develop this</p>		<p>N/A</p>

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	information. Chair, Steelman and Commission member Brogan volunteered to be on the naming subcommittee.		
Appointment of Commission Officers	According to the <a href="#">board membership policy</a> , advisory board Chair and Vice-Chair officer elections will occur in September of every year to serve a one-year term.	Soll motioned and Armstrong seconded that Tyler Steelman continue as chair and Leah Boucher continue as Vice Chair for the remaining 2022 and 2023 sessions.	The motion passed 7-0
Adjourn		Boucher motioned; Armstrong seconded	The motion passed 7-0.