

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

**7:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room 102
Chapel Hill, NC**

Roll Call: Tyler Steelman (Chair), Leah Boucher (Vice Chair), Alice Armstrong (Orange County Representative), Shane Brogan, Hallie Cherry, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Renuka Soll, Marcella Twamley and Christopher Worrell

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome and Roll Call – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (November 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
- 7:25 p.m. 5. Parks and Recreation Budget Discussion and Advocacy – Leah Boucher, Vice Chair and Renuka Soll, Commission Member
- 8:30 p.m. 6. Liaison reports
Liaisons may make a report on topics of interest to the entire Commission:
- Community Design Commission Steelman
 - Community Tree Committee Marcella Twamley
 - Cultural Arts Commission Kivihya-Ndugga
 - Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Vacant
 - Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Brogan
 - Orange County Parks/Recreation Council Armstrong
 - Planning Commission Marcella Twamley
 - Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board Soll
 - Youth Council Vacant
 - Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committees Soll
 - Splash pad & Inclusive Playground Work Group Boucher
- 8:45 p.m. 7. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions:

Splash Pad and Inclusive Playground Feasibility Analysis and Report: A communications and engagement plan and survey has been developed to guide the public engagement phase of the project, which is expected this winter. These documents are being reviewed by Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lab. After this process the survey will be posted on the project webpage (<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/parks-and-recreation/planning-and-development/splash-pad-and-inclusive-playground-project>) posted and advertised through various media outlets and distributed through public meetings during the community engagement phase.

Greenways, Sidepaths, and Parks Projects Progress: Following are brief updates. Commission members should contact the staff if they have questions or comments.

Cedar Falls Park Field Replacement and LED Lights: The selected contractor, Field Turf, is scheduled to begin in early January. The project is scheduled to take six weeks, the timeline will be posted and advertised through the Town E-News and various media outlets.

The LED Lights are scheduled for installation next week and should be operational in early January 2023.

Racquet Court Projects:

Cedar Falls Park: This project has been submitted and is being considered for two grants including.

- The USTA's grant program for a \$50,000 facility assistance grant for reconstruction of the existing courts.
- The Accessibility for Parks (AFP) grant through the NC Division of Parks and Recreation. This matching grant of up to \$500,000 can be used to build special facilities or adapt existing facilities that meet the unique needs of children and/or veterans with physical and developmental disabilities.

Ephesus Park: The Mondoten repair work and the resurfacing project on the tennis courts and pickleball is complete.

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Tennis Courts



Pickleball Courts



Hargraves Park: This project has been submitted for the USTA’s grant program for a \$10,000 facility assistance grant to resurface the existing courts. The project will go out for construction bidding in January

Homestead Skate Park: On December 8, Parks and Recreation Staff will be engaging with American Ramp Company and the local skating community in an effort to make improvements to the skatepark. American Ramp Company has expertise in skatepark maintenance and construction.

We have the following project goals:

Conduct a Community Engagement Meeting

Review skatepark for opportunities and constraints

- Obtain a cost estimate for repairs
- Inspect current skatepark
- Check bolts and inspect seams
- Check for stress cracks and overall condition
- Inspect legs and brace connection
- Evaluate the pad surface and inspect grind rails and platform guards
- Provide a list of deficiencies and concerns

Morgan Creek Trail Project

East Section: Staff has prepared a Request For Qualifications to select an engineering/architecture firm to complete the existing preliminary design documents, community engagement, permitting, final design and construction document phases for the East Section. The RFQ will be released in early December with award anticipated in January 2023.

Bartram Bridge Section: Parks Department staff and North Carolina Botanical Garden staff will be meeting later this month with OWASA staff to discuss the design of a new wastewater line that will be installed near the Bartram Bridge section of the Morgan Creek Trail to continue discussions about partnering with the Town on the modeling work and permitting requirements that are

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necessary for both projects (the wastewater line and prefabricated bridge crossing) that are proposed for this section of Morgan Creek.

4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance:

5. Parks and Recreation Budget Discussion and Advocacy – Leah Boucher, Vice Chair, and Renuka Soll, Commission Member will discuss current funding for the Department and potential Commission advocacy for an increase in FY24.

7. Liaison Reports – In addition to receiving Liaison Reports, the Commission may discuss and establish liaisons for advisory boards which do not currently have representation.