

PARKS, GREENWAYS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA
Tuesday, May 30, 2023
Chapel Hill, NC

- Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committees Soll
- Splash pad & Inclusive Playground Work Group Boucher

9:00 p.m. 10. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions:

Manager's Budget Recommendations:

On May 24, 2023, Town Council received public comment regarding the recommended budget.

2023-2024 Budget Development Process can be tracked and viewed here:

<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/business-management/budget/2023-2024-budget-development>

Year of the Trail: North Carolina is the Great Trail State, and the NC General Assembly NC designated 2023 as NC Year of the Trail, an effort led by the Great Trails State Coalition. **This year-long campaign** celebrates North Carolina's vast network of trails, greenways, and blueways.

Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department North Carolina Year of the Trail events are included on our Year of the Trail webpage <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/parks-and-recreation/recreation-events/year-of-the-trail-in-chapel-hill>. Upcoming events are listed below:

1. June 3: Fan Branch Trail - National Trails Day
Guided trail tour
10:00 am – Noon
Location: Southern Community Park Trail head
2. July 16: Facilities tour to include stops at multiple trails - Parks and Recreation Month
3. October 7: *Greenway location to be determined* - Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

For more information about the NC Year of the Trail, check out the Year of the Trail website: <https://greattrailsnc.com/>.

Shared-Use of Outdoor Public Courts: The Town of Chapel Hill is under contract to add USTA-approved blended pickleball lines on tennis courts 3 and 4 at Ephesus Park and to add a pedestrian gate that will allow pickleball players to move from the pickleball courts to tennis courts 3 and 4 without walking behind the tennis players who are using an

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adjacent court. This project will be done by June 30, and the courts could be closed for twelve hours before, during, and after the work is complete. Parks and Recreation staff continues to evaluate spring usage at Ephesus Park to help determine a priority schedule. Currently, tennis usage has priority at all times on tennis courts 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Ephesus Park.

Sports Cafe: Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation's Athletics Team held it first Sports Café meeting on Thursday, May 18, from Noon to 1:00 pm at the Southern Community Park Large Picnic Shelter. Meeting recaps will be shared on the Athletics page at www.chapelhillparks.org.

To view the recording from Thursday, May 18, 2023 Sports Café please click here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gN5rUzLXzBgvRPWH6M_-Oz31xqblGLB6K54GnFBHI8INadMc2Wh09zYxXIh2uXO6.AziL04g8WS4tTSMQ?startTime=1684426428000 **Access Passcode:** X7#U9?kP

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Teen Center: Parks and Recreation staff along with Public Works staff have prepared the Teen Center for the upcoming repair work that the contractor will oversee for approximately four months. The contractor abating for the asbestos started the week of May 22

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

Bolin Creek Greenway Umstead to Estes Drive Extension Planning, Community Engagement and Design Project: \$500,000 American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place. This project is being managed by Transportation Planning Division and is proposed to be planned in conjunction with the Estes Drive Extension Project.

Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project – The renovation and extension of the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project is out for construction bids. The bids are due June 8 at 2:00 pm. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was conducted in the parking lot at the Rainbow Soccer Fields on May 18 at 9:00 am. This project will provide a multi-modal path along Fordham Boulevard between Cleland Drive and Willow Drive. It is divided into two segments. The southern portion between Cleland Drive and Ridgefield Road involves upgrading the existing asphalt section to concrete. The northern part consists of constructing a new path between Ridgefield Road and Willow Drive along the eastern side of Fordham Boulevard.

Hargraves Park: Award of the \$509,923 construction contract to Salisbury and Moore Construction, Inc. for resurfacing the three Tennis Courts at Hargraves Park was approved by the Town Council's as a consent item on May 24, 2023. Construction will commence in June, and work will be scheduled for 150 days.

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Homestead Skate Park: \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for the skate park repairs. Staff will be preparing a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) this summer and advertising for companies with experience designing and building skateparks. This work will also include obtaining community feedback.

Inclusive Playground Equipment @ Community Center Place: \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for this project. Staff has met with Procurement Team members to discuss the best options for executing this project. A project kick-off will occur this Summer. This work will also include obtaining community feedback.

System-wide Playground Accessibility: \$285,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for this project. Staff has met with Procurement Team members to discuss the best options for executing this project.

Teen Center Study: \$65,000 American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place. Staff is in contact with other North Carolina Parks and Recreation Staff about this project and methods they have utilized for initiating a study and their lessons learned. Staff has also created a teen center study team and has created a survey to receive input from other teens in the community. This information has been sent to Chapel Hill Carrboro High Schools for distribution and feedback.

Morgan Creek Trail Project

East Section: A contract to finish planning and preliminary design for the East Section of Morgan Creek is being awarded to McAdams, a planning, landscape architecture, and engineering firm. This phase will include a review of alignment options for this section of the greenway and an extensive public engagement process for obtaining input. Opportunities will also have opinions on probable construction costs. A kick-off meeting will be held in June.

West Section: A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for receiving qualifications for planning, landscape architecture, and engineering firms to finish the planning, preliminary design, and final design documents for constructing the West Section of Morgan Creek Greenway. The RFQ will be advertised in June and posted on the Town's webpage for 30 days. It is anticipated that the award should occur in August.

Tanyard Branch Trail: \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for creating a trail connector to Tanyard Branch Affordable Housing Project. This project is being managed by Transportation Planning Division.

4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance
5. Presentation by Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission Applicants

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The Parks, Recreation and Greenways Commission have received three applications from candidates for the two commission members (Tyler Steelman and Leah Boucher) whose terms are ending on June 30, 2023. Alice Armstrong, Orange County Representative membership has also expired. Orange County will select a new member for that position.

6. Recommendations and approval of Commission members to fill Chair and Vice Chair vacancies – Chair to ask for volunteers or nominations. This item will require a motion and the approval of a motion.
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8. Summer Meeting Schedule - The Commission typically cancels the July meeting. The Commission also typically agrees to keep the August meeting on the schedule if needed for some review or action. In most cases, in the past, the August meeting has been canceled as well. The Commission may want to consider these or other options for the summer. This item will require a motion and the approval of a motion.

POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Parks and Recreation Department Overview - Grants applications and receipt
- Town of Carrboro Capital Improvement Program Projects - Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department
- Orange County Capital Improvement Program Projects - Orange County Parks and Recreation Division
- Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) Rewrite Project Update - To include discussion about Payment-in-lieu Program Modifications
- Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department joint meeting with Parks, Recreation and Greenway boards and commissions from Carrboro, Orange County and Hillsborough in Chapel Hill later this year (date to be determined).
- Parks and Recreation Department Facilities Tour with Commission
- Teen Center Tour with Commission
- American Legion Update
- Sidewalk Maintenance
- Affordable Housing
- Sponsorships
- Park Fees and Cost Recovery Overview

9. Liaison Reports – Receive reports from Commission members, who are liaisons with Advisory Boards. Chair to ask for volunteers to be the Commission’s Liaison to the new Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee (May 24 email message requesting a liaison was included in Commission email with this agenda).

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