

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

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 19, 2023

**Virtual Meeting
Chapel Hill, NC**

Roll Call: Renuka Soll, Chair, Marcella Twamley, Vice Chair, Shane Brogan, Hallie Cherry, Margaret Moore, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Christopher Worrell, Joshua Resnick and Vicky Zhang, Youth Council Representatives.

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome and Roll Call – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (May 30, 2023)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff
- 7:20 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance
- 7:30 p.m. 5. Presentation by Commission Applicant
- 7:50 p.m. 6. Parks and Recreation Department – FY 23 Budget Accomplishments and FY 24 Project Plans Review – Atuya Cornwell, Director, Kevin Robinson, Senior Manager of Planning and Park Operations and Marcia Purvis, Principal Planner
- 8:30 p.m. 7. Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission – Liaison Vacancies Update & Volunteers – Renuka Soll, Chair and Marcia Purvis, Principal Planner
- Town of Chapel Hill Community Design Commission – Liaison
 - Town of Chapel Hill Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board – Liaison
 - Parks and Recreation Department – Inclusive Playground Work Committee - Representative
 - New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee – Liaison
 - Orange County Department of Aging – Liaison
- 8:45 p.m. 8. Liaison reports
Liaisons may make a report on topics of interest to the entire Commission:
- Community Design Commission Vacant
 - Community Tree Committee Marcella Twamley
 - Cultural Arts Commission Kivihya-Ndugga

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- Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Vacant
- Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Brogan
- Orange County Parks/Recreation Council TBD
- Planning Commission Marcella Twamley
- Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board Renuka Soll
- Youth Council Joshua Resnick Vicky Zhang
- Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committees Renuka Soll
- Inclusive Playground Work Group Vacant

8:55 p.m. 9. Recommendation to Fill Commission Vacancy - Chair

9:00 p.m. 10. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions:

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>. The next event is: October 7: *Greenway location to be determined* - Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

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

Sports Café: Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation's Athletics Team held a Sports Café meeting on Thursday, July 20, from noon to 1:00 pm at the Cedar Falls Park Picnic Shelter. To view the recording from this meeting please click here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gN5rUzLXzBgvRPWH6M - Oz31xqblGLB6K54GnFBHI8INadMc2Wh09zYxXIh2uXO6.AziL04g8WS4tTSMQ?startTime=1684426428000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gN5rUzLXzBgvRPWH6M-Oz31xqblGLB6K54GnFBHI8INadMc2Wh09zYxXIh2uXO6.AziL04g8WS4tTSMQ?startTime=1684426428000) **Access Passcode:** X7#U9?kP. Meeting recaps will be shared on the Athletics page at www.chapelhillparks.org.

Next Sports Café will be held at Hargraves Community Park Shelter on Thursday, October 19, from noon to 1:00 pm. To join online, please click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88348742154>

Teen Center: The contractor has finished the repair work, and project team members will continue to meet this month to discuss moving back into the center at its reopening to the public.

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. The Transportation Planning Division manages this project, which will be planned in conjunction with the Estes Drive Extension Project.

Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project: Bids have been received for the renovation and extension of the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project. The bids are over what is allocated for this project, so the project team is working with our Business Management Department and Senior Management to review options for additional funding.

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 as a consent item on May 24, 2023, *and is currently being reviewed and approved by Town Management.* Construction will commence in September, and work will be scheduled for 150 days.

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Comprehensive Systemwide Master Plan: \$300,000 from the Penny for Parks funding is in place for this project. A Request For Qualifications (RFQ) has been drafted to find an architecture, engineering and landscape architect firm to update the 2013 Master Plans for Parks and Greenways. The RFQ will be advertised this month and posted on the Town's webpage for 30 days. The award is expected to occur in November.

Homestead Skate Park: \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for the skate park repairs. Staff is working with Procurement Team members to award a contract for the design. This work will also include obtaining community feedback.

Inclusive Playground Equipment @ Community Center Place: \$500,000 and System-wide Playground Accessibility (\$285,000) in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for this project. The staff has met with Procurement Team members to discuss the best options for executing this project and has received concepts from a playground manufacturer. A meeting was held in August to review ideas and possibilities and the best method for moving forward with this project. This work will also include obtaining community feedback.

Teen Center Study: \$65,000 American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place. Staff is in contact with other parks and recreation agencies regionally and nationally about this project to learn about methods they have utilized for initiating a study and their lessons learned. Staff created a teen center study team that generated a survey to receive input from teens in the community. This information has been shared with high schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City 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 has been awarded to McAdams, a planning, landscape architecture, and engineering firm. A kick-off meeting was held in June. Team members meet weekly with Transportation Planning, Engineering, Neighborhood Members, and Bicycle riders to review ideas and receive input for the greenway alignment and length. Public engagement will commence this fall.

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 was advertised in August and posted on the Town's webpage for 30 days. The award is expected to occur in October.

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

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4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance

5. Presentation by Commission Applicant - The Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission has one Town Resident position that has expired. A new applicant will attend the meeting and make a brief statement about their interest in serving and qualifications.

The Orange County resident position has also expired. Orange County is working to appoint a new commission member by October.

6. FY 23 Budget Accomplishments and FY 24 Project Plans Review – Staff will share a presentation summarizing FY 23 accomplishments and review the FY 24 projects.

7. Recommendations to Fill Commission Liaison Vacancies - Chair to ask for volunteers to be the Commission's Liaisons to the following Commissions' Boards and Committees

- Town of Chapel Hill Community Design Commission – Liaison
- Town of Chapel Hill Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board – Liaison
- Parks and Recreation Department – Inclusive Playground Work Committee - Representative
- *New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee – Liaison
- Orange County Department of Aging – Liaison

*The New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 21, at the clubhouse of the Colony Park development in west Durham.

Please contact:

Bob Healy

Co-chair, New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee

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8. Liaison Reports– Receive reports from Commission members who liaise with Advisory Boards.

9. Recommendation to Fill Commission Vacancy - This item will require a motion and the approval of a motion.

POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 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

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- 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 Overview - Grants applications and receipt
- American Legion Update
- Sidewalk Maintenance
- Affordable Housing
- Sponsorships and Parks Donation Program
- Park Fees and Cost Recovery Overview