



PARKS, GREENWAYS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
Chapel Hill, NC

- Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Shane Brogan
- New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee TBD
- Orange County Department of Aging TBD
- Orange County Parks/Recreation Council Jane Harris
- Planning Commission Holly Burnham
- Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board Renuka Soll
- Youth Council TBD
- Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committee Renuka Soll
- Inclusive Playground Work Group Marcela Twamley

9:00 p.m. 9. Adjourn

### AGENDA NOTES

#### 3. Communications and Petitions:

#### EVENTS

Parks and Recreation staff has completed a series of community engagement meetings with sports and recreation program participants and user groups to highlight recent program accomplishments and share 2024 plans. Meeting summaries are being posted to the respective program and facility webpages via [www.chapelhillparks.org](http://www.chapelhillparks.org).

#### Magical Hill

The Chapel Hill Community Center Park will transform into an enchanted wonderland during this event for all ages. This year the theme is Magical Creatures. There will be multiple activities designed for children as well as a Fairy House/ Creature Lair competition.

Chapel Hill Community Center  
April 27, 2024, | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Learn More about [Magical Hill and Fairy House Activities](#)

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**PROJECTS**

**Teen Center:** Painting and repairs to enhance the rooms, floors, and lighting within the facility are continuing with a Soft Opening and Ribbon Cutting will be held Spring 2024.

**Installation of Outdoor Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** AEDs will be installed outdoors adjacent to athletic fields and courts at several parks. Parks and Recreation staff will coordinate high level overview sessions on CPR and AED use. Schedule of overview sessions and a full listing of the park locations where the outdoor AEDs will be shared in April. Installation of AEDs are scheduled to occur during the month of April.

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. A planning and engineering firm has been selected and award is expected Summer 2024.

*Hargraves Park Tennis Courts:* Construction is substantially complete on the resurfacing and reconstruction of the three existing tennis courts. Punch List items are scheduled to be complete later this month. A ribbon cutting event will also be scheduled for May 2024.

*Comprehensive Systemwide Master Plan:* \$300,000 from the Penny for Parks funding is in place for this project. The Request For Qualifications (RFQ) from architecture, engineering, and landscape architect firms to update the 2013 Master Plans for Parks and Greenways have been received. Town team members have reviewed the Statement of Qualifications and will begin interviewing the firms that were shortlisted this month through May. Award is expected to occur Summer 2024.

*Homestead Skate Park:* \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for the skate park upgrades 5the Pocket Skateparks is working on the design documents. Design is anticipated to be complete this month.

*Inclusive Playground Equipment at Chapel Hill Community Center Park:* \$500,000 and Systemwide Playground Accessibility (\$285,000) in American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place for this project. Plans are scheduled to be complete Summer 2024.

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*Teen Center Study:* \$65,000 American Rescue Plan Act funding is in place. Staff anticipates proceeding with the project shortly after the Comprehensive Systemwide Master Plan firm is selected.

*Morgan Creek Trail Project*

**West Section:** Kimley-Horn has been hired to finish the planning design, community engagement, permitting, and construction documents for the West Section of Morgan Creek Greenway. The Community Engagement Phase will commence Summer 2024.

**East Section:** Town team members are reviewing the technical memo and report from McAdams. The final report will be posted on the project webpage and notifications will be sent to landowners in the Morgan Creek Kings Mill neighborhood in May 2024. This will include a recommendation for the alignment and funding for construction. Preparation of the design and construction documents will begin Summer 2024.

For more information, please visit the project webpage:

<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/parks-and-recreation/planning-and-development/morgan-creek-trail-phase-3>

4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance

5. Parks and Recreation Department Programs and Camps 2024 – Overview – Nikiya Cherry, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Department

6. Sponsorships and Parks Donation Program – Review and Update - Atuya Cornwell, Director and Wes Tilghman, Marketing and Resource Development Administrator of the Parks and Recreation Department will share information on our Sponsorship and Donation Programs, including the PaRC Catalog Program.

7. Volunteer Program – Overview – Kevin Robinson, Senior Manager Park Planning and Park Operations of the Parks and Recreation Department will share information on our volunteer program including the amount of volunteers, the work they are providing and what organization they are affiliated as appropriate.

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

9. Adjourn

**FUTURE MEETING ITEMS**

1. Parks and Recreation Department Programs and Camps 2024 - Overview  
✓ April 16, 2024

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2. Sponsorships and Parks Donation Program – Review and Update  
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3. Volunteer Program  
✓ April 16, 2024
4. Orange County Capital Improvement Program Projects - Orange County Parks and Recreation Division  
✓ May 21, 2024
5. Commission Interviews  
✓ May 21, 2024
6. Inclusive Playground Design Options – Review  
✓ May 21, 2024
7. Parks and Recreation Project Expenditures – Review and Update  
✓ June 18, 2024 (in-person meeting)