

PARKS, GREENWAYS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA
Tuesday, May 21, 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

EVENTS

Celebrate National Trails Day Interactive Trail Experience: - [National Trails Day®](#), is a nationwide trail service and advocacy movement organized by the American Hiking Society on the first Saturday of June. This year's theme is "*A Day of Service for Hometown Trails and the People Who Love Them*"

The Department will sponsor a guided walk (approximately 1.5 miles) along Bolin Creek Greenway with local Adopt-A-Trail leaders Steven Feuerstein and Jeanette Bench. Steven and Jeanette along with volunteer groups have worked tirelessly over the past year to remove 5 acres of invasive privet and replant indigenous plants and trees along the trail corridor.

Saturday, June 1 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Bolin Creek Greenway
Chapel Hill Community Center Park

For registration and information on all our programs and events visit our webpage via www.chapelhillparks.org.

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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 to be held Summer 2024.

Outdoor AED Installations and Trainings: The Department is installing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at multiple parks near outdoor athletic facilities. Installation will start this spring. Additional parks will receive outdoor AEDs prior to the fall sports season. In collaboration with Chapel Hill Fire and Rescue, basic training sessions on CPR and AED usage for league administrators, coaches, and interested community members have been scheduled. Community members are encouraged to pre-register and attend one of the following sessions:

Homestead Park Multipurpose Athletic Fields: Tuesday, May 21 (5pm-630pm)

Southern Community Park Large Shelter: Friday, May 24 (8am-930am)

Cedar Falls Park: Wednesday, May 29 (6pm-730pm)

Ephesus Park Outdoor Courts: Friday, May 31 (6pm-730pm)

Registration can be completed here: <https://forms.office.com/g/5fpfbmH0H>

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

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 June 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 has completed the review of the firms that were shortlisted. 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 5th Pocket Skateparks is working on the design documents. Design is anticipated to be complete Summer 2024.

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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 ready for a final review Summer 2024.

Morgan Creek Greenway 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. Site surveying work has begun, and the Community Engagement Phase will commence in Summer 2024.

East Section: An amendment to the contract with McAdams is being processed to prepare design and construction documents. This phase of work will begin in 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>

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff
4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance
5. Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission Realignment Review, Discussion and Recommendations – The chair will review the discussion and ask for input regarding the March 16 Commission meeting on the Town's Boards and Commissions Realignment process.
6. Public-Private Partnerships for Parks Information and Discussion – Holly Burnham and Margaret Moore will share information on how non-profit organizations work with town/city governments to fund parks and recreation departments around the United States.
7. Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission June Meeting Location - Marcia Purvis, Principal Planner, will present two potential locations for our June 18 meeting: Hargraves Community Center and the Teen Center. The Commission, as per an earlier decision, will hold an in-person meeting with a virtual (Zoom) component for public participation. This item will require a motion and the approval of a motion.
8. Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission Summer Meeting Schedule – The Commission typically cancels the July meeting and agrees to keep the August meeting on the schedule if needed for some review or action. In most cases, the August meeting has also been canceled in the past. 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.

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

10. Adjourn

FUTURE MEETING ITEMS

1. Orange County Capital Improvement Program Projects - Orange County Parks and Recreation Division
✓ June 18, 2024
2. Commission Interviews
✓ June 18, 2024
3. Inclusive Playground Design Options – Review
✓ Summer/Fall, 2024
4. Parks and Recreation Project Expenditures – Review and Update
✓ June 18, 2024 (in-person meeting)