

Quick Minutes

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

Date/Time: Virtual Meeting – April 16, 2024; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present: Holly Burnham, Renuka Soll, Chair, Marcella Twamley, Vice Chair, Jane Harris, Orange County Representative, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga and Christopher Worrell

Members Absent: Shane Brogan and Margaret Moore

Council Members Present: Amy Ryan

Staff Present: Atuya Cornwell, Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Robinson Senior Manager, Park Planning and Maintenance and Marcia Purvis, Principal Planner, Nikiya Cherry, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, Caroline Ratkus, Assistant Aquatics Supervisor, Jonathan Ray, Senior Recreation Supervisor, and Wes Tilghman, Marketing and Resource Development Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department

	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Approval of Minutes	March 19, 2024	Kivihya-Ndugga motioned Twamley seconded	The motion passed 6-0
Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff	Burnham asked about video recording of Commission meeting Burnham asked for clarification on the 10% increase for the Hargraves Park Tennis Court and other department related Council items Burnham asked about status of Commission realignment.	Burnham will meet with Marcia to review. Purvis and Cornwell outlined what those items were about. Soll asked that the Commission	N/A

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	<p>Nikiya Cherry, shared information on upcoming events and the May 8 date for Cornwell to share information on Penny Parks current spending and how funds could be spent next Fiscal Year.</p> <p>Council member Ryan, reviewed the Council’s FY 25 budget schedule, bond election and that Town taxes will not be increased.</p> <p>Soll asked about Commission providing input on bond program</p>	<p>discuss the realignment</p> <p>Twamley asked about Town’s bond program and will it necessitate a tax increase.</p> <p>Soll will work with staff to prepare a memo to the Council (as an individual) to give input on bond program ideas.</p>	
Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance		N/A	N/A
Parks and Recreation Department Programs and Camps 2024 – Overview	<p>Nikiya Cherry, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Department, Caroline Ratkus, Assistant Aquatics Supervisor and Jonathan Ray, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Athletics shared information on the Departments Community and Recreation Experiences (CARE), Camps, Aquatic and Athletics Programs, Events, Facility Accomplishments and Needs.</p>		N/A

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	<p>Worrell asked if the Department’s CARE program is related to Chapel Hill and Carrboro schools</p>	<p>Cherry responded that it is not</p>	
<p>Sponsorships and Parks Donation Program – Review and Update</p>	<p>Atuya Cornwell, Director and Wes Tilghman, Marketing and Resource Development Administrator of the Parks and Recreation Department shared information on our Sponsorships Donation Programs, including the PaRC Catalog Program, the Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and the Town Manager’s Marketing Partnership Program.</p> <p>Burnham asked how information on these programs are being shared.</p> <p>Member of the public asked if money generated from Pickleball Players Sponsorship is used for pickleball.</p>	<p>Tilghman explained that most information is shared on-line and through website.</p> <p>Tilghman said they do.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Volunteer Program – Overview</p>	<p>Kevin Robinson, Senior Manager Park Planning and Park Operations of the Parks and Recreation Department share information on our volunteer program including the amount of volunteers, the work they are providing and what organization they are affiliated with.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Liaison Reports	Burnham explained that Planning Commission changed their schedule and meeting on same night as Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission. Twamley asked about status of Inclusive Playground projects and what staff thought about their tour of Pleasant Park, Apex NC	Robinson responded saying it is a nice park including the playground, nature play area and athletic fields.	N/A
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