

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

**7:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Virtual Meeting**

Roll Call: Marcella Twamley, Chair, Margaret Moore, Vice Chair, Shane Brogan, and Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome and Roll Call – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (October 15, 2024)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission, Council Liaisons, and Staff
- 7:15 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance
- 7:30 p.m. 5. Teen Center Presentation – Lizzie Burrill, Senior Recreation Supervisor, and Deaver Smith, Recreation Specialist for the Parks and Recreation Department
- 8:00 p.m. 6. Cemetery Update - Kevin Robinson, Senior Manager of Park Planning and Operations for the Parks and Recreation Department
- 8:20 p.m. 7. Liaison reports
Liaisons may make reports on topics of interest to the entire Commission:
- Community Design Commission Margaret Moore
 - Community Tree Committee Marcella Twamley
 - Cultural Arts Commission Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga
 - Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Vacant
 - 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

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- Planning Commission Vacant
- Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board Vacant
- Youth Council TBD
- Racquet Sports (Tennis & Pickleball) Stakeholders Committee TBD
- Inclusive Playground Work Group Marcela Twamley

9:00 p.m. 8. Adjourn

TOWN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Haunted Hill - Trunk-or-Treat, and a Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest along with and some spooktacular games and an outdoor movie (The Addams Family) was held at the Chapel Hill Community Center Park on Saturday, October 26, 2024, | 5 - 8:30 pm approximately 2000 participants attended this celebration.



Arbor Day - The Town of Chapel Hill celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, November 15 at 11 a.m. at Estes Hills Elementary School in Chapel Hill. Second-grade students from Estes Hills Elementary School joined Mayor Jess Anderson and the N.C. Forest Service to commemorate the occasion.

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N.C. Forest Service discussed the history of Arbor Day and presented the Tree City U.S.A. award to the town.



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Friendsgiving Join Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and the Orange County Department on Aging for a heartwarming new tradition - “Friendsgiving”. Help us create goodie bags for adults in our community who could use some extra love this holiday season. Sign up now to volunteer on Nov. 26!

[Learn how](#) to nominate a friend and volunteer!

STAFF ENGAGEMENT

2024 National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference – Director Atuya Cornwell, Assistant Director Nikiya Cherry, and Recreation Supervisor Keith Dodson attended on behalf of the department in Atlanta, Ga October 7-11. Shenekia Weeks, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office for the Town joined Atuya in co-presenting an education session at the conference.

During the conference, Director Cornwell was recognized by the National Recreation and Park Ethnic Minority Society (NRPEMS) with an Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership in the field of parks and recreation.



PROJECTS

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

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Bolin Creek Greenway Art Project: The Department in conjunction with Community Arts and Culture has hired six artists to paint murals on the twenty (20) concrete access structure along the Bolin Creek Greenway. The artists submitted proposals earlier this year and were selected by a team of community members, artists, and town staff. Work is on-going and is expected to be completed later this year.



Cedar Falls Park Tennis Courts Reconstruction Project: Penny from Parks funding has been used to supplement previously allocated dollars to award a \$1,342,000 contract with H.M. Kern Corporation for the reconstruction of six existing tennis courts at Cedar Falls Park. Work is scheduled to begin on December 2, 2024, and continue until the Summer 2025.

Comprehensive Systemwide Master Plan: A contract is in place with BerryDunn and a kick-off meeting will take place in November/December.

Hargraves Park Tennis Courts: Construction on the resurfacing and reconstruction of the three existing tennis courts is substantially complete. Additional construction work is being scheduled to complete the project.

Homestead Skate Park: At the November 13 meeting, Town Council approved a consent item which authorizes the Town Manager to execute a contract for the reconstruction of the Skate Park at Homestead Park. The bid awarded has a construction cost of 609,750. Construction will be completed by 5th Pocket Skateparks, Inc. and will start in 2025.

Morgan Creek Greenway Project

West Section: Kimley-Horn has prepared preliminary plans and meetings are being held to review the alignment with Town team members, UNC, Frank Porter Graham school officials, Orange Water and Sewer Authority, Town of Carrboro planning staff, and North Carolina Department of Transportation staff.

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East Section: A meeting with the Kings Mill Morgan Creek neighborhood Association was held on October 22 to present design ideas based on the input from neighborhood residents and community members using neighborhood streets.

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. Teen Center Programs Presentation - Deaver Smith, Recreation Specialist Parks and Recreation Department and Lizzie Burrill, Senior Recreation Supervisor, will share an update on the Town's Teen Center and an overview of the programs currently being offered at this facility.
6. Cemetery Update - Kevin Robinson, Senior Manager of Planning and Park Operations, will present information on cemetery improvements.
7. Liaison Reports– Receive reports from Commission members who liaise with Advisory Boards.
8. Adjourn

FUTURE MEETING ITEMS

1. Orange County Capital Improvement Program Projects - Orange County Parks and Recreation Division
 - ✓ Winter 2024 - 2025
2. Commission Interviews
 - ✓ TBD
3. Parks and Recreation Project Expenditures – Review and Update
 - ✓ Winter 2024 – 2025
4. Green Tract Project - Status
 - ✓ Winter 2024 – 2025
5. Morgan Creek Greenway East Extension Project - Status
 - ✓ Winter 2025

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6. Morgan Creek Greenway West Extension Project - Status
 - ✓ Winter 2025
7. Teen Center Programs
 - ✓ Fall - Winter 2024