

PARKS, GREENWAYS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA

7:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Chapel Hill Library, Room C
Chapel Hill, NC

Roll Call: Wesley McMahon (Chair), Jeanette Bench (Vice Chair), Linda Alexander, Alice Armstrong, Joseph Battle, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Jochen Schwarz, Renuka Soll, and Evan Phillips (Youth Council Representative)

- 7:00 p.m. 1. Welcome – Chair
- 7:05 p.m. 2. Approval of Minutes (April 16, 2019)
- 7:10 p.m. 3. Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff – Chair
- 7:15 p.m. 4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance – Chair
- 7:30 p.m. 5. Presentations by Commission Applicants
- 8:00 p.m. 6. National Trails Day Program Update (June 1)
- 8:15 p.m. 7. Summer Schedule
- 8:25 p.m. 8. CIP Updates
- 8:35 p.m. 9. Liaisons Reports
- 8:45 p.m. 10. Recommendations to Fill Commission Vacancies
- 9:00 p.m. 11. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

3. Communications and Petitions from Commission and Staff

A. **SPECIAL COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:** A special joint meeting of all Orange County parks and recreation advisory boards was held on April 23, 2019 in Hillsborough.

B. **KIDS TO PARKS DAY:** May 18 was National Kids to Parks day. The commission and staff will provide a brief update.

4. Questions and Petitions from the Public in Attendance

Citizens have requested a time to address the issues of pickleball and tennis facilities in Chapel Hill.

5. Presentations by Commission Applicants

Three current members have terms that expire in June, but are eligible for consideration for second three-year terms. Wesley McMahon and Jeannette Bench have submitted applications. Joseph Battle has elected to not reapply because he has already served almost 6 years.

In addition, the seat that is currently vacant is reserved for a Cemetery “champion”. The Cemetery Advisory Board will sunset on June 30. The Council is expected to appoint all four seats on June 12. We will invite all applicants to attend the May 21 meeting. The following applicants have contacted staff and indicated that they will attend the meeting and make a brief statement about their qualifications:

Josh Starmer
Jeanette Bench

Beth Waldron and Jenny Gao have indicated that they are no longer available at this time.

7. Summer Schedule

The Commission typically cancels its July meeting. We recommend that the Commission do so at this time. We would cancel the meeting room and free it for some other group.

Historically the Commission also indicates its intention to not meet in August unless it is needed. In this case we would wait until July before cancelling the room reservation and notice on the Town calendar. If some issue arises that requires the Commission to meet staff would confirm with the Chair and then notify everyone that we intend to meet. We recommend that the Commission indicate its intention to cancel unless a meeting is required.

8. CIP Updates

Please see the February 2019 [Parks and Recreation Planning and Development newsletter](#).

9. Liaison Reports

Commission liaisons may make a report on topics of interest to the entire Commission:

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| • Community Design Commission | McMahon |
| • Cultural Arts Commission | Kivihya-Ndugga |
| • Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board | Bench |
| • Planning Commission | Bench |
| • Transportation & Connectivity Advisory Board | Soll |
| • Orange County Parks/Recreation Council | Armstrong |
| • Friends of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation | McMahon/Alexander |

POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Greene Tract Presentation by Judy Johnson (Planning)

Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Update

Sponsorships

Departmental Business Plan

Parks Master Plan Overview

Greenways Master Plan Overview

Sidewalk Maintenance

Election of Officers (September)

- According to the [board membership policy](#), advisory board officer elections will take place in September of every year.
- Each board shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair to serve a one year term.
- No one shall serve as an officer on an advisory board or commission for more than two consecutive full terms. Following a one-year absence, an individual is eligible to serve again as an officer on the same board or commission.