

9 May 2022 – Recreation and Parks Commission

Attendees: Jeff Laufenberg, Makeda Ma’at, Chris Colvin, Debby Filer, Maggie Funkhouser, Anita Jones-McNair, Susan Lyon Stone

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Approval of the April Minutes 7:10pm

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1) Ma’at motion to summarize topics in future minutes, not to provide a detailed transcript of Commission member comments with attribution; seconded by Laufenberg, unanimously approved

2) Ma’at motion to table approval of April minutes until revisions can be made consistent with previous motion; seconded by Laufenberg, unanimously approved

Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor 7:18pm

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Carrboro Parks Project (CPP) Update – fundraising dog park shade sail/shading– Susan Stone

Updates provided on recent work on new logo and website for the organization. Currently looking for photos of past events, and developing new text to assist with fundraising. Planning an event to recruit new more long-term members to the group, noting that people who go to the dog park are a very active and engaged community. Town shared quotes between \$12,00- \$15,000. Will that be enough for various shade around park? Discussion about a single umbrella shade or overlapping shade sail ("canopy bench"), with a single bench seat, noting that Public Works cannot do the installation work in either case without voiding the warranty. To date, the Town has NOT gotten more than one estimate from a potential contractor. Some discussion around placement of these structures and effort to collect feedback from users. Some discussion about movable, plastic, lightweight chairs and shades/umbrellas that would enable seasonal adjustments? Might be less expensive and more versatile.

ACTION ITEMS: Susan Stone to come back to this forum with updates in a month or two, pending availability. Commission will discuss during upcoming park tour about shade sail location.

New Business 7:46 pm

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Tour of park facilities reminder – June and August with a Parks and Rec Dept

Town confirms availability of up to one van (holds 12 people).

Planning to go from 7-8ish pm and what we don't see, we can plan on for the August meeting.

Mon June 13 - meet at van at 6:45pm, behind the Century Center near Jade Palace.

Town personnel to send out calendar invite/reminder and route, to include Anderson Park in the June tour.

Additional items reported by Town:

- 1) Commission Member Filer to do some research. Volunteered to be commission liaison of this project.
- 2) Need to elect a representative for the Intergovernmental Parks Working Group (work group of the County entities, meet quarterly, next mtg in October); at least reps from each jurisdiction

ACTION ITEM: elect rep at our September meeting

Old Business 8:00pm

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No new updates.

Reports 8:00 pm

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Comprehensive Plan Update

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An official adoption draft (link: <https://www.carrboroconnects.org/adoption-draft-may-10-2022>) to be reviewed at tomorrow's Town Council Meeting.

Town reminds the commission about the use of Racial Equity lens in assessing the comprehensive plan.

Chair Updates

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-observations about active use of park facilities

-203 Facility with downtown library

-Carrboro Day last weekend highly successful

Departmental

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-First freight train blues series this Friday, from 6-830pm, through mid June

-Tues May 10 at Council Meeting, recommendation from the Music Festival Committee on providing \$250 payments for the musicians for the upcoming festival for the first time in the festival's history (25th anniversary this year)

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Filer motion, seconded by Makeda, unanimous approval.