

**CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**May 13, 2019**

**Present** –Tamara Sanders, Becki Cleveland, Paul Clark and Ryan Byars - Commission Members, Kendra Van Pelt – former commission member, Jacquelyn Gist - Board Liaison and Anita Jones-McNair – Staff Liaison.

**Call the meeting to order** – Byars called the meeting to order at 7:12p.

**Approval of the minutes** – Sanders arrived and called for changes and/or questions about the minutes from the last meeting on January 14, 2019. There were no corrections or questions presented. Cleveland motioned to accept the minutes, Byars seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor** – Sanders called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Hearing none, the commission moved to the next agenda item.

**New Business** – Sanders called for new business. Sanders and Cleveland shared a summary of the first and second meeting of the Bike Plan Committee. The committee reviewed the current plan and determined it was too technical and focused. Recommendations for the update include adding some accountability, connectivity, education and providing a better riding experience. A survey for the bike plan is currently available for community feedback. Zachary Hallock, Transportation Planner and the committee is encouraging everyone to share thoughts. Emphasis is being placed on outreach of the underserved, refugee and non-native speaking population and classifying level of traffic on town roads. If you have any feedback, share with Sanders and that information will be passed along.

Sanders also provided a summary of the Joint Park Advisory meeting held in Hillsborough. Breakout topics included Community Engagement, Needs Assessments and Data Sharing, Environmental Stewardship and Conservation Efforts, Collaboration and Funding Partnerships and Multi-Modal Trail. The culmination of the meeting included a debriefing of the individual table sessions.

Election of the Vice Chair was added to the agenda. Sanders called for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Sanders nominated Ryan Byars as Vice Chair, Clark seconded that motion and the vote was unanimous.

Jones-McNair shared recommendations to commemorate Dr. King in the park. The community provided feedback such as various additional facilities, statues, artwork and using some of his quotes. The bathroom facility is currently being designed with space on the east and west side of the building to paint murals. Staff recommends that we work with Carrboro High School to find students interested in designing and painting the murals. She also mentioned taking some of his quotes and placing them on placards along the walking path. Byars motioned to support the recommendation, Cleveland seconded and the vote was unanimous. This item will go before the Board of Aldermen on May 21, 2019.

Council members Gist shared thoughts about the commission reaching a broader diverse audience and the membership base should expand in background/interest and discussions. For example gardeners, parents, festivalgoers and seniors. There are currently five open seats on the commission. She asked that commission recruitment be placed on the agenda for next month. Sanders asked that we also consider meeting ideas.

**Old Business – Sanders** called for old business. Hearing none, the commission moved to next item on the agenda.

**Reports – Sanders** called for chair and department reports. Jones-McNair mentioned the construction of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Park is on schedule. Currently the contractor is working on water line, plumbing, sewer, bathroom facility and driveway. She also mentioned if anyone were interested in volunteering for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, that she would share information with the next meetings information.

**Adjournment – Sanders** adjourned the meeting at 8:09p.