

Intergovernmental Parks Work Group

Agenda

April 13th, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Southern Human Services Center
2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

- 5:30** **1. Welcome / Call to Order**
- 5:35** **2. Introductions / Review of Meeting Notes** (Attached)
- 5:40** **3. Presentation / Brumley Forest Nature Preserve**
Bo Howes and/or Matt Rutledge - Triangle Land Conservancy (TLC)
- 6:00** **4. Update / Joint Parks & Recreation Board Meeting**
Dave Stancil – Director Orange County, Dept. of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation
- 6:10** **5. Update / Trails & Greenways Map** – Staff
- 6:20** **6. Update / Mountains to Sea Trail**
Dave Stancil – Director Orange County, Dept. of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation
- 6:30** **7. Director Reports / Updates** (5 minutes max)
 a. Town of Hillsborough
 b. City of Mebane
 c. Town of Carrboro
 d. Orange County
 e. Town of Chapel Hill
 f. Others
- 7:00** **8. Adjournment** (Next Meeting Date 10/12/16)

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Meeting Notes of October 14, 2015

Members Present:

Penny Rich - Orange County Commissioner
Erin Crouse – Chapel Hill Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission
Betty McDade Kahn – Orange County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council
Jenn Weaver - Hillsborough Board of Commissioners
Jim Ward - Chapel Hill Town Council
Rob English - Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Board
Bo Howes -Triangle Land Conservancy

Absent:

Sara Childs - Duke Forest Resource Manager
Bill Goa - UNC Director of Campus Recreation
Dean Ray - Mebane City Council
Bill Kaiser – Chapel Hill Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board
Annetta Streater – Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
Jackie Gist - Carrboro Board of Aldermen
Doris Murrell - Carrboro Parks and Recreation Board
Steve Halkiotis – Orange County Board of Education
Lydia Wegman - Orange County Commission for the Environment
Annette Jurgelski - Eno River Association
Vacant - OWASA Board of Directors

Staff Present:

Dave Stancil; Marabeth Carr; Ardra Webster; -Orange County, Dept. of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation
Jim Orr and Linda Smith- Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation
Anita Jones-McNair, Wendell Rodgers - Carrboro Recreation & Parks
Stephanie Trueblood - Hillsborough Planning

Staff Absent:

Trish McGuire - Carrboro Planning

Guests:

Madan Gopal
Elaine King
Andy Kloiber
Matt Whittlow

Meeting was held at the Orange County Southern Human Services Center
A light meal of pizza, and drinks was provided.

Agenda Items / Notes (October 14, 2015)

1. Call to order

Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

2. Introductions

Introduction of members and staff

3. Introduction of Matt Whitlow / Recreation Resources Service (RRS)

- Matt is the Regional Recreation Consultant for the Central West Region; which includes Orange County (He recently joined RRS this past summer)
- He can be reached at mbwhitlo@ncsu.edu 919-513-6145
 - RRS concentrates on four types of services: technical assistance, field administration for the Land & Water Conservation Fund and the Park & Recreation Trust Fund, applied research and continuing education
 - The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) applications are due this year no later than May 2nd, 2016
 - PARTF funds are up from recent years to an estimated 7.2 Million available for local government grants
 - The Land and Water Conservation Fund has an estimated 1.0 Million for local government grants

4. Update: Phase II Parks Locator Map / Orange County Staff

- Staff met earlier today
- There will be two separate groups working on the development
 - Administrators – Orange County / Chris Dwindell (Tax Dept. Lead), Marabeth Carr, Rich Shaw and Beth Young from DEAPR; Town of Hillsborough / Stephaine Trueblood; Town of Carrboro / Wendell Rodgers; Town of Chapel Hill / Bill Webster
 - GIS Data Group – Orange County / Chris Dwindell and a designee from each jurisdiction to be determined at next GIS User Group meeting
 - Separate map from Parks Locator
 - Map will include identifying items such as- Type of Trail (urban or wooded); Trail System (which municipality); Trail Name; Maintainer; Surface; Length; ADA Assessable; Restroom; Parking; If biking permitted; If a segment of the Mountain To Sea system

5. Discussion Item: PowerPoint on Disc Golf Facilities / Madan Gopal; Elaine King and Andy Kloiber

(Elaine King is a four-time Women's World Champion)

- Rules and play similar to ball golf; Tee, approach, Complete each hole in as few throws as possible
- Disc golf uses different equipment – Discs and Baskets
- Hole length - Feet not yards
- Benefits - Social - Disc golf offers park guests a fun, exciting way to exercise with friends and family; Economical - Disc golf equipment is surprisingly inexpensive to install and maintain; Tourism - A well designed course draws disc golfers and their wallets from all over.
- Typical Costs for 18 Holes: Baskets-\$5,400; Tee Pads \$200-\$8,000; Signage \$500-\$1,500; Design \$0-\$10,000
- Can be constructed with volunteers
- Charlotte area has many courses- this area has very few; all are in the southern part of Orange County
- Parks and Rec Board in Hillsborough interested, but don't have enough space for 18 holes. Kings Highway a possibility but can only accommodate 9 holes
- A destination type of course is what is needed
- Moving baskets is a way to minimize environmental impact
- Standard is 1 to 1.5 acres per hole

6. Group Discussion / Topics for the Joint Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Orange County hosting this year – Date: March 2nd, 2016

Topics discussed (email Dave Stancil with any additional)

- Joint Funding
- Mountains to Sea Trail
- Trail Connections
- Economic Impact
- Coordinating Needs Assessments

7. Director Reports/Updates

A. City of Mebane – N/A

B. Town of Carrboro - Anita Jones-McNair (Director -Carrboro Recreation & Parks) & Wendell Rodgers

- October 16th and 17th is the West end Poetry Festival
- October 18th Arts and Crafts Bazar joint venture with High Street Partners
- October 30th Halloween Carnival
- Basketball courts finished at Baldwin Park
- Resurfaced tennis courts at Wilson Park
- Replaced bathrooms; new lighting and irrigation at Anderson Park

C. Orange County – Dave Stancil (Director Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture and Parks & Recreation)

- Halloween Spooktacular October 24th
- Fairview Park – BOCC wants to add more parking; will be a dedication to name the ballfield for James Stewart sometime this spring
- Blackwood Farm Park – Opened June 20th only opened Friday; Saturday and Sunday's
- Hollow Rock – Parking Area under construction; opening spring 2016
- Farm to Table Field Trip rescheduled for November

D. Town of Chapel Hill – Jim Orr (Director - Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation)

- Bolin Creek Trail under MLK - under construction
- Festifall was cancelled because of rain
- Residents to vote on 13 million dollar bond 5 million for trails and greenways and 8 million for rec facilities
- Aquatic Center to host a Dive in Movie
- Reorganization – Linda Smith new Assistant Director and Kevin Robertson new Parks Superintendent

E. Town of Hillsborough – Stephanie Trueblood - Hillsborough Planning

- Parks and Rec Board – study feasibility for a skate park; looking for possible sites
- Cates Creek Greenway study on hold
- Cates Creek Park playground equipment installed; dedication planned for the end of the year
- Riverwalk interpretive signage extending to other sites

F. Others

TLC – Bo Howes

- Brumley Nature Preserve 613 acre site applied for a RTP grant – set to open 2016

7. Adjournment 7:05 – 2016 Meeting Dates 2/10; 4/13 and 10/12