

AGENDA

Orange County Parks and Recreation Council

(Gina Reyman, Chair; Mikki Fleming, Vice-Chair; Jessie Birkhead; Chris Colvin; Greg Hughes; Rod Jones, Bob Smith; Tim Tippin, Rebecca Truluck; Xilong Zhao; Natalie Ziemba; Andrea Zimmerman)

**October 5, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

***Davis Environment and Agricultural Center Board Room
1020 US 70 West
Hillsborough, NC***

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Title</u> |
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| 6:30 | I. | Call to Order |
| 6:31 | II. | Review of Meeting Notes/Additions to Agenda a. Meeting Summary – September 7 |
| 6:35 | III. | Report of the Chair a. Welcome to New Member – Andrea Zimmerman |
| 6:45 | IV. | New Business a. Incorporating Cultural/Historic Resources into Parks (<i>Peter Sandbeck, Cultural Resources Coordinator</i>) b. P&R Master Plan 2030 - Brainstorming Session #2 <i>1. Recommendations 1-4 – How Have We Done?</i> c. Recommendation for Youth Delegate Member |
| 7:35 | V. | Old Business a. Nature of Orange Photo Contest Update / Parks Tour Update |
| 7:45 | VI. | Report of the Director a. Updates b. November Meeting Plans |
| 7:55 | VII. | Council and Committee Reports a. Intergovernmental Parks Work Group (next mtg October 12) b. Items from the Council |
| 8:00 | VIII. | Adjournment Next Meeting: November 2 (6:30 pm, Animal Services Center Meeting Room. Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill) |

Draft Meeting Summary – Parks and Recreation Council September 7, 2022

Bonnie B. Davis Environment and Agricultural Center- Hillsborough, NC

Members Present: Gina Reyman (Chair), Mikki Fleming (Vice-Chair), Jessie Birkhead, Greg Hughes, Rod Jones, Tim Tippin, Becca Truluck, Xilong Zhao (via Zoom), Natalie Ziemba; Bob Smith

Members Absent: Chris Colvin

Staff: David Stancil, Kalani Allen

Chair Gina Reyman called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. She asked that members do an introduction of themselves and the interests they have in Parks and Recreation. David Stancil asked that an additional item be discussed on the agenda about the youth delegate position. Reyman approved the additional item.

Review of Meeting Summary/Additions to Agenda:

- a. No changes or additions to meeting summary. The Council accepted the meeting summary from August 10th meeting.

Report of the Chair:

- a. **Update on Recruitment /Vacancies-** Reyman introduced this item and noted that there is one vacancy for the Chapel Hill Township position on the Council. The Council discussed the one applicant available for this position. Members decided to continue recruitment efforts for additional applicants and wait another month before bringing the applicant forward to the BOCC.
- b. **Youth Delegate-** Kalani Allen discussed that there are three applications for the youth delegate position. The board decided to have these applications be sent to members to review and the Council will make a vote at the October meeting.

New Business:

- a. **P&R Master Plan 2030- Brainstorming Session #1 (Changed Conditions/Surveys) -** Stancil facilitated a discussion as a brainstorming session on the changed conditions and surveys from the 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Stancil said that the overall outcome of this mid plan review would be to identify what kind of surveys might be needed in 2023 for residents. A total of 4200 surveys were distributed to Orange County residents prior to the completion of the Master Plan. There were also follow up surveys online and targeted surveys and focus groups. Discussion starter questions included “what did the 2012-13 surveys tell us?”, “have needs and issues been addressed from the surveys”, and “what focus areas do we see for a 2022-2023 follow up survey.” Stancil talked about the demographics of participants of the survey. One issue shown in the survey results was that it was a countywide survey, including the 67% of county residents who lived in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and who completed surveys not familiar with Orange County parks or recreation activities. Reyman provided feedback on the takeaway from the 2013-2014 surveys. She emphasized that there has been population growth and that any new survey efforts should be presented to areas that were underrepresented in the past. Greg Hughes added that questions related to post-pandemic needs such as facility usage at Orange County public schools should be included. Becca Truluck said that there should be a re-evaluation of recreation activities that residents would want and Jessie Birkhead agreed. She emphasized that in a post-pandemic era there is a greater awareness for outside recreation resources, and that the PRC should see what those people wish to see in the future. Stancil said there was a 12% response from the statistical random-sample surveys, which is normal. Mikki Fleming asked would there be plans to optimize the mid-plan survey for mobile devices as underrepresented residents may not have access to home internet but could participate via mobile device phone carrier internet.

The discussion also included answers to the question of “Have we addressed the needs and issues for further study.” Members provided apparent new needs such as more pickle ball courts, swim facilities, Rod Jones shared that as a youth growing up in Orange County he and his family utilized Camp New Hope swimming pool as others were not accessible. Birckhead brought forth the question about staff numbers as it related to the level of service, for issues for further study. As a former government employee she asked what is the forecasting for DEAPR staff to sustain the level of services, and expansion for activities and park maintenance. Natalie Ziemba said that the answer to Birckhead question maybe be quality over quantity as it relates to staff. Truluck questioned about what can be done about staff retention. Fleming ended the conversation on issues of further study with emphasis of safety and the need for cameras and similar security at parks and recreation facilities.

- b. **Plan for Tour of Orange County Parks** – Stancil spoke on the previous plan to tour Orange County Parks. Members showed interest in the idea of a tour. DEAPR staff will send out dates in October for members to decide what works for most members. Birckhead suggested that the tour start in Northern Orange and focus on north of I-85 and all members agreed.

Old Business:

- a. **Nature of Orange 2022 Photo Contest**– Allen gave a review of the Nature of Orange Photo Contest, including number of participants in each category. She provided information of the upcoming contest with plans to start the new contest in November.
- b. **PRC- Volunteer/Steward Opportunities** - Reyman asked Truluck of the ideas she had as a project for the Council to do collectively. Truluck said she was interested in opportunities for parks cleanup for example. She explained she did sign up for the Parks Conservation Volunteer Stewardship. Stancil said that he would send an email to the park managers to see if there are any stewardship opportunities for the Council. Stancil also said there are may be an opportunity upcoming at Soccer.com Center for members to participate in, such as being parking attendants.

Report of the Director-

- a. **Project and Budget/CIP Updates**- Stancil gave an update that delays at Blackwood included supply change issues yet he is hopeful that the opening date could be in late October. Birckhead asked him if there was any update on the Perry Hills community park. Stancil said that BOCC Chair Renee Price and Commissioner McKee are meeting with community leaders to discuss an organized community meeting.
- b. **October Meeting Plans** – DEAPR staff member Peter Sandbeck presentation, Youth Delegate applicants, and Mid Plan review brainstorming session.

Council and Committee Reports:

- a. **Intergovernmental Parks Work Group** (next mtg October 12)
- b. **Items from the Council-**
- c. **Friends of Orange County Parks and Recreation (FOPR)** – No update. Reyman asked that this be removed as an agenda item on future meeting agendas. She said when the group does have information to share she will ask that it be on the agenda at that time. The Council agreed.

Adjournment: Reyman adjourned meeting at 7:52 pm.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2022 at the Bonnie B. Davis Building.

RESOLUTION OF AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Be It Resolved and Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Orange County, North Carolina:

WHEREAS, the Orange County Parks and Recreation Council, an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners, has proposed an amendment to the Orange County Code of Ordinances to allow an additional non-voting member; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Council sees the value of having the perspective of a youth member on the Council, as youth are a large part of the constituency and users of County recreation programs and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners also sees the value of having a youth representative to advise and provide feedback on County recreation activities and park facilities, promoting a diversity of age for the Council's future work, and hereby determines that Chapter 26 of the Orange County Code of Ordinances should be amended accordingly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, that the Code of Ordinances, Orange County, North Carolina, Chapter 26, is hereby amended to add new language to subsections 26-115 and 26-117 as shown in the attached to provide for the addition of a non-voting youth member to the Parks and Recreation Council, to help provide diversity and perspective of local youth for the deliberations and work of the Council, with applications for such new member to be solicited by the Clerk to the Board's Office for future consideration and appointment.

This Amendment shall become effective on May 31, 2022.

Adopted by the Orange County Board of Commissioners this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

By:

Renee A. Price

Renee Price, Chair
Orange County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Laura Jensen

Laura Jensen, Clerk to the Board



Kalani Allen

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Tara May; Kalani Allen; David Stancil
Subject: [EXTERNAL MAIL!] Online Form Submittal: Youth Delegate Application for the Orange County Parks & Recreation Council

Youth Delegate Application for the Orange County Parks & Recreation Council

Attention:

This application is solely for individuals ages 13-17 applying for the youth delegate position on the Orange County Parks and Recreation Council.

If you are applying for any other position on this board or another board, please use the following application instead:

<https://www4.orangecountync.gov/boards/application.asp>

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant First Name Emery
Applicant Last Name Polk
Applicant Street Address 122 A Estes Drive
City Carrboro
State North Carolina
Zip Code 27511
Applicant Phone Number 9842341600
Applicant Email Address Polkemery@gmail.com

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Parent/Legal Guardian First Name Brian
Parent/Legal Guardian Last Name Polk

Parent/Legal Guardian Street Address 122 A Estes Drive

City Carrboro

State North Carolina

Zip Code 27511

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number 9192105428

Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address briannpolk@gmail.com

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What year did you become a resident of Orange County? 2011

We ask your help in assuring diversity of membership by answering the following questions:

Gender Identity Female

Racial/Ethnic Background White

Please list your current community activities and organizational memberships: N/A

Please list the Orange County Advisory Boards that you are currently serving on or that you have served on in the past: N/A

How did you become aware of Orange County volunteer opportunities? Word of mouth

If other, how? N/A

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Please explain how your background, experience, As a girl scout of over six years, I have plenty of experience surrounding local parks, trails, and camping sites. Along with

and interest is relevant to the Parks and Recreation Council:

my girl scout experience, I have been homeschooled from a young age and have frequently used recreational programs to enrich my schooling experience. I am also a dog owner and trainer and love to use parks as a way to prove my dog's obedience.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the Parks and Recreation Council:

I would love to use my decade of experience with Orange County parks to give back to my community. I would love to see how I can improve my community and make it more accessible to all people.

How would your participation on the Parks & Recreation Council contribute to its diversity of viewpoints?

I am an activist for inclusion, especially for those with disabilities. I also think I have a unique viewpoint on many issues.

Do you have an person or business interest(s) that could create a conflict of interest (either real or perceived) if you are appointed to this board?

No

If yes, then please explain:

N/A

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Parent/Legal Guardian Last Name Shinn

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City MEBANE
State NC
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What year did you become a resident of Orange County? 2009

We ask your help in assuring diversity of membership by answering the following questions:

Gender Identity Male

Racial/Ethnic Background White

Please list your current community activities and organizational memberships: Boy Scout Troop 835, former Cub Scout with Pack 438 in Hillsborough. Volunteer for PORCH. Recreational swim team 3+ years.

Please list the Orange County Advisory Boards that you are currently serving on or that you have served on in the past: none

How did you become aware of Orange County volunteer opportunities? e-Newsletter

If other, how? *Field not completed.*

Please explain how your background, experience, I have volunteered to help with picking up and trimming/general cleaning at multiple state parks and my old elementary school.

and interest is relevant to the Parks and Recreation Council:

Please explain why you would like to serve on the Parks and Recreation Council:

Because I've always liked playing on some of the parks in the area and would love to contribute to the future of them.

How would your participation on the Parks & Recreation Council contribute to its diversity of viewpoints?

I have a really good sense of relism and love to make my voice known and love to work with others and can come up with some really wacky creative ideas

Do you have an person or business interest(s) that could create a conflict of interest (either real or perceived) if you are appointed to this board?

No

If yes, then please explain:

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Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address anacarina.fratta@gmail.com

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What year did you become a resident of Orange County? 2021

We ask your help in assuring diversity of membership by answering the following questions:

Gender Identity Female

Racial/Ethnic Background Hispanic

Please list your current community activities and organizational memberships: Volunteer as a grant-writer and a tutor at El Centro Hispano; Vice President of Champion Student Volunteer Club at Champion Education; member of local youth group.

Please list the Orange County Advisory Boards that you are currently serving on or that you have served on in the past: N/A

How did you become aware of Orange County volunteer opportunities? Word of mouth

If other, how? *Field not completed.*

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Please explain how your background, experience, My interest in the natural world stretches as far back as I can remember, from nature walks as a child in Canada to my

and interest is relevant to the Parks and Recreation Council:

garden here in Chapel Hill. As I've considered my choice to study botany and its relation to ecology, I've come to understand the importance of our effects on nature and its effects on us: the former, through research conducted through NCSSM's Summer Ventures program, a free program for academically talented students in North Carolina, and through my exploration of sustainability, which earned me the title of Borlaug Scholar and Student Delegate in the 2022 Global Youth Institute organized by the World Food Prize foundation; the latter, through personal exploration into the biophilia hypothesis for essays which have been recognized on a regional level. I hope to combine these interests in nature and sustainability with my experiences as a community builder through the Parks and Recreation Council.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the Parks and Recreation Council:

Exposure to nature has been proven to have beneficial effects in people in a variety of ways, from emotional health to pain tolerance. I strongly believe that access to greenery is a right, not a privilege, and is a key part of community service. I would love to join the Parks and Recreation Council in order to contribute to this service in whichever ways I can. In a more personal capacity, I am considering a career in law, and am interested in government workings relation to the environment in small and large scales.

How would your participation on the Parks & Recreation Council contribute to its diversity of viewpoints?

I grew up between French-speaking Canada, Italy, and recently, the Triangle. I also traveled frequently throughout my childhood, as most of my family is spread across the world. As such, I have a background the lends itself to a uniquely global worldview, which nonetheless can be applied to many corners of the world.

Do you have an person or business interest(s) that could create a conflict of interest (either real or perceived) if you are appointed to this board?

No

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