

Meeting Summary – Parks and Recreation Council February 2, 2022

Virtual Meeting- Zoom

Members Present: John Greeson (Chair), Xilong Zhao (Vice-Chair), Chris Colvin, Natalie Ziemba, Robert “Bob” Smith, Mikki Fleming, Gina Reyman, Tim Tippin, Haywood Rhodes

Members Absent: Greg Hughes, Alice Armstrong

Staff: David Stancil, Beth Young, Kalani Allen

Guest: Anita Jones-McNair

Chair John Greeson called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Review of Meeting Notes, Additions to Agenda:

- a. No changes or additions to meeting summary. David Stancil asked Chair John Greeson if Anita Jones-McNair presentation could be moved to the first item of the agenda for the meeting. With no objections from council members this was done.

New business:

- a. **One Orange Racial Equity Framework**-(Anita Jones-McNair, Town of Carrboro Recreation, Parks and Culture Resources, Director and Racial Equity Officer) - Anita Jones-McNair presented the One Orange Racial Equity Framework that has been approved by all jurisdictions. She provided an introduction and an overview of the racial equity plan. In her overview she explained the mission statement, priorities of the plan, and the pillars the plan incorporates to achieve the catalyst for change as it relates to racial equity. Member Gina Reyman asked how the framework would show progress as it relates to accountability. Jones-McNair stated that the accountability evaluation section would evaluate the progress and view steps to make it better. Member Tim Tippin added how he learned about the council and was interested in learning about the community boards Jones-McNair discussed, to advertise vacancies to gain more diverse members. Jones-McNair reiterated and agreed that community message boards and liaisons share information, which is helpful. She explained that there is a richness that comes from having diverse community members on advisory boards. She said that there has been a struggle for diversity as it relates to boards and councils, but hopes that this framework will help gain more interest from the community. Other questions from the council included what the progress is in reaching out to less known communities such as the Asian American population in the county. Jones-McNair ended her presentation by acknowledging that this framework is a journey for all in Orange County, and welcomed more questions and feedback any time.

Report of the Chair:

- a. **Council Membership**- The council agreed after the framework presentation, to do outreach in the month of February to reach more diverse applicants. The council discussed ways to reach community members, such as the creation of posters. Beth

Young, DEAPR Communications Manager, said that she would reach out to the Orange County graphic designer to create marketing to promote the PRC advisory board.

New Business:

- b. **Propose Youth Delegate Proposal/Memo-** After a discussion of the draft proposal for a non-voting youth delegate member, Tippin moved to accept the proposal and Vice Chair Xilong Zhao seconded the motion. The council approved the draft proposal unanimously to be sent to the BOCC.

Old Business:

- a. **Potential Mini-Park Proposal**– Stancil provided an overview of a mini park idea in the Perry Hills community on a two acre lot owned by Orange County. The potential park would be located along Lancaster and Frazier Road in the western part of the county. He explained that this will go forward as a possible addition to the Capital Investment Plan (CIP), per conversations with the BOCC, community members and the county manager.

Report of the Director-

- a. **Project/Program Updates- Outside Agency Applications-** Stancil gave a summary of the process advisory boards use to score proposals from Outside Agency for funding from the county. He asked for ideas from the council on how the board would like to review the applications, since there are a total of five agency applications. The members decided to have applications be sent prior to the March meeting to review and score on their own, then come to the meeting prepared to discuss their individual scores. **Orange County Trails Plan-** Stancil stated that there are plans being formulated to create a county trails or countywide bike pedestrian and trails plan in fiscal year 2022/2023, possibly in fall 2022.
- b. **March 2 Meeting Agenda Items** – Outside Agency scoring, Chair election, vacancies outreach.

Council and Committee Reports:

- a. **Intergovernmental Parks Work Group** (next mtg April 13)
- b. **Items from the Council-** None
- c. **Friends of Orange County Parks and Recreation (FOPR)** – No meeting was held the previous month. Reyman said she would give a full report at the April meeting and solicited new members.

Next Meeting: March 2, 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Chair Greeson adjourned meeting at 8:12pm.