

***CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION October 3, 2016***

**Present** –Kendra Van Pelt, Ben Kittelson, Tamara Sanders, Barbara Cudmore, Mark Vandegrift, and Becki Cleveland – Commission Members, Ryan Byars – potential Commission Member, Jacquelyn Gist - Board of Aldermen Liaison, David Stancil - Orange County staff and Anita Jones-McNair – staff.

**Call the meeting to order** - Kittelson then called the meeting to order at 7:02p.

**Approval of the minutes** – Kittelson asked if anyone had changes or questions about the minutes from the last meeting, September 12, 2016. There were no corrections or questions presented. Sanders motioned to accept the minutes and Van Pelt seconded, the vote was unanimous.

**Communications and/or Speakers from the Floor** – Kittelson called for communications and/or speakers from the floor. Hearing none, Kittelson moved on to new business.

**New Business** – Kittelson called for new business. Jones-McNair introduced David Stancil, Director of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation for Orange County. He provided an overview of Twin Creeks Park and Greenway. This complex includes leisure and educational components. The master plan was adopted in 2005 and revisited in 2009. The park includes undeveloped land. The question was asked would the county be interested in partnering to develop a pump track somewhere on the property? Stancil mentioned they are willing to consider partnerships and that various groups have approached the County with similar interests. The commission then discussed the possibility of reaching out to Carrboro Parks Project concerning a pump track fundraising venture in Twin Creeks. Kittelson will reach out to Neal Bench, Chair of the Orange County Parks and Recreation Council to see if they would be interested in a joint venture. Then Jones-McNair will invite Carrboro Parks Project to the next meeting to discuss this project.

**Old Business** – Kittelson called for old business. Sanders provided a summary of the Little Free Library Ribbon Cutting. Cleveland volunteered to periodically check the box in terms of replenishing. Jones-McNair mentioned at least 3 boxes of books remain in park storage. Vandegrift will complete and submit the Book Harvest Donation form.

Van Pelt mentioned a new announcement for the Tutoring program is being shared on WCHL. It was suggested to stop announcing during the fall and winter and launch advertisements again in the spring.

**Report by Chair and Director** – Kittelson called for reports. Jones-McNair announced department staff will begin software training for Rec Trac on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The same capabilities are available for the community and staff – registration, registration and reporting. The new software is scheduled to launch on January 2, 2017. Jones-McNair thanked Dennis Joines for his many years of service and delaying his retirement. He was originally scheduled to retire in August. She also mentioned the department is still negotiating the construction design contract for Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

**Considerations for next and future meetings** – Twin Creeks Park discussion.

**Adjournment** – Kittelson called to adjourn the meeting. Vandegrift motioned to adjourn, Cleveland second and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.