

03-06-2019 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #3: Affirm the Non-Profits Friends of the Library and Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department and Authorize the Town Manager to Enter into Performance Agreements with these Groups

Council Question: Does or has the Town maintain(ed) this sort of performance agreement with any other non-profit organizations? If so, can a copy of another performance agreement be provided?

Staff Response: *The Town regularly enters into performance agreements with non-profits such as Launch, FRANK Gallery, Kidzu, and others who receive Town funds. The Town has been using event-specific agreements with the Friends of the Library and project-specific agreements with Friends of Parks and Recreation. The Town also enters into Performance Agreements with agencies that are awarded funds through Human Services, Community Development Block Grants, the Affordable Housing Fund, and the Affordable Housing Development Reserve. For examples, you can visit the [Human Services Program page](#)¹ and see the funding awards at the bottom of the page.*

The primary difference between those agreements and the ones with the Friends groups is that the Friends would not be receiving funding from the Town. Instead, these non-profits are raising or receiving outside funding designated for Town programs and projects.

Council Question: How long have the Friends of the Chapel Hill Library and the Friends of the Parks & Rec Department been in existence?

Staff Response: *The Friends of the Library started with a loose gathering of people in the 1950s, which was then formally organized with the ratification of by-laws in 1961. Friends of Parks and Recreation was established in 1989 and received final 501(c)3 designation in 1991.*

¹ <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/government/boards-commissions/standing-boards-commissions/human-services/agency-funding>