

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Young, Kristen Smith
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: FW: Letter re: Downtown Partnership request
Attachments: 032422 Letter on Downtown Partnership Proposal.pdf
Categories: Agenda Packet Process

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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From: Young, Kristen Smith <kristen@unc.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 11:22 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Letter re: Downtown Partnership request

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Mayor Hemminger and members of Town Council,

Please see the attached letter regarding the Downtown Partnership's recent request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Kristen Smith Young '02

Director of Community Relations

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March 24, 2022

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council members,

We are writing to you as University leaders who are connected to downtown through managing University properties, [welcoming visitors at our Visitors Center](#), [planning for the new Innovation District](#), [opening the Innovation Hub](#) to support the entrepreneurs of Carolina and Chapel Hill as well as recruiting new businesses, and [developing Porthole Alley](#) to serve as a gateway between the community and campus.

Our vision is that downtown Chapel Hill be the best it can be to support our students, faculty, staff and visitors, and to help the Town of Chapel Hill become an even more economically and socially vibrant community. **We want to express our support of the Downtown Partnership's request to fund a "clean and safe team" to work downtown.**

Our retailers, restaurants and offices need a vibrant place to welcome employees, clients and visitors. Everyone currently located downtown is doing what they can to create a positive experience with the help of the Downtown Partnership. However, the Partnership needs extra staffing to ensure that our business service district is clean, so that our business owners can focus on their work. Having a clean downtown will also help us recruit future business owners to locate downtown.

We are grateful to Town staff for their continued partnership around the [Carolina Economic Development Strategy](#) and [Downtown Together](#). Ensuring that Franklin and Rosemary Streets and every alleyway between are free from trash and other obstacles will help to create spaces where businesses can be successful and continue to support our students and staff. **Please consider adding the Downtown Partnership's request to the FY22-23 budget.**

Gordon Merklein
Associate Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Campus Enterprises

Tanya Moore
Associate Vice Chancellor, University Communications

Sheryl Waddell
Interim Director of Economic Development, Innovate Carolina

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 1:08 PM
To: rob@ocasl.org
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: FW: Cedar Falls Park
Attachments: Request_Council_Cedar_Falls_fields.pdf

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rob Smith <rob@ocasl.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann <pfleischmann@townofchapelhill.org>; Manager <manager@townofchapelhill.org>; Sarah Poulton <spoulton@townofchapelhill.org>; Michael Troutman <mtroutman@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Cedar Falls Park

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Good afternoon Mayor Hemminger and the Chapel Hill Town Council,

Please see the attached document submitted by our local sports organizations regarding the condition of Cedar Falls multi-purpose fields. Thank you for your consideration.

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Rob Smith (He/Him)
Orange County Adult Soccer League
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April 13, 2022

Mayor Hemminger and Town Council
Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members:

The multi-purpose synthetic turf fields at Cedar Falls Park were originally installed in 2013 and are past their life span due to heavy utilization by many sports programs. Their current condition is troubling. A growing number of players, parents of players, and coaches are raising concerns about their continued use. As the grass fibers have continued to break down due to age and heavy (but anticipated) use, the crum rubber infill material is increasingly exposed and compaction of the surface is a great concern for safety. We are concerned that if the field surface is not replaced quickly – within the next several months – that the fields will become unusable due to safety or maintenance concerns.

We request that the Town of Chapel Hill fund the complete replacement of the synthetic turf at the site from American Rescue Plan funds or another readily available source so that the fields can remain in use for the next (up to) ten year period. We recommend that the Town utilize the cork infill material used several years ago at Homestead Park when completing the project. The cork infill is more environmentally friendly and safer than traditional crumb rubber material.

The fields at Cedar Falls Park are crucial to our sports programs' operations and ability to continue to serve area residents with quality opportunities. Collectively, our clubs serve thousands of individuals living in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County playing sports such as soccer, field hockey, rugby, and lacrosse. There are no suitable other locations in the area that our programs could use if these fields were to be closed. Additionally, we are aware that the field rentals at Cedar Falls are a significant source of revenue for the Town, typically generating \$200,000 per year from rental fees. Closure of the fields would result in the loss of this revenue.

We further request that the Town identify funds to pave the parking area at Cedar Falls Park. With the current gravel surface, potholes continue to be problematic and routinely cause issues for vehicles passing within the lot. The planned renovation of the tennis courts will bring additional visitors to this already busy site, which will cause more wear and tear on the existing unpaved surface. We are concerned that the condition of the parking lot will deteriorate further causing more concerns with the families that we serve.

Thank you for your consideration of what we believe to be important requests for the benefit of our community and park system.

Signed:

Robert Smith, Executive Director, Orange County Adult Soccer League

Randy Smith, Senior Sports & Outreach Director, Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA

Stephanie Walker, Operations Supervisor, North Carolina FC Youth

Mike Strand, Executive Director, Triangle United Soccer

Mike Hickey, Executive Director, Rainbow Soccer

Drew Kepley, Director of Soccer, Rainbow Soccer

Cc: Maurice Jones, Town Manager
Sarah Poulton, Special Projects Manager, Town of Chapel Hill
Phil Fleischmann, Parks & Recreation Director

Amy Harvey

From: Brenton Hodge
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Amy Harvey
Subject: FW: Memo to Town Council from Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission
Attachments: Parks Greenways and Recreation Commission Memo to Mayor and Town Council Regarding Morgan Creek Greenway East Funds March22.pdf

Categories: Agenda Packet Process

Brenton Hodge

From: Steelman, Tyler Scott <tsteelman@unc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Brenton Hodge <bhodge@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Marcia Purvis <mpurvis@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Memo to Town Council from Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission

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Good afternoon,

I hope this message find you well.

I have attached a memo for the Town Council on behalf of the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission regarding the use of town funds for the construction of the East Section of the Morgan Creek Greenway.

Thank you,

Tyler Steelman, Chair
Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Tyler Steelman, Chair
Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission

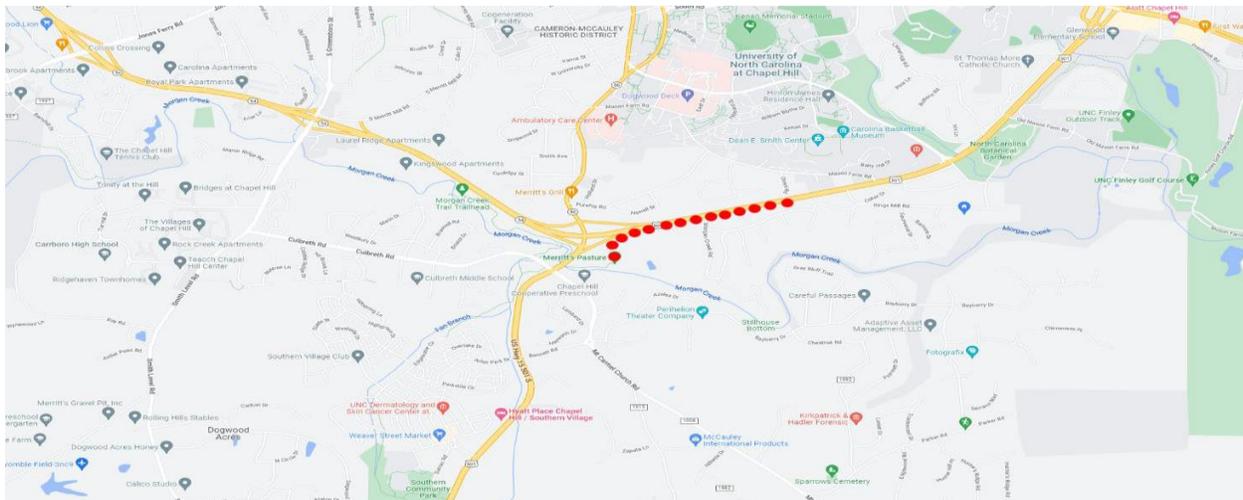
SUBJECT: Town's Excess Funds

DATE: March 16, 2022

On March 15, 2022, the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission voted unanimously 9-0 to forward to the Council a request to allocate funding from the American Rescue Plan Act or any other source which is readily available for the East Section of the Morgan Creek Greenway. The Commission desires to see this crucial link in the Town's southern trail network funded and constructed quickly.

This section adds .4 mile to the existing greenway, connects eastward to Merritt's Pasture, and links to Meadowmont, Eastgate, and beyond. This action is consistent with the joint Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission and Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board action/endorsement on March 16, 2021, and is a project identified in the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.

Approximately ten community members participated in the 3/15 meeting to support the project.



Members Present: Tyler Steelman, (Chair), Leah Boucher (Vice Chair), Alice Armstrong, Jeanette Bench, Hallie Cherry, William Kaiser, Lydia Kivihya-Ndugga, Wes McMahan, and Renuka Soll.