

Project Updates

September 2020

Advisory Board Updates

Advisory Boards will make recommendations in September and October for current vacancies and for those members with terms ending on November 30. The Council will make appointments in October and November. Seek details from your staff liaison.

Planning

Transportation Projects

- a. Franklin Street Temporary Lane Closure – Staff is evaluating the lane reallocation and listening to feedback from downtown stakeholders. The change will be in place until at least the Town Council's first September meeting.
- b. Estes Drive – The plans for this project as at 100% and will be submitted to NCDOT soon for final approval. Construction has been delayed by budget issues at NCDOT. The Town expects the funds will be available next fiscal year, and is ready to begin construction once they are made available.
- c. Elliott Road Extension – The Town has taken over management of the project and awarded a bid on the extension. Work will begin soon.
- d. Fordham Boulevard Sidepath – Park Planning worked with Transportation and Planning Staff to prepare and post a survey to receive input from stakeholders on two concept plans for traffic calming in the Little Ridgefield Neighborhood. The survey ran through August 21. Staff is reviewing the results and will hold a public meeting later this fall to update community members on the project progress and respond to comments received through the survey. More information can be found on the [Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project | Town of Chapel Hill, NC](#) webpage.

Long-Range Projects

- a. 160D – Chapter 160D of NC General Statutes was signed into law in 2019. Before July 1, 2021, it is necessary for the Town to update the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) and other sections of the Town Code to continue operating in compliance with State law. Staff is working to provide updates to the Town Council and will be scheduling information sessions in the near future. Additional information is available on the [Town's website](#).
- b. Future Land Use Map (FLUM) – Charting Our Future - After [engagement efforts](#) on the current draft of the FLUM during the summer, the Town Council will be considering changes to the FLUM, particularly the Focus Area Maps, on September 9, 2020. Following Council's deliberations, the FLUM will be revised as directed.

The schedule for FLUM adoption is as follows:

- Planning Commission update on September 15, 2020;
- Town Council public hearing on October 7, 2020;
- Planning Commission consideration of the FLUM on October 20, 2020; and,
- Town Council consideration for adoption on October 28, 2020.

This schedule is tight, and as a result, adoption may be pushed back slightly, but the FLUM is on track for adoption in the near term. Please visit the [Project website](#) for additional information.

Parks and Recreation

- Bolin Creek Greenway: Bridge repair work continues on the second bridge connecting Bolinwood Drive and the Community Center. The 2' wide temporary bridge offers an alternative means of connectivity during the bridge closure. We anticipate the trail portion of the project will be wrapping up this fall. Please see [Bolin Creek Trail Phase 3A Construction | Town of Chapel Hill, NC](#) webpage.
- Fordham Sidewalk Project: Public Works is completing patching on the existing asphalt section of the sidewalk by Cleland Drive. Chapelboro featured a story about this work on July 26; to view the article, click [here](#). Park Planning worked with Transportation and Planning Staff to prepare and post a survey to receive input from stakeholders on two concept plans for traffic calming in the Little Ridgefield Neighborhood. The survey ran through August 21. Staff is reviewing the results and will hold a public meeting later this fall to update community members on the project progress and respond to comments received through the survey. More information can be found on the [Fordham Boulevard Sidewalk Project | Town of Chapel Hill, NC](#) webpage.
- Little Free Pantry at Homestead Park: A Carrboro High School student has completed the little free pantry at Homestead Park. Visitors can now drop off or pick up non-perishable food items and personal supplies. See the photo of the new addition below.
- Playground Replacement at Burlington and North Forest Hills Parks: Staff has received input from community members on vendor's options for the playground equipment and made a recommendation on awarding the contract to the purchasing team. Construction will commence this fall.

Sustainability

- LED Streetlight Installation Project – 1947 lights have been replaced so far with LEDs, which covers the standard streetlights in town.
- Climate Action Plan – The Town has an opinion survey open for community feedback until August 31st, and staff is currently reviewing information from the project consultant.
- Coal Ash Remediation – The Town has completed cleanup of the lower portion of the Police Station site along Bolin Creek Trail, and are working to install additional remediation measures to stabilize the embankment and control the flow of stormwater from the Police Station parking lot.

Stormwater Management

- Booker Creek Basin Park – The Booker Creek Basin Park Project is about 30% completed. The grading of the flood storage project is underway and should be completed by end of September with the walkway and bridges being installed in October. Final grading and planting to be completed by the end of the year.
- Cedar Fork Subwatershed Study – The draft report is being reviewed by staff and will be available for public comment on the project website in the near future.
- Eastwood Lake Subwatershed Study – The report has been posted on the [project website](#) for public comment, and is open for public feedback. We anticipate the study going before Council later this fall.

Housing & Community

- Housing and Community Annual Report – The Town has released its Housing and Community Annual Report for FY 2020, available at <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showdocument?id=46529>.

Active Petitions

To see the current status of all petitions, visit <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/mayor-and-council/how-to-submit-a-petition/petition-status>.

Recent petitions submitted by advisory boards:

Community Design Commission:

Request to Create a Downtown Design District – Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.

Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission:

Request to Designate all 36.2 Acres of the American Legion Property for Use as a Community Park – This request will be incorporated into the public engagement process for the future use of the site.

Planning Commission:

Request Regarding Payments in Lieu for Pedestrian/Biking Improvements – Staff is preparing information to respond to this request.