

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 11, 2003

TITLE: Discussion of Process to Update the Recreation and Parks Master Plan

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Recreation and Parks Master Plan Course of Action C. Unofficial Minutes from the 11/3/03 Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting D. Park Planning Goals E. Request for Proposal Consideration F. Minutes from the 8/24/93 Board of Aldermen Meeting	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to review the proposed process to update the Recreation and Parks Master Plan. During the September 16, 2003 Board of Aldermen meeting staff was requested to prepare an agenda item to discuss the RFQ process and action plan for this project.

INFORMATION

The Board of Aldermen approved funds to update the Recreation and Parks Master Plan on September 16, 2003. The Board also requested staff to develop a plan of action for review and consideration.

The first comprehensive plan was prepared by Woolpert, a professional park planning firm in October 1994. The current master plan does not include facilities such as Hillsborough Road Neighborhood Park, Smith Middle School Soccer field and the Century Center. The updated plan will include facilities acquired and/or developed after a 1994 private recreation facilities inventory and analyze how these new facilities and other Orange County recreational facility renovations, developments, acquisitions, and programming strategies impact Carrboro. The plan will also include a greenway master plan.

Attached is a course of action approved by the Recreation and Park Commission. (Attachments B & C) The course of action was developed based on the initial process that was completed in 1994. The course of action includes formulating a Recreation and Parks Master Plan Management Group, reviewing and updating the previous process (Attachments D & E) and completing this project. The consulting firm will work closely with the committee to update the current plan by hosting public forums, reviewing the current plan, and examining documents such as the Small Area Plan for Carrboro's Northern Study Area, the Report of the Master Recreation and Parks Work Group, Carrboro Vision 2020 and Carrboro's Greenway Planning Report.

FISCAL IMPACT: None at this time.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the course of action to update the Recreation and Parks Master Plan.