

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2006

TITLE: Review of the Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: YES/NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting C. Final Draft of Master Plan	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair 918-7381

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to review the Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan. Jon Wood of HadenStanziale will make the presentation.

INFORMATION

On September 16, 2003, the Board of Aldermen approved funding to update the Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan. The initial plan was completed in 1994. On November 11, 2003, the Board authorized staff to proceed with the process of updating this plan. During the greenway planning review discussion on December 16, 2003, the Board wanted to ensure that the greenway element of the updated plan include Tom's Creek and upper reaches of the Bolin Creek Basin. The Board also requested that the consultant use a facilitated process to complete the plan involving the citizens. On March 16, 2004, the Board approved the appointments to The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Management Group (RPMPG):

- Diana McDuffee, Chair and former Board of Aldermen
- John Herrera, Board of Aldermen
- Doris Murrell, Recreation and Parks Commission
- Marianne Nicholson, Recreation and Parks Commission
- Randee Haven O'Donnell, Board of Aldermen (former Planning Board member)
- Salli Benedict, Friend of Bolin Creek, Recreation and Parks Commission
- Allen Spalt, Morgan Creek Valley Alliance
- Charlie Hileman, Transportation Advisory Board – replaced Chris Van Hasselt
- Bill Bussey, Triangle Greenways Council

The overall objective of the group was to work with the consultants and staff in updating the master plan. On June 15, 2004 the Board approved the Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan RFQ process and on November 9th awarded the \$25,000 professional planning services contract to HadenStanziale. The RPMPG Kick-Off Meeting was held on November 29, 2004. The group met a total of four times during this process. After the initial meeting, staff began gathering information for analysis. HadenStanziale developed a facility inventory and citizen survey that was used throughout the process. The Open House Sessions were held on April 9 & 13, 2005 for the community. The survey was available

during the sessions, at Carrboro Day, distributed in the schools and available on the website in English and Spanish. After the information was compiled; including citizen input; the consultants developed a draft document and five maps that were reviewed by the Work Group numerous times. The RPMPG met on February 6, 2006 to review the final document. The last draft is included for your consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Alderman adopt the resolution approving the master plan.