

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: March 4th, 2008

TITLE: Request to Raise Funds To Design, Purchase and Install a Disc Golf Course at Anderson Park

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: YES/NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Map of Proposed Course Layout	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381 Brendan Moore-918-7392

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a request by the Carrboro Parks Project (CPP) to raise funds to design, purchase and install a disc golf course at Anderson Park. The town staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the CPP to raise funds for a project that can provide an additional recreational amenity and revenue stream. Susan Stone will present this item.

INFORMATION

In May 2007 members of the local disc golf community approached the Recreation and Parks Department in regards to the possibility of installing a disc golf course at Anderson Park. Staff began gathering information regarding the feasibility and cost of purchasing and installing a disc golf course. It was determined that Anderson Park is a suitable location for a disc golf course and would enhance the use of the park. Staff coordinated with Public Works to determine installation and maintenance plans. Public Works supports this project and will assist with site preparation for this project.

The course will be installed throughout the underutilized portions of the park and can provide a year round opportunity for physical activity for citizens of all ages.

The CPP approached the department about future projects and in October of 2007, staff recommended the project to the Carrboro Parks Project. In February 2008, the Carrboro Parks Project met with representatives from the disc golf community and approved this as their next project. During this meeting, benefits to the community were discussed such as providing an active recreation facility for all ages, development of a potential revenue generating facility through classes and tournaments, and increased safety for park patrons by increasing the presence of patrons in wooded areas.

Now that the Tennis Backboard Project is completed the group is seeking approval to begin fundraising for the Disc Golf Course Project. We anticipate this project to cost approximately \$11,000 and to be carried out in two phases. Phase one would be to raise \$3600 for course design fees; Phase 2 would be to raise the remaining \$7400 for equipment and installation. No financial commitment is requested of the Town of Carrboro. Final approval for the disc golf course design, purchase and installation will be coordinated by Town staff.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

None at this time. Approximately 100 hours of PW staff time will be used to assist with onsite preparation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The town staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution.