

CHAPEL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Foy and Council

FROM:

Pam Hemminger, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

RE:

2004-05 Capital Improvement Program Budget

DATE:

April 30, 2004

At its April 21 meeting the Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to forward the following comments to the Council regarding the preliminary 2004-05 Capital Improvement Program:

- The Commission is thrilled with the wise decision to fast-track the Community Center extraordinary maintenance project.
- The Commission is pleased to see restored funding to the Small Parks Improvement fund but reiterates that this line item received no funding for 2 years and limited funding in the current year. The list of projects continues to expand as new facilities are added. The Commission urges the Council to increase this line item in future years.
- The Commission notes that there is currently no allocated funding for expanded maintenance of the valuable Bermuda-turf athletic fields. Recent history has indicated that \$20,000 should be allocated each fiscal year for this work.
- The Commission regrets that the preliminary program for FY04-05 does not include funding to begin winterizing park restroom facilities. This continues to be the number one complaint the Parks and Recreation Department receives from citizens regarding park facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to forward this recommendation, with voting as follows:

For

Pam Hemminger, Chair

Terri Tyson, Vice Chair

Terry Blalock

Paul Caldwell

Faith Nager

Andrea Rohrbacher

Diane VandenBroek

Against

none