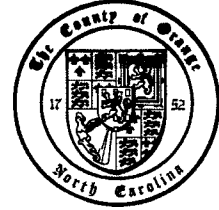


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August 31, 2004

Ms. Amy Harvey
Town of Chapel Hill
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Ms. Harvey,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Orange County Resolution to Re-Establish the Intergovernmental Parks Work Group. The Orange County Board of Commissioners would like the Chapel Hill Town Board to review and adopt a resolution to re-establish the Intergovernmental Work Group. The original resolution, which was approved in 2000 called for an evaluation of the IP Work Group after three years. This board is being re-established to perform the evaluation.

The Intergovernmental Parks Work Group was created in the spring of 2000 by the elected boards of Orange County, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro. The concept of an inter-jurisdictional committee bringing together representatives of elected boards, advisory board, and other conservation and parks groups sprang from the May 1999 Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group, which included the original formation of this group as one of its recommendations

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica C. Evans".

Monica C. Evans
Assistant to the Clerk

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A Resolution To Re-Establish the Intergovernmental Parks (IP) Work Group

WHEREAS, the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group report of 1999, adopted by the elected boards of Orange County, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Carrboro, called for the creation of an inter-jurisdictional parks committee, and

WHEREAS, the elected boards duly created the Intergovernmental Parks Work Group (IPWG) in 2000 for a three year initial duration, to promote communication between jurisdictions and allow for the sharing of ideas and opportunities for joint projects and initiatives, and

WHEREAS, during the three years of the Work Group (which included representatives from a broad cross-section of elected and advisory boards, school boards, and other interested parties), a number of successes were achieved by the communication and collaborations fostered through this mechanism, as outlined in the Intergovernmental Parks Work Group report of April 2004; and

WHEREAS, Work Group members surveyed in the report noted the importance of the IPWG forum for communicating on parks projects, development of brochures and others needs, and

WHEREAS, re-establishment of the Work Group is expected to continue to promote opportunities for coordination between all stakeholders and interested parties within the County;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Commissioners proposes that the Intergovernmental Parks Work Group be re-established to continue to foster communication and collaboration in parks efforts, with the same charge and membership as in the resolution of establishment adopted May 3, 2000, with one addition to allow for a fourth quarterly meeting each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board commends this resolution to the elected boards of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough, and asks that they adopt like resolutions to re-establish the Work Group in time for a meeting in fall 2004.

This the 13th day of April, 2004.



ATTEST:


Donna S. Baker, Clerk to the Board


Barry Jacobs, Chair
Orange County Board of Commissioners