



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: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Petition Regarding Potential Bicycle Education Classes

DATE: October 28, 2004

The Parks and Recreation Commission met on October 20 and reviewed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board's petition to the Council to direct the Parks and Recreation Department to offer bicycle education classes and provide funding to train instructors of the classes.

The Commission voted unanimously (10-0) to forward the following information and recommendation to the Council:

- The Commission is not aware of any citizen requests the Parks & Recreation Department to provide bicycle education classes.
- The Commission is concerned with the requested precedent of using Parks & Recreation Department funding to train potential instructors. This expenditure is not currently budgeted. The Department does not cover the costs to train any type of instructor or part-time responsibilities at this time. For example, the Department does not maintain a budget to fund activities such as life guard training. Rather, recruitment is limited by necessity to individuals already certified. While there is no precedent for covering training costs of instructors or part-time employees, we believe a first step would be to fund training and certification for identified needed skills. An on-going significant demand for qualified lifeguards exists in this community.
- The Commission recommends that the Advisory Board apply for funding to Active Living By Design or other grant funding opportunities to begin this initiative.
- The Commission recommends that requests such as this be considered during budget development for future years.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to review this material. Members present for discussion and vote.

Present

Pam Hemminger, Chair
Terri Tyson, Vice Chair
Terry Blalock
Bob Broad
Cory Brooks
Paul Caldwell
Faith Nager

Absent

Jerry Neville

Andrea Rohrbacher
Pete Schwartz
Diane VandenBroek