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ATTACHMENT 5

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: Second Report of the Pritchard Park Art Garden Committee
DATE: October 28, 2004

The Parks and Recreation Commission met on October 20 and reviewed the Second Report of the Pritchard Park Art Garden Committee. The Commission discussed the report's recommendations and voted unanimously (10-0) to forward to the Council the following recommendations:

- The Commission supports the concept of a public/private partnership with the Siena and the development of an art garden.
- The Commission believes the decision to sell parkland is a significant one for the entire Town park system and that the large number of identified maintenance and equipment replacement needs in several parks must be addressed. Accordingly, the Commission recommends that funds from any land sale to the Siena be split 50/50, with half specifically appropriated for development of Pritchard Park and half appropriated to the Capital Improvement Program's Small Parks Improvement fund. System-wide needs include:
 - playground replacement at Cedar Falls and Jones Parks
 - athletic field lighting replacement at several parks, most notably Cedar Falls Park
 - addressing erosion and paving problems
 - fence and bleacher replacement
 - signage replacement or additions
- The Commission supports the recommendations that any funds generated through future lease payments for the current surface parking lot be allocated to the Pritchard Park project and that the Siena Hotel's offered contribution and any other potential gifts contributed for the development of the art garden.

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

Andrea Rohrbacher
Pete Schwartz
Diane VandenBroek

Absent

Jerry Neville