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TO: Mayor Foy and Council

FROM: Pam Hemminger, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

RE: Development Application: Southern Orange County Senior Center

DATE: June 14, 2005

At the June 13, 2005 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Commission voted unanimously (8-0) to recommend that the Council approve the Special Use Permit application for the Southern Orange County Senior Center by adopting Resolution A with some changes. The Commission believes that a pedestrian corridor between the future senior center, Homestead Park, and the future aquatic center at Homestead Park is very important. However, the Commission believes that the location should be studied and that the pedestrian crosswalk be located in a safe and reasonable place.

Furthermore, the Commission believes the applicant, not the Town, should be responsible for working with NCDOT to ensure the crosswalk is properly designed and constructed. However, completion of the crosswalk should not be a condition of the Zoning Compliance Permit or the applicant's final occupancy permit as the Commission appreciates the time crosswalk approvals from NCDOT may take.

Finally, the Commission supports the Transportation Board's recommendation that the bike rack area be relocated from the dumpster area to the courtyard.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to review and make recommendations regarding development applications.

Present

Pam Hemminger, Chair
Terri Tyson, Vice Chair
Terry Blalock
Bob Broad
Cory Brooks
Andrea Rohrbacher
Pete Schwartz
Diane VandenBroek

Absent

Paul Caldwell
Eugene Farrar
Faith Nager