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**SUMMARY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION**

Subject: Southern Community Park Master Plan

Meeting Date: February 26, 2002

Recommendation: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board recommends that the Council consider the following comment:

- That the Master Plan be revised to include a sidewalk on both sides of Dogwood Acres Drive within the boundaries of the park.

Vote: 6 - 0.

Aye: Eva Metzger (Chair), Debby Freed, Kate Millard, Tom Mills,
Alice Neebe, Wayne Pein

Nay: none

Comments: The Board believes that it is important to provide functional pedestrian and bicycle access, as well as recreational access, to services in and around the park site.

Prepared by: Eva Metzger, Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board EM (by TA)
Than Austin, Long Range Planner

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION ACTION

Subject: Report of the Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan Committee

Meeting Date: February 20, 2002

Recommendation: That the Council endorse the Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan Committee's Report, with consideration of the issues noted below.

Vote: 9 - 1

Aye: Weezie Oldenburg, Richard Barrett, George Cianciolo, Terry Eason, Sarah Haskett, Charlotte Newby, Scott Radway, Martin Rody, and Polly Van de Velde.

Nay: Dale Coker.

Issues Raised: Commission members noted the following issues/concerns when reviewing the Conceptual Plan Committee's Report:

- Parking needs to be provided in closer proximity to the soccer fields. In particular, overflow parking appears likely to spill over onto Dogwood Acres Drive.
- Concern about potential pedestrian/vehicular conflicts on Dogwood Acres Drive, per the proposed two (2) pedestrian crossings. Signage will be critical to minimizing this conflict.
- The picnic areas need to be located closer to the parking areas. In particular, it was noted that the Community Center would not be built for several years, and that this portion of the site would serve as a great location for a picnic area.
- Concern regarding the width and screening of the US 15-501 South entranceway buffer.
- Concern regarding the safety of the proposed bio-retention pond areas, given the proximity of this site to the school.
- Where does drainage from the Dog Park go? Should a special septic detention area be designed to specifically handle run-off from this area?
- The total cost of Phase I is \$3,579,400, yet current funding only totals \$2,895,000.

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Explanation of Dissenting Vote(s):

The dissenting member did not offer an explanation for his dissenting vote.

Prepared by: Weezie Oldenburg, Chair, Community Design Commission
Rob Wilson, Staff

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Greenways Commission *Bu Br JH*
Joe Herzenberg, Chair

SUBJECT: Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan

DATE: February 27, 2002

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend that the Council adopt the conceptual plan with one addition. The Commission recommended that the paved trail be extended to the southern tip of the property at the location of the proposed dog park.

Voting yes were Joe Herzenberg (Chair), Audrey Booth (Vice-Chair), Bill Bracey, Debbie Morris, and Brenda Nielsen



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ATTACHMENT 4

CHAPEL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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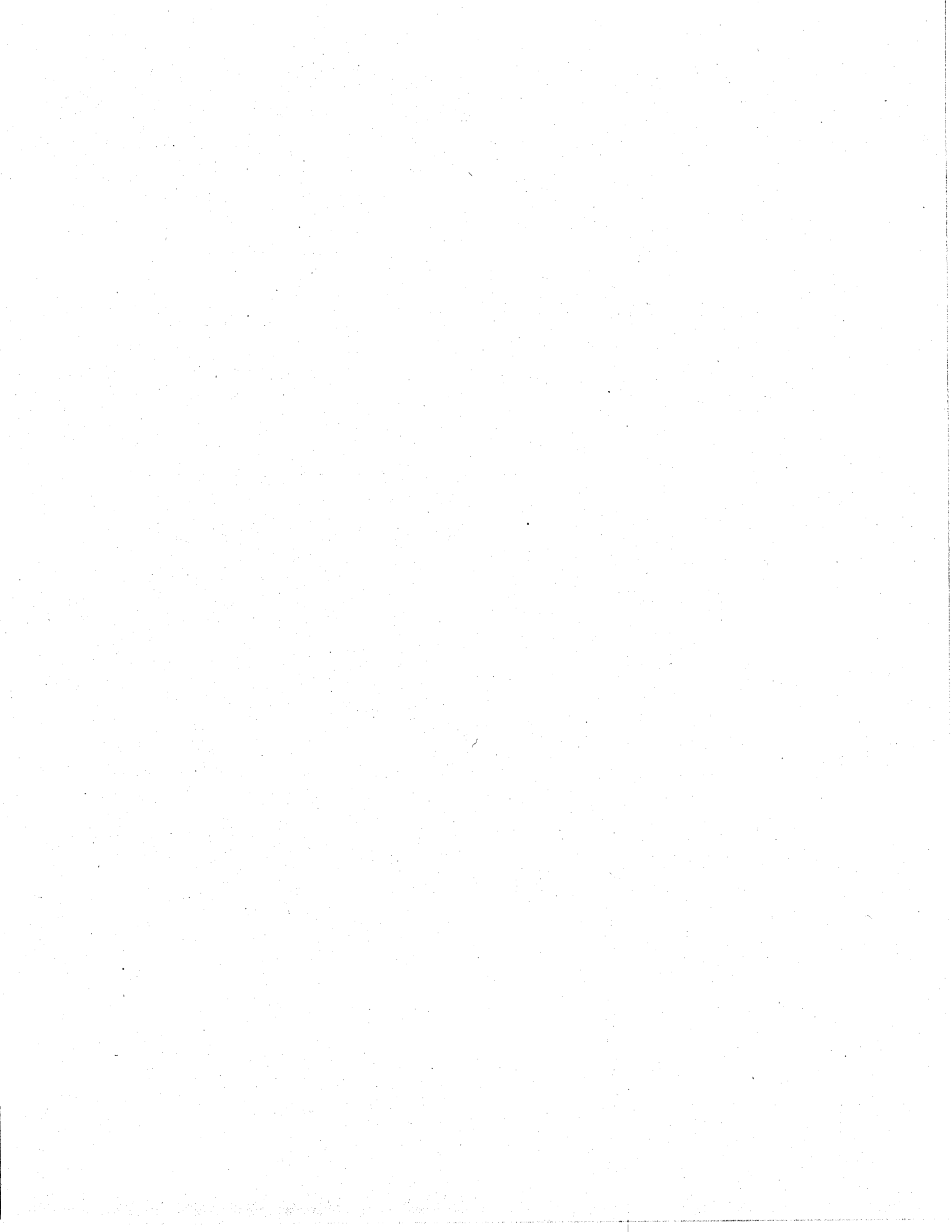
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Foy and Council
FROM: ^{JC (RD)} John Covach, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission
RE: Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan
DATE: February 21, 2002

At its February 20 meeting the Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the Council adopt the Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan Committee Report as presented with the following amendment:

- Give full consideration to a paved trail the length of the park, including the southern portion of the park, to the area designated for a dog park. The Commission believes that a paved trail is essential for wheelchair and stroller users as well as cyclists.

Voting in favor of the motion: Covach, Rohrbacher, Anderson, Broad, Caldwell, Hemminger, and Jones.



SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Subject: Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan Committee Report-Request for Comments

Meeting Date: February 5, 2002

Recommendation: The Planning Board voted 9-0 to recommend support of the Conceptual Plan Committee Plan with specific support of the dog park location away from other activities and with removal of the restroom facility at the dog park location. The Board also agreed to forward the individual member comments (see below).

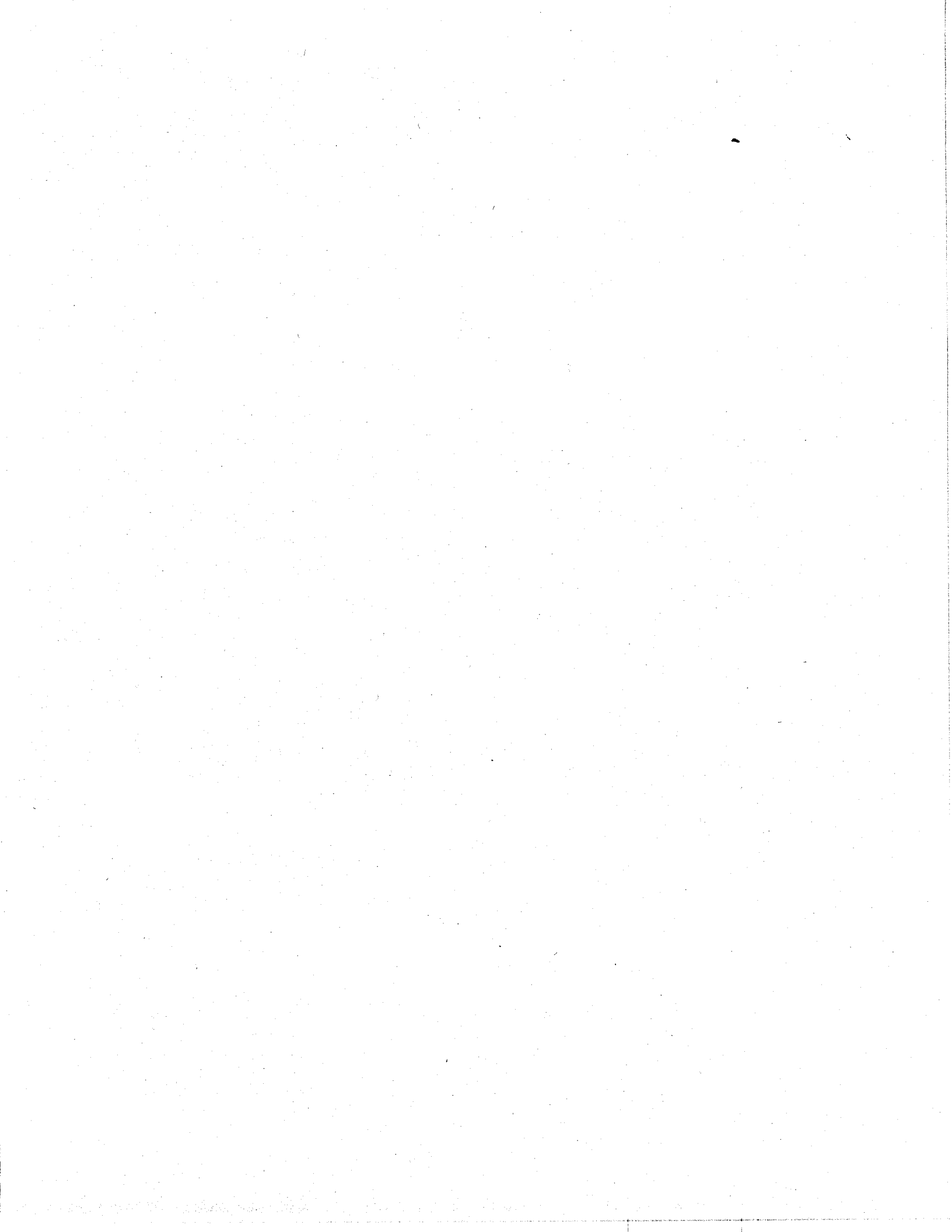
Vote: 9 - 0

Aye: John Hawkins, Scott Radway, Julie Coleman, Coleman Day, Gay Eddy, Nancy Gabriel, Sally Greene, Bob Reda, Ruby Sinreich

Individual Comments:

- 1) Concern was expressed about the extent of clearing of trees for the Frisbee golf area.
- 2) The amphitheatre is a good idea.
- 3) Concern was expressed about the amount of parking proposed.
- 4) Concern was expressed about Dogwood Acres Drive dividing the park. Questions were asked about traffic calming and speed limit enforcement.
- 5) Small picnic shelter areas better than one big picnic area.
- 6) How will Southern Village residents arrive at the park on foot? Will trails be provided? What pedestrian connections are proposed to connect the school to the park?
- 7) Frisbee Golf does not interact well with pedestrians. Frisbee Golf may be a "want" not a "need."
- 8) Who will maintain Dogwood Acres Drive?
- 9) Why are roller hockey facilities so expensive?
- 10) Objection was voiced to the Town providing dog parks.
- 11) A concern was expressed about the cost of utility extension for sewer to proposed bathrooms. It was noted that a bathroom at the proposed dog park may be expensive and unnecessary.
- 12) A concern was expressed that performance space downtown doesn't get much use. Why is it proposed here?
- 13) The water play area may be an issue during water conservation periods.
- 14) The proposal does a good job of balancing the needs of a diverse population.
- 15) Maintain buffer area between the athletic fields and the highway.
- 16) Impressive plan and impressive process to develop it. - good community participation/input.
- 17) If the athletic fields are multi-purpose then a suggestion was made to not call them soccer fields.

Prepared by: John Hawkins, Chapel Hill Planning Board
J.B. Culpepper, Staff



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SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACTION

Subject: Southern Community Park Master Plan

Meeting Date: February 5, 2002

Recommendation: The Transportation Board voted 9-0 to recommend to the Council the following comments:

- The Plan should clarify the relationship of the possible use of existing park ride parking for recreational uses during evening and weekend periods and the possible use of the Southern Community Park parking for park ride uses during weekday periods.
- The Plan should clarify the possible use of Scroggs School parking for recreational uses.
- Traffic calming improvements, including raised pedestrian crosswalks with signals, should be included along Dogwood Acres Drive.
- There should be more pedestrian connections with the Scroggs School.
- The Plan should clarify the number of benches along the proposed trail.
- The Plan should address bus access to the Park and designate stop locations.
- Light pollution from the Park should be minimized.

Vote: 9-0

Aye: Cianciolo, Lathrop, Schroeder, Sayle, Neville, Howe, Hintz, Hampton, Dobbins

Nay: None

Prepared by: Loren Hintz Chair, Chapel Hill Transportation Board
David Bonk, Senior Transportation Planner, Staff

