## (39) ATTACHMENT 8 CHAPEL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Foy and Council.

FROM:

Andrea Rohrbacher, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

RE:

Development Review: Creekside Subdivision

DATE:

November 21, 2002

At its November 20 meeting the Commission voted unanimously (8-0) to recommend that the Council approve the Creekside Subdivision development application with the following stipulations:

- 1. The 5,470 SF recreation area leading from Morgan Creek Road to lot 11 should be dedicated to the Homeowners Association. This area should be expanded (see #3 below).
- 2. We generally like the idea of trails within subdivisions. However, we believe that a trail would not work in this situation because this trail would be very short and very close to 4 new and 3 existing homes. The trail does not seem to serve any function. It's too short for exercise or pleasure walking. The connectivity function, which is important, could be easily handled by a single trail directly through the northern edge of lot #11 to the new road without compromising the privacy of 7 homeowners. (See #3 below)
- 3. The portion of the trail that lies along the northern property line of lot #11 must be placed entirely within property owned by the Homeowners Association and not an easement on a private lot. The western recreation area should be extended eastward to the new road. The width of the extension should be at least 15 ft. but could vary as topography dictates need.
- 4. Nothing should be done to prohibit future connectivity to the land to be dedicated to the Botanical Garden Foundation as a conservation easement.

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to forward these recommendations, with voting as follows:

For
Andrea Rohrbacher, Chair
Pam Hemminger, Vice Chair
Terry Blalock
Paul A. Caldwell
Paul P. Caldwell
Pete Schwartz
Terri Tyson
Diane VandenBroek

Against none