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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Parks and Recreation Commission
Andrea Rohrbacher, Chair *BW* *Ju* *AC*

SUBJECT: Capital Improvements Program

DATE: January 15, 2003

On January 15, 2003 the Parks and Recreation Commission voted (7-1) to forward the following recommendations to the Council concerning the proposed Capital Improvement Program.

The Commission recommends that the Council establish a Small Parks Improvement budget of at least \$50,000 for FY 2003-04. The Commission notes that the Small Parks program is our most important method of addressing capital repairs and renovations. Without significant funding for this purpose our facilities will become unattractive, unsafe, and unusable.

We also recommend that the Council increase the amount of funding for the Small Park Improvement line over subsequent years. The Town's facilities are growing and aging. This will require greater levels of funding in future years.

Finally, the Commission strongly supports the proposal to renovate all of the Town's basketball and tennis courts (except Phillips and Ephesus courts). We note that some courts, especially the tennis courts at Cedar Falls Park, are in such bad condition that they may have to be closed. Other courts are in acceptable condition today, but without repairs will likely require major renovations in the near future. The Commission believes that savings would likely occur if all of the court work were bid as one project.

Mr. Blalock voted against the motion because he did not have enough information concerning the possible projects for Small Park funding.

Voting yes were: Andrea Rohrbacher, Chair; Bob Broad; Paul A. Caldwell; Mary Norwood-Jones; Pete Schwartz; Terri Tyson; and Diane VandenBroek.

Voting no was: Terry Blalock