

Recreation and Parks Commission Recommendations
(Updated and background information is in **bold**)

Park Front -

- Maintain space for existing garden, shelter and storage and allow space to expand if gardeners are interested.

Staff met with the garden community. Attachment B outlines their recommendations.

- Behind the garden space include a fenced children and seniors natural playground.

It was recommended to decouple the playground areas. The design can accommodate that request.

- Condense size of parking area if possible.

Staff received this information from the Planning Department - Land Use Ordinance Section 15-291(g) states the following requirement for use classification 6.221: One (1) space for every 200 square feet of area within enclosed buildings, plus one (1) space for every three (3) persons that the outdoor facilities are designed to accommodate when used to the maximum capacity. The plan would need to identify a reasonable estimate for maximum capacity of users in order to determine the required number of spaces in addition to any indoor spaces.

- Include a fenced youth (5-16) cycling area on right side of park near entrance.

The design can accommodate this recommendation.

- Maintain restroom location and shelter with multiple functions such as amphitheater.

The design can accommodate this recommendation.

Rear of Park -

- Leave as open space with grading only.

It is encouraged to keep the wetlands as a primary feature of the park and look at creating a minimal size area. Planning provided the following - Sungate conducted preliminary engineering on the wetland but the scope of work did not include identifying the minimum possible retrofit size. My understanding is that performance for nutrient reduction (the purpose of the wetland) would be proportionally reduced for a reduction in size/surface area from that shown on the plan. To understand the tradeoffs and feasibility of reducing the size, staff needs to ask Sungate to update their analysis and would want to give them clear instructions about what was the design goal for the park/wetland area.

It was also recommended to explore ways to engage more teenagers using some of this area of the park. A survey was completed and the results are included in Attachment C.

- Condense size of parking area if possible (5 parking spaces instead of 9).

It was recommended to remove this parking area.

- Maintain trail around the park and pollination gardens along the buffers.

The design can accommodate this recommendation.

Conditional uses and other items (warrants further discussion, research and/or approval)

- Bicycle storage area for donated bicycles

The design can accommodate this recommendation.

- Beehive in the community garden

We can accommodate this recommendation as long as training, posted rules, regulations and any other precautionary measures take place to minimize risk to the users of the property and to the public.

- Include educational signage provided by Earth and Sky Discovery Trail that markets their company

Cannot accommodate this recommendation based on the Section 14-20 Commercial Activity Restricted of the Town Code.

(a) Subject to subsection (b), no person may engage in commercial activity on town property. For purposes of this section, commercial activity means any activity conducted by any person (other than the Town of Carrboro) for the purpose of collecting admission charges or fees of any kind in excess of the costs of the activity, as well as any sale, attempted sale, or advertisement of sale of any goods, merchandise, equipment or services. As used in this section, the term “commercial activity” shall not include the solicitation of donations at or in connection with any activity conducted on town property by a nonprofit organization. (Amend. 11/1/05)

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to:

(1) Sales of goods, merchandise and services by persons authorized by the same at town sponsored events such as the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Sales of goods and merchandise by vendors at approved farm and craft markets operated by or on behalf of the Town or by nonprofit organizations who contract with the Town to operate farm and craft markets. (Amend. 6/6/98)

(3) Sales of goods and merchandise by persons acting as agents of the town at Wilson Park, the Anderson Community Park, and other town property.

(4) The following activities when conducted by nonprofit organizations:

(Amend. 11/1/05)

a. Sales of goods, merchandise, equipment, or services, so long as such sales take place within or on town property that is subject to a reservation system pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-5.

b. Other fund raising activities conducted at the Century Center or Town Commons, so long as such activities are otherwise consistent with the rules applicable to the use of such facilities.

(5) Sales of goods and merchandise at the Town Commons or Century Center by or with the authorization of persons that have reserved the Town Commons or Century Center pursuant to regulations regarding the reservation and use of the Town Commons or Century Center, promulgated pursuant to Section 14-28 of this Code. (Amend. 2/13/01)

Section 14-28 Supplementary Rules and Regulations

(a) The administrator may adopt reasonable supplementary rules and regulations governing the occupancy and use of town property. Such rules and regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of this chapter and shall be designed to protect and safeguard town property and the persons using town property and to facilitate the safe and convenient use and enjoyment by all of town property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the administration may adopt rules and regulations governing the use of tennis courts, basketball courts, ball fields, parking lots, etc. Whenever practicable, such rules and regulations shall be posted at the particular facility they affect and in all cases shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the administrator's office.

(b) No person may occupy or use town property in a manner that is inconsistent with the supplementary rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a). (Amend. 6/7/05)

- Limit number of parking spaces in the park

Information provided above.

- Use of existing well for irrigation, etc.

The design can accommodate this recommendation providing necessary recommendations are met.