

Town of Altavista Recreation Committee

Committee Members

Sarah Mattox Roach, Chair
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Ex-Officio Members

Steve Jester, Executive Director YMCA
David Garrett, Public Works Director
Amie Owens, Assistant Town Manager

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Public Input

(Citizens wishing to address the Committee should provide their name/address. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes with a total of 15 minutes allotted for this purpose. Please note that the Public Input period is NOT a question-and-answer session between the public and the Committee.)

III. Minutes – the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting will be presented at the May meeting

IV. Old Business

Capital Improvement Plan FY2022-2026 (Amie Owens)

V. Project Updates – (David Garrett and Amie Owens)

VI. New Business

VII. Matters from Staff

VIII. Matters from Committee Members

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 5:30 pm

Recreation Committee Project Updates – April 20, 2021

FY2021 CIP Projects:

1. Shreve Park bridge – carryover from FY2020 CIP pg. 110

Staff continues to consider the best way to provide a crossing for pedestrians and emergency service vehicles. At the February Town Council Work Session it was discussed that Councilman Higginbotham would be designing the bridge.

2. Passive Trails – Eagle Trail pedestrian bridge CIP pg. 129

The bridge has been ordered.

3. Boat ramp, boat parking and improvements CIP pg. 127/LPDA Plan 11

Staff is working with Hurt & Proffitt, Inc on the scope of work and plans. This is a 2-year CIP project, with planning and design work occurring in the current fiscal year. Any construction would be planned for FY2022. Consultants provided an update to the Recreation Committee on January 19, 2021; the project is included in the proposed FY 2022 CIP. The Town Council was presented information on this project – Council recommended foregoing of this project in the FY 2022 budget. It was not added to another year in the five-year CIP at this point.

4. English Park Entrance Improvements CIP pg. 126/LPDA Plan 10

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5. Walking/Biking Trail Connector to Lane Access Rd CIP 125/LPDA Plan 9

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6. English Park picnic table replacement CIP pg. 128

The picnic tables are now being installed. There were a total of 14 tables ordered and obtained.

7. Gateway Park Shade Sail Replacement CIP pg. 122 – Project Complete

This is a maintenance project in DPW's FY2021 operational budget. It is included in the CIP due to its cost. The shade sail has been removed and a new one ordered for placement in the spring. This project will be concluded in FY 2021.

FY2021 Non-CIP Project Updates:

1. Trail connector – Eagle Trail to Greenhill Connector

The weather has hindered efforts to put in the connector. Work will be done as weather permits. Staff will provide an update on when work will begin. David Garrett, Public Works Director has been attempting to address drainage issues on the trail due to excessive rains in 2020/2021.

2. English Park Shoreline Erosion – work in conjunction with FY2021 CIP Projects

Staff has been working with Hurt & Proffitt, Inc., to determine the best way to address the shoreline erosion. The area in question is 1,600 linear feet. Staff has made a request for funding through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for a grant to assist with this project. Based on the estimate of the engineer, the project will cost \$1,438,000. Town has requested \$1,000,000 in its grant application. The grant has been peer reviewed and has been forwarded to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for consideration. This project has been included in the proposed FY 2022 CIP. Town Council approved \$100,000 for shoreline access and improvements in FY 2022 CIP.

3. John Mosley Memorial Park Pavilion and Shade Sail – request of Council – Project Complete

The pavilion has been completed, shade sails installed and the additional sidewalks are complete. The park was dedicated on April 18, 2021.

4. English Park tree removal & Department of Forestry Grant

Within English Park 104 dead, diseased, or dying trees were removed or pruned, and the Town has submitted a reimbursement request to the Department of Forestry for the removal of 12 ash trees and the planting of seven (7) new trees in English Park and Bedford Avenue Park.

4. Dalton's Landing Canoe Launch

The Dalton's Landing Canoe Launch is progressing. The launch ramp and stairs are completed with the safety railing being fabricated. Site improvements such as the parking lot paving, fencing, gate and signage should be completed by the first week in May. It is hoped to have the launch ready for use by mid-to-late May.