

**City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00pm
Sherwood Community Center**

PRAB Members Present:

Joseph Harmon
Esther Nasjleti
Jane Albro
Brian Knapp
Evie Ifantides
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert
Mike Slawski
Toby Sorensen
Douglas Stewart
Becky McNaughton
Jennifer Passey
Harry Wilbur

Members Absent:

Don Lederer

Staff:

Michael McCarty, Director of Parks & Recreation
Edwin J. Rivera, Community Programs Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Esther Nasjleti

2. Guest Presentation

Commission on the Arts Strategic Plan – Geoff Sephens

3. Matters of the Officers

Chair: Joseph Harmon – suggested skipping the regular May PRAB meeting. Next meeting will be the joint School Board and PRAB meeting at Fairfax High school Library On Monday, May20. Members agreed. Mr. Harmon asked member if there any specific items they will like to add for discussion at the joint meeting. Mr. Knapp suggested CIP items that may overlap, also updates about the current strategic plan process. Director McCarty clarified that there's going to be a presentation for the Planning Commission, this can also be use and presented to the School Board.

Mr. Harmon announced that he will not be seeking re-election as Chairman in July and will not seek re-appointment to PRAB after his term expires in August 2013.

4. Approval of Minutes, Adoption of Agenda

Minutes from March 14, 2013 meeting were not approved.

5. Business

- Recommendation Resolution on the Beaver Dam Property Update – Mr. Harmon reviewed the previous resolution. Mr. Knapp talked about the decision of the sale of the property. Mr. Harmon read the resolution that will recommend that the property should be converted to a regional park as a legacy for the city to the northern Virginia citizens. The resolution was unanimously approved.
- Trails Subcommittee – no update
- Budget Update – Director McCarty updated PRAB on the budget deliberations and encouraged PRAB to attend and support the department’s budget initiatives at the April 22 and May 1 City Council Meetings.
- Strategic Master Plan for Parks and Trails – Mr. McCarty provided an update of first meeting steering committee meeting, process, promotion, marketing, and feedback from the community. The dates of the public workshops are May 2 at 6:30pm; May 3 at 6:00pm; June 22 at 10am; and June 23 at 1pm. PRAB Members provided updates on the status of their outreach to civic associations.
- Kitty Pozer Garden Update – Mr. Harmon reads an email from Mr. Jack Blevins updating the board on the design construction schedule.
- Legacy Fundraising – PRAB decided to work with Green Turtle for a dinner and donation promotion to the Legacy program.
- Special Revenue Account for Maintenance-PRAB discussed the pros and cons for recommending a possible resolution for a special revenue fund. PRAB would like to revisit the discussion at future date and get more understanding on a special revenue fund. PRAB also wanted to determine Mayor or Council feelings on this type of budget change. No action taken.

6. Parks and Recreation Department Report

Director McCarty submitted his report.

7. Stakeholder Updates

- Commission on the Arts – Harry Wilbur: no update
- Community Appearance Committee – Don Lederer: absent
- Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling – Douglas Stewart: an application for the transportation alternatives program will be submitted for sharrows along University Drive.
- Fairfax Police Youth Club – Becky McNaughton, FPYC field day is the coming in June. Also, skateboarders are using Providence Park Tennis courts as an skate park.
- NRPA and NVRPA – Mr. Knapp talked about the summer camps that NVRPA is offering, this coming summer is the celebration for the civil war anniversary.
- Planning Commission – Jennifer Passey: Mr. McCarty will be presenting the master plan at the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, April 22.

- School Board – Toby Sorensen: there's a plan to present a change to the schools boundaries. Mrs. Sorensen announced the name of the new Superintendent of Schools for Fairfax County, Karen Garza.
- Senior Center – Jane Albro: The Senior Center Council received a \$1,000 donation from the Fairfax Lions Club.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm