

City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019
City Hall, Council Work Session Room

PRAB Members Present

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Chair
Mark Angres
Brian Cipriano
Pat Gallagher
Justin Graf
Kim Luckabaugh
Sandy Moshos
James Rich
Sarah Ross
Mitch Sutterfield
Staff: Cathy Salgado

Absent:

Brian Knapp, Vice Chair
Mike Anderson
Elizabeth Breslin
Evie Ifantides

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and introductions.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for April 11, 2019 meeting

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Pat Gallagher

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from March 13, 2019

Motion: Mitch Sutterfield

Second: Sarah Ross

Approved unanimously

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4/5. Presentations/New Business

a. Presentation on Multi-Mobility Pilot Program – Electric Scooters

Chloe Ritter, Transportation Planner

Ms. Ritter presented information on a city pilot program to permit electric scooters. The state general assembly pass new requirements that allow electric scooter and bike companies to enter jurisdictions by right. Local jurisdictions can provide guidelines but these must be in place by January 1, 2020 or firms can do what they want without regulating. The city is modeling a pilot program on Alexandria and Arlington and is working directly with companies to begin a pilot program on June 1st. Part of the program will involve firms getting a business license and paying a permit fee to come into the city. In addition they will be limited to the number of scooters within. Bird and Lime presented to the City Council two weeks ago and staff will be presenting the pilot program for a public hearing in a couple of weeks. Concerns from PRAB members were the placement, too many and how they can use the sidewalks and roads. Ms. Ritter explained the requirement to ride on street and not sidewalks however in our city many people currently ride bikes on sidewalks because of traffic and safety concerns. Therefore the no riding on sidewalks (except for children under 12) is not being enforced. The firms who decide to participate in the pilot program will be providing data to the city on usage. In addition, George Mason is also looking at permitting scooters at the same time. Scooters are equipped with GPS and Geofencing – which restricts where scooters can go. Ms. Moshes asked if any scooters would have seats. Unfortunately no. Mr. Cipriano asked what the city was going to do to provide parking. Ms. Ritter and other staff have identified preferred parking corals. However, users are permitted to leave anywhere on public property, although they cannot block the right-of-way. Chair Rodgers-Rickert said that scooters are everywhere in Virginia Beach. Ms. Ritter said that some companies are requiring photo enforcement – meaning the user takes a picture after they park which goes to the company. Mr. Rich said that he has had scooters on his property abandoned. Ms. Ritter said that they have mechanisms in place to report abandoned scooters. We will permit them on city trails during the pilot program. Some members felt it would not be wise to have them on unpaved trails. Ms. Salgado said that most companies would prefer they not be used on unimproved trails as it damages the scooters. She believes there will be very little use of scooters on unpaved as most people use them for transportation. Ms. Luckabaugh asked about e-bikes. Ms. Ritter stated that at this time only e-scooters as the industry is changing and e-bikes are very costly to manufacture. Ms. Moshos asked what Fairfax County was doing. Ms. Ritter stated that Fairfax County does not regulate e-scooters because they do not own any roads, the state does.

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6. Old Business

a) FY20 Budget Update

Currently the budget is with the Mayor and Council in mark-up phase. Two more work sessions are planned. The next one is April 23rd. No additional cuts have been made yet. The Parks and Recreation budget is flat and a number of CIP items were deleted in the manager's budget in order to help balance the budget with a requested 2.5 cent tax increase request. The manager is focusing on economic development and small area plans to help jump start development. There is also a plan to redo the CIP planning for FY21 along with a different budget schedule.

b) Bond Update

Because of the lack of revenue growth and the possibility of the city having to carry a community center bond (see below), the timing for a park bond in 2020 might not be feasible. At the Mayor and Council offsite meeting in March, there are concerns regarding our future revenue growth and the uncertainty of economic development. Having a meeting with individual council members at this time may not be fruitful. It may be best to wait until the financing of the community center is resolved.

c) Community Center

The county would like for the city to finance the city portion. This is a change and will be followed up by Mr. Hodgkins. Staff is working with the county on space allocation, operational issues and cost allocation. It is hoped to have the cost allocation in March for review.

d) Dog Park

The dog park construction should be complete in the next week or two. It will open as soon as it is ready. The formal dedication will be on June 15th at 11am during Fido Fest.

e) Trail Updates

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Ms. Salgado reported that the survey was ongoing on the Snyder Trail. The first advisory group meeting will be in late May.

7. Parks and Recreation Department Reports

A) Upcoming Events

Rock the Block entertainment is booked. New event Beer in the Burbs is scheduled for June 1. Spotlight on the Arts starts on April 26th and runs three weeks.

INTRODUCTIONS – New Member Kim Luckabaugh. Resident of Fairchester Woods. Lived in the City 21 years. Works for Volunteer Fairfax. Each member introduced themselves.

8. Stakeholder Updates

- **School Board – Mitch Sutterfield**
The school board participated in the Fairfax Little League Opening Day parade last Saturday. Arbor Day is April 24th. Lanier Middle School is receiving the permanent Green Flag designation. It is the only school in the United States!.
- **Planning Commission – Mark Angres**
The City Manager has placed money in the budget for small area plans for Old Town Fairfax and Northfax. The council approved the Downtown Visioning Committee. A Wawa minimart is coming to the City.
- **Senior Center – Sandy Moshos**
Ms. Moshos provided a handout that highlighted programs and activities happening at the Senior Center.
- **Community Appearance Committee – James Rich**
Mr. Rich reported that the CAC is accepting matching grant applications for HOA right-of-way enhancements until April 30th. April 27th is City clean-up day. They are accepting nominations for residential and business beauty awards.
- **Commission on the Arts – Pat Gallagher**
Ms. Gallagher reported that the Commission has two new members. One has a background in opera vocal and fundraising and the other is involved in the theatre. November has been set as a joint meeting with PRAB. Old Town Hall last concert includes annual arts awards. This year's recipients are Jo Ormesher and Twins Ace Hardware.
- **NOVA Parks – Brian Knapp**
None

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9. Matters of the Members

Mr. Cipriano reported he just finished working on a new skate park (\$1.7 million) project at Powhatan Springs Park in Arlington.

Ms. Luckabaugh commented that people enjoy volunteering for the city because we are so welcoming.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Next regular PRAB meeting is Monday, May 20th at 6 p.m. Fairfax High School – Joint School Board Meeting followed by a regular PRAB meeting.