

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

September 12, 2019  
City of Fairfax  
City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street  
Work Session Room

**PRAB Members Present**

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert  
Brian Knapp, Vice Chair  
Mike Anderson  
Mark Angres  
Brian Cipriano  
Pat Gallagher  
Evie Ifantides  
Kim Luckabaugh  
Ellie Monnig  
Sandy Moshos  
James Rich  
Sarah Ross  
Mitch Sutterfield  
Staff: Cathy Salgado  
Jamie Dodson

**Absent:**

Justin Graf

**1. Call to Order**

*Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert*

**Time:** 7:02 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

*Agenda for September 12, 2019 meeting*

*Vice Chair Knapp requested adding elections to the agenda under new business*

*Motion: Sarah Ross*

*Second: Pat Gallagher*

*Approved unanimously*

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

*Minutes from July 11, 2019*

*Ms. Ross reported she was not in attendance at July 11, 2019 meeting and minutes do not reflect her absence.*

*Motion: Brian Cipriano*

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*Second: Sarah Ross  
Approved unanimously*

**4. Presentations**

None.

**5. New Business**

**a) Development of EDA property adjacent to Old Town Square – Update**

Ms. Salgado informed members that the surf shop will be vacated by the end of the month with demolishing to begin shortly afterwards. The façade was approved by the Board of Architectural Review. The owners are in the process of selecting a name with historical meaning. The project is projected to move quickly.

**b) American Legion/Pat Rodio Park Development – Update**

Ms. Salgado shared that American Legion has requested another meeting.

**c) Park of the Month – Shiloh Street Park**

Ms. Salgado selected Shiloh Street Park, located within the Mosby Woods Community. It is the future entrance location to the George Snyder Trail. It currently has two pieces of old playground equipment. Ms. Moshos asked if any additional equipment will be added. Mr. Cipriano suggested enlisting a consultant to provide suggestions on how to improve the park. As well as highly encouraged staff to remove one of the pieces of equipment for safety reasons. Members discussed the signage including Adopt-a-spot and whether the listed family was still active.

**d) Elections**

Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked the members if anyone wants to run for chair or vice chair.

*Motion to keep Ms. Rodgers-Rickert as the Chair: Vice Chair Knapp*

*Second: Evie Monnig*

*Opposed: Mr. Cipriano*

*Approved*

Chair. Rodgers-Rickert said she will accept the position as Chair with the goal of working to transition the position to another member in the near future.

*Motion to keep Mr. Knapp as Vice Chair: Mitch Sutterfield*

*Second: Brian Cipriano*

*Approved unanimously*

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**6. Old Business**

**a) Bond Update**

Discussion on Joint Work Session that occurred September 10, 2019 and how best to prepare for October 10, 2019 meeting with City Manager, Robert Stalzer. Members discussed strategies for preparation of next PRAB meeting. At the request of Vice Chair Knapp and Chair Rodgers-Rickert Ms. Salgado will provide members with additional information and documents prior to next meeting.

**b) Community Center Update**

Ms. Salgado informed the board that the finance is in limbo.

**c) George Snyder Trail**

Ms. Salgado informed members of the August 7, 2019 meeting where one of the major topics was lighting. At this time it is proposed to light the critical crossings and not the entire trail. In addition she informed that the consultant addressed the City's concerns favorably and staff is waiting on lighting samples. Vice Chair Knapp asked what the next steps of the project are. Ms. Salgado explained that once the plans reach 60% completion a community outreach will be scheduled to include the Mosby Woods Civic Association. Afterwards, a City Council Work Session will occur. A discussion was held concerning the feasibility of a footbridge.

**7. Parks and Recreation Department Reports**

**a) Introduction of new staff member Jamie Dodson**

**b) Park Updates:**

Pickett Road Trail – VDOT wants to move project up and begin ASAP  
Judicial Trail – Funding to complete trails 10' easement need more space  
Cobbdale - New playground  
Van Dyke - Renovation of the two tennis courts to begin soon.  
Dog Park – Landscaping, SWMP  
Wilcoxin – Repaving – VDOT – Review – out to bid

**8. Stakeholder Updates**

• **Board – Mitch Sutterfield**

Mr. Sutterfield reported initial student numbers for each of the City's schools.

• **Planning Commission – Mark Angres**

Mr. Angres reported that the Planning Commission was not in favor or a proposed self-storage on Jermantown Road or Sunrise Assisted Living at the Davies Property.

• **Senior Center – Sandy Moshos**

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Ms. Moshos shared upcoming Senior Center events to include the Washington Area Horseshow Tournament and a potluck Luau lunch. She also believes it would be beneficial to initiate a membership fee.

- **Community Appearance Committee – James Rich**

Mr. Rich reported that the committee chose two properties for this year's Appearance Awards, one being residential and the other Commercial. This is the first Commercial property to be selected in 15 years. The awards will be handed out on October 15, 2019. He also reported that the committee is working on a new Adopt-A-Spot logo.

- **Commission on the Arts – Pat Gallagher**

Ms. Gallagher handed out flyers for the 30<sup>th</sup> Season of Old Town Hall Performance Series and ArtScreen. She reported the first meeting of the new season will be held next week.

- **NOVA Parks – Brian Knapp**

Mr. Knapp reported that NOVA Parks FY19 ended well and they are preparing for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala.

## 9. Matters of the Members

Ms. Ross asked about the New City Arborist

Ms. Moshos reminded members about the Senior Center Flea Market

Ms. Infantides reminded members about National Dance Day and discussed the success of a scavenger hunt held in Old Town Fairfax for teachers at Lanier Middle School.

Mr. Sutterfield shared he is visiting a highly renown park in Barcelona, Spain.

Ellie Monnig shared she is applying for colleges.

Vice Chair Knapp requested updated roster. NRPA conference occurring in two weeks in Baltimore, MD. Requested list of proposed locations for future shade structures.

Mr. Cipriano reported encountering a homeless person while using one of the trails and suggested installing lighting at the Old Lee and the Pickett underpasses.

Chair Rodgers-Rickert reported seeing homeless persons at several intersections panhandling and wondered what the City Regulations are regarding such activities. Also, has been made of aware of a fourth organization that is buying up older homes within the city to be converted into senior care housing.

## 10. Meeting Adjournment

**Time:** 9:10 p.m.

**Next regular PRAB meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7p.m. at City Hall, Work Session Room**