

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

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

PRAB Members Present:

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Chair
Brian Knapp, Vice Chair
Mike Anderson
Brian Cipriano
Pat Gallagher
Evie Ifantides
Sandy Moshos
Sarah Ross
Ellie Monnig
Staff: Cathy Salgado
Jamie Dodson

Absent:

Mark Angres
Justin Graf
Kim Luckabaugh
James Rich
Mitch Sutterfield

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for December 12, 2019 meeting

Ms. Salgado requested to add field naming recommendation under new business.

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Pat Gallagher

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from November 14, 2019

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Evie Ifantides

Approved unanimously

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4. Presentations

Historic Fairfax Neighborhood Association; represented by Kate F Attkisson at 10632 Springman Dr. and Dan Gersome (sp?) at 10532 Cedar Ave shared their concerns about the potential loss of neighborhood greenspace, should Pat Rodio Park be redeveloped as previously suggested by the American Legion in their proposal to redevelop their property. Ms. Attkisson expressed concern of a single use park verses a multiuse park and that the neighborhood would be affected by the possible lighting of the park. Mr. Cipriano stated he believes it would be beneficial to that area if the park was designed to maximize the usage for all the local residents. The area has multiple redevelopments in various stages and the park should reflect the changing needs of the neighborhood by adding features that fit more needs such as pavilions, dog park, fields, playgrounds, etc. Ms. Salgado added that generally any redevelopment would need a master plan and in creating one community outreach would be scheduled to make sure the community's wants, needs, concerns, and feedback are received.

5. New Business

a) Follow up Discussion on CIP Funding with the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

City Manager Stalzer shared that an off-site was held December 7, 2019 with Mayor, City Council and department heads to discuss FY 21-25 CIP. He and Mr. Hodgkins went through a presentation from the offsite on the City's five year projection. The City is committed to the purchase of the West Drive property, has already purchased the previously discussed fire/rescue vehicle and has placed a high importance on the community center redevelopment. PRAB members expressed concern to the City Manager that the City is falling short on CIP projects that never get funded and the growing need for maintaining our parks to the highest standards. PRAB members also urged that a near term solution be found (like a parks bond) for completing big projects like the redevelopment of Van Dyck park.

b) Field Naming Recommendation

Ms. Salgado shared that she was approached about naming a field after Scott Pierce with FPYC Little League. Mr. Pierce a big supporter of the City and FPYC was diagnosed with ALS. The proposed field is Providence #3 the large one behind Providence Elementary School.

Motion: Brian Knapp

Second: Sarah Ross

Approved unanimously

6. Old Business

a) Community Center Update

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Ms. Salgado shared that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday between the City and County officials to discuss how to proceed with the possible construction of a new community center next to the Willard Center.

b) George Snyder Trail Update

Ms. Salgado reported that the plans are almost at 30% completion and expected to be sent to VDOT at the end of January. Mr. Cipriano shared his concerns from the December 2, 2019 George Snyder Trail Advisory Board meeting. His vision was to create one universal shared use trail and is disappointed in the direction of the project due to the multiple trail breaks. Ms. Ross agreed with his concerns and added that there will be an updated cost estimate performed once the plans hit the 30% completion. The board decided to draft a letter to Mayor and City Council to bring the concerns of the trajectory of the project to their attention. Vice Chair Knapp stated the City has a set amount of money to put into the project and it should be done right the first time.

7. Parks and Recreation Department Reports

a) Upcoming Events

Ms. Salgado reported that the Holiday Market's Friday and Saturday was cancelled due to forecasted inclement weather. Lunch with Santa is scheduled for Saturday at Old Town Hall. The annual Pacer's 4 Miler is all set for New Year's Eve. Chocolate Lover's Festival is early this year with the way the first weekend in February falls. Ms. Salgado also reported that the floors and brick entryway was replaced at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. The commemorative bricks were reused in the process.

8. Stakeholder Updates

a) School Board - Mitch Sutterfield

None - absent

b) Planning Commission - Mark Angres

None - absent

c) Senior Center - Sandy Moshos

Ms. Moshos shared a monthly Senior Center report and went over the upcoming social events.

d) Commission on the Arts - Pat Gallagher

Ms. Gallagher reminded the board of tomorrow's 30th Anniversary Old Town Hall Performance with the US Navy Band Brass Quintet where Mayor Meyer will be speaking.

e) NOVA Parks - Brian Knapp

Mr. Knapp shared that Nova Parks has three locations currently open with light shows. Meadowlark in Vienna, VA is a walking show, Bull Run Park in Centreville, VA is a driving show with a holiday village with rides and

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refreshments, and Cameron Run in Alexandria, VA is a walking show. Mr. Knapp passed out two handouts; Balls Bluff Battle Field and Bull Run Park.

9. Matters of the Members

- a) Mr. Knapp thanked everyone for the celebratory cake and senior center membership numbers that he requested last month.
- b) Ms. Ifantides shared the exciting news that she completed her 1000th ride to work on Friday.
- c) Chair Rodgers-Rickert shared an experience from her week and encourages everyone to be more aware of their surroundings.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 9:08 p.m.

The next PRAB meeting will be held on January 9th @ 7pm in the City Hall, Work Session Room