

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

January 9, 2020
City of Fairfax
City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street
Work Session Room

PRAB Members Present:

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

Absent:

Mike Anderson
Justin Graf
Sarah Ross

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for January 9, 2020 meeting

Vice Chair Knapp requested the PRAB Service Award and Monthly Park Review be added to next month's agenda under new business.

Motion: Kim Luckabaugh

Second: Sandy Moshos

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from December 12, 2019 - Deferred vote to February 13, 2020 meeting. Staff will update minutes and email to board to review prior to February meeting's vote.

4. Presentations None

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5. New Business None

6. Old Business

a) CIP and Budget Update

Ms. Salgado shared that \$4.5 million needs to be cut from the Citywide CIP Budget. The City Budget Manager requests PRAB work with department staff to review Parks and Recreation proposed 2020-2021 projects and determine which can be cut or deferred to a future year. PRAB members discussed each of the twelve projects listed and came to an agreement on deferring three. See the attached document for PRAB's recommendations.

b) Community Center Update

Ms. Salgado reported she has not received any form of update on the community center redevelopment from the Mayor or City Manager.

c) George Snyder Trail Update

Ms. Salgado informed the board that the George Snyder Trail Advisory Board is still awaiting the 30% cost estimate from Stantec. Additionally, she forwarded the letter of concern regarding the trails design from Chair Rodgers-Rickert on behalf of PRAB to the Mayor and City Council. Vice Chair Knapp shared a recent encounter he had with Mayor Meyer, where the Mayor confirmed receipt of the letter and was planning on setting up a meeting with Chair Rodgers-Rickert. Vice-Chair Knapp recommended opening the meeting up to include additional members of PRAB including those on the Advisory Board. PRAB members went on to agree on the following action plans of giving the City's Public Work staff time to review the letter sent to Mayor and City Council and proceed with scheduling a meeting with Mayor Meyer in the upcoming weeks.

d) Park Projects - updates

Ms. Salgado shared that the City has hired a consultant to do the preliminary planning for the Fire Station Trail, which is Kimley-Horn. Also, the City is still waiting on a new agreement with the tank farm for the Comstock trail that will allow the City to use the land for the proposed trail. There is discussion of a redevelopment of the current Metro Church property and proposed trail is a point of interest within those talks. Lastly, Ms. Salgado reported the Judicial Trail is going out to VDOT.

7. Parks and Recreation Department Reports

a) Upcoming Events

Ms. Salgado reminded PRAB that the Chocolate Lover's Festival is Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2. The summer camp brochure is being designed in-house by department staff, which is saving money. The Mayor's

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Gala is scheduled for April 18 and the Fairfax City Band will get the proceeds. Currently tables are being sold with individual tickets going on sale in the near future.

8. Stakeholder Updates

a) School Board - Mitch Sutterfield

Mr. Sutterfield shared that the County swore in 8/12 new School Board Members. This Saturday the Fairfax High School Science Olympiad is occurring and will be a huge event. Lastly, that George Mason University is paring up their athletic teams with our schools in a program where they mentor, read to and do presentations with the students.

b) Planning Commission - Mark Angres

Mr. Angres shared the first commission meeting of the month is on Monday to have a work session regarding the Breezeway Motel Property. The American Legion is having a work session with the City Council to discuss the redevelopment of their property in a way that will allow them to generate income, get a new post and a place to serve the community in the future. He also reported the Brown's Mazda and the 17 parcels of little property adjacent are going to be consolidated to redo the dealership, build a road to connect to a proposed townhome development and senior living facility. Lastly, this will be his last PRAB meeting as Planning Commission Representative. The new representative is scheduled to be elected Monday and is anticipated to be Amir Eftekhari.

c) Senior Center - Sandy Moshos

Ms. Moshos shared that the Senior Center partied much of the holiday season from Thanksgiving through New Year's. The Valentine's Day lunch is coming up along with several trips, lunch and learns and other activities.

d) Community Appearance Committee - James Rich

Mr. Rich shared the committee is launching the 2020 Matching Grant Program within the next few weeks and they are going to start advertising for Community Cleanup Day/Month in April.

e) Commission on the Arts - Pat Gallagher

Ms. Gallagher shared that the Old Town Hall Performance Series 30th Anniversary concert sold out and went very well with the Mayor. Tomorrow's performance is Bobby Janski at Old Town Hall is a long time crowd pleaser. Lastly, this month's ArtScreen film is "Loving Vincent" on January 17.

f) NOVA Parks - Brian Knapp

Mr. Knapp reported that the three NOVA Parks light shows were a success with huge turnouts. Also, that their first meeting in the new year is scheduled for next Thursday.

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9. Matters of the Members

- a) Ms. Luckabaugh shared that Volunteer Fairfax is holding a Valentine's Day Challenge with 500 volunteers making cards for kids on January 18.
- b) Miss. Monnig shared that her school is working on inclusion with English for speakers of other languages. Also today they celebrated School Resource Officer Appreciation Day.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 8:32 p.m.

The next PRAB meeting will be held on February 13th @ 7pm in the City Hall, Work Session Room

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