

City of Fairfax

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2012

Sherwood Community Center

PRAB Members Present:

Joseph Harmon,

Esther Nasjleti

Jane Albro

Brian Knapp

Jennifer Passey

Mike Slawski

Toby Sorensen

Donald Lederer

Harry Wilbur

Becky McNaughton

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert

Evangelia Ifantides

Members Absent

Douglas Stewart

Guests:

Samuel Kwong – Eagle Scout, [Marshall HS ] Life Scout Troop 1887

Staff:

Michael McCarty, Director of Parks & Recreation

Joanna Ormesher, Cultural Arts & Marketing Manager

1. Call to Order

Joseph Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. He formally welcomed Becky McNaughton as the new FPYC representative to PRAB

2. Approval of Minutes, Adoption of Agenda

Minutes from PRAB meeting September 13, 2012 were approved with two changes:

- September Park report - Evie Ifantides did report, not Ester.
- Package to go to Council, move first sentence

Motion to approve amended minutes Chairman Joseph, all approved unanimously

3. Presentation by Samuel Kwong for Eagle Scout Badge

Construction of an ADA trail from sidewalk to playground at the Dale Lestina Park. In a Q&A Samuel showed he is very conversant with his proposal and has thought this through thoroughly.

Motion for approval Brain Knapp, all approved unanimously.

#### 4. Park Steward Reports

Esther Nasjleti reviewed School St. Park, Ashby Pond Conservancy and Ted Grefe Park, University Park.

#### 5. Trails Sub-committee Update

Mins. from Committee will be forthcoming. The Committee is continuing to work with Parks Staff identifying and prioritizing trails projects.

#### 6. Strategic Master Plan

The Council gave final approval for the proffer money to fund the Plan. A set of objectives needs to be identified, and the Chairman will work with the Working party prior to engaging the larger group.

#### 7. C.I.P.

These were sent out in the PRAB package. Director McCarty clarified some of the points in the CIP and made recommendations to PRAB.

The Board approved all of McCarty's recommendation

Unanimous approval

#### 8. Kitty Pozer Garden

Discussion of Jack Blevin's comments to Chairman Joseph regarding Park developments. RFP due back mid November, bids could be back by end of the year, a spring start is envisioned.

#### 9. Dog Park Sub-committee Update

No Report.

#### 10. Parks & Recreation Report

- Update on Thaiss incident.
- Fall Festival – update.
- Draper Drive parking lot.
- Explained the new Road Race procedures.
- Legacy for Fairfax – revenues from Golf Day.
- Youth programs – consistent message.

Report as submitted by Director McCarty

## 11. Stakeholder Updates

- Commission on the Arts – Harry Wilbur
  - Talked about success of COA new line up for Fall Festival and Festival Stage in Old Town Hall.
- Community Appearance Committee – Don Lederer
  - Community Appearance – getting ready for Fall Festival.
- Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling - Douglas Stewart
  - No report
- Fairfax Police Youth Club – Becky McNaughton
  - Getting ready for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Gala in January and Passport/Field House in July. The Committee are getting all the Community involved.
- Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority – Brian Knapp
  - Talked of the NRPA Congress and the trending in Parks and Recreation
  - Encouraged all to go to The Corn Maze at Temple Hall Regional Park opened in late September.
  - The Park Authority is sponsoring it's spectacular annual light show at Bull Run. Also the new light show at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. These shows open in late November through early January.
- Planning Commission – Jennifer Passey
  - Talked about Beekeeping on the Sustainability Committee agenda
- School Board – Toby Sorenson
  - No message from the schools – all going well. The County has approved the use of CCTV in the Halls. Zinta commented that the PTSA is encouraging positive feedback re CCTV.
- Senior Center – Jane Albro

Nothing to report. There will be a joint meeting with PRAB and Senior Council at the Senior Center in December.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.

The next PRAB meeting will take place: Saturday, November 3, 2012 Meet 8:15am at the Water Treatment Plant/BeaverDam

Minutes prepared by: Joanna Ormesher, Cultural Arts and Marketing Manager