

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING**

SUMMARY NOTES DATE: April 11, 2012

PRAB Members Present:

Joseph Harmon Esther Nasjleti
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert Douglas Stewart
Michael Slawski Jane Albro
Don Lederer
Janice Miller for Toby Sorensen
Jennifer Passey, Planning Commission

PRAB Members Absent:

Gary Sidor
Brian Knapp
Harry Wilbur

Staff Members:

Michael McCarty; Director; Parks and Recreation

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Joseph Harmon

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Motion and approval of agenda by Joe Harmon as presented April 11, 2012

3. Matters of the Office

The next PRAB meeting will take place Thurs. May 10, 2012 7:00 pm
at Sherwood Community Center.

Business

4. Park Stewards Report- Joseph Harmon

- a. Joseph Harmon provided a power point review of Gateway and Daniels Run parks

5. Trails Subcommittee Ester Nasjleti and Mike McCarty

- a. Discussion of trails days
- b. Need for another volunteer- ratified by PRAB to maintain a quorum
- c. Meetings presently at 6pm will be moved to 7pm
- d. Discussion of what is the definition of a *trail* and effects on city
- e. Mike McCarty presented a hand out of the trails map. The map will come out in new issue of Leisure Times next week.

- f. Mike McCarty is looking for feedback in reference to the trail map from the PRAB members.
- g. Zinta made a comment that she wanted the County lines marked and highlighted to help distinguish the County from the City; also wants focus on recreation when creating map.
- h. Don Lederer had a question about shared trails.
- i. Mike McCarty's overall vision is to have a printable map to blow up (one for walking, biking, etc)

6. Dog Park Subcommittee Update

Zinta reported no meeting

7. Kitty Pozer Update

- a. Joe Harmon reported information from the previous meeting. Discussions held about community involvement while moving forward with project to provide members with buy-in opportunities along the way.
- b. Committee members decided it was a good first step.
- c. Comments made about the parking lot not always full; taking away a parking lot may affect business

8. Staff Budget Review- Mr. McCarty

- a. Handout provided by Mr. McCarty- reviewed FY2013 Parks and Recreation Budget Situation
- b. Mike McCarty reviewed six budget memos handouts requested by the Mayor in City Council.

9. Invasive Plant Management System

- a. Mr. McCarty presented a plan that focuses on open spaces and would like feedback. Explanation of why and how the environment has been hurt.
- b. Mike McCarty will go through City Council to present in June.
- c. Questions
 - i) Don Lederer wanted to know if Mike McCarty was looking for a committee to help with the plant management
 - ii) Ester Nasjleti wanted clarification on terminology
 - iii) Zinta Rodgers suggested we implement YouTube and boy scouts to help educate community.
 - iv) Douglas Stewart talked about Bay restoration relations
 - v) Jen wanted to have an extreme example shown of what can happen to present to public

10. Beaver Dam Resolutions- Joseph Harmon

- a. Joseph Harmon provided hand outs and stated the goal of resolutions is to preserve the land.
- b. Joe Harmon recommendation is for City Council to present as a regional park.

- c. Proposed changed amendment in the third paragraph to take away “regional center for crew racing” to “low environmental impact to the lake from boating” and potential to become a new location for crew.
- d. Motion passed to send Beaver Dam resolution to City Council by Joseph Harmon

11. Parks and Recreation Department Report- Mike McCarty

- a. Ashby Pond set for April 21st at 9am
- b. Draper Drive Playground closed
- c. Postcards for golf tournament- 3rd Annual Monday August 27, 2012
- d. Approved for demolition of Westmore Elementary School
- a. Shared a letter from a student named Sarah about playground equipment in the City and her appreciation.
- b. Spotlight on the Arts April 20-May 6
- c. Walk Fit meeting: 10 people at last meeting, Darrel Green, good interest, full roll out in Leisure times next week, kick off at Easter egg roll (Bunny wore shirt), competition in June, geared towards adults, \$85 for membership
- d. Joanna Ormesher passed exam and Achieved Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Status as report in PRAB report

12. Approval of previous minutes:

Motion and approval of minutes as modified by Joe Harmon

Stakeholders Updates

13. Commission on the Arts-

No report

14. Community Appearance- Don Lederer

No report at this time

15. Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling – Douglas Stewart

- a. Report on meeting at Daniels Run about 35 attended- with good input.
- b. Reported on trails rides.

16. Planning Commission- Jennifer Passey

- a. Reviewed census results at last meeting.
- b. Approved amendments and moving on to phrase 2
- c. Overhaul plan
- d. Overlay map of parks

17. School Board- Janice Miller

- a. High school graduation June 17th discussion about FCPS ending 3 days earlier because no snow days were used
- b. Discussing on flipping the bell schedule. A group called SLEEP presented a study shown on how lack of sleep is bad for teenagers and traffic effects. Discussion on changing the bell schedule to later in the day.
- c. Director on Main Street School will retire in June and the assistant director will become the new director.
- d. Daniel's Run principal retiring Kathy Mullenix. Party will be held at Blenheim on Monday June 18th.
- e. Will start the hiring process this month and plan to name the new principal for Daniels's Run before the end of the school year.
- f. National Bike to school Day Wednesday May 9th school board to promote the event – the school that get most participation win a bike rack for the school

18. Senior Center Jane Albro

- a. Reviewed events taking place in the senior center
 - i. Women's Heart Halt Day presented by the GMU nursing students Thursday April 11 at Noon
 - ii. Antiques and Trinkets Show Saturday April 14 from 10 am- 12:30pm at Green Adress
 - iii. Fund Raiser Pasta Luncheon Saturday April 14, 2012 from 1:00pm- 3:00pm details of events in PRAB report

19. Matters of the Members

National Bike to School Day Wednesday May 9th

20. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm motion from Joseph Harmon

Minutes prepared by Anne Chase Recreation Manager Green Acres