# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) MINUTES - July monthly meeting July 9 2009

Minutes taken by: Gary Sidor

Members Present: <u>Members Absent</u>:

Don Lederer Arthur Little
Joe Harmon Paul Cunningham

James Ogletree Harry Wilbur Brian Knapp Esther Nasjleti Gary Sidor David Bauer Don Johns Elisa Lueck

# Guests:

Toby Sorensen Madison Lueck Jim Turturo Dan Drummond

Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM

Introduction of Toby Sorenson by Elisa Lueck as the new School Board representative to PRAB for the 2009-2010 operating year.

Chocolate cake in honor of Brian Knapp's tenure as chairman was shared.

Recap of honors and accolades for Arthur Little and Donald Lederer, as well as for David Bauer.

Minutes from the June monthly meeting approved.

motion to approve: Harry Wilburmotion seconded: Elisa Lueck

• approved unanimously

Independence Day festivities recap:

- fire department needed for emergency response situation... and the parade still finished within the expected time allotment.
- WRC-TV coverage very positive.
- fireworks minor mishaps that were addressed quickly

Parks and Recreation Foundation:

• procedural administrative things are being addressed. Things are moving forward.

# **Project Updates:**

- Providence ES baseball field and Providence Park tennis courts: bids expected to be accepted in the next week or so
- Green Acres: asphalt work for playing area began last week. Two additional weeks projected for completion.
- bridge Replacement/Upgrades: moving forward
- NVRPA: Goose Creek/Ashby Pond project moving forward with caution

### Parks Department Update:

- summer program enrollment robust
- positive comments from Elisa Lueck and Brian Knapp, whose children participate

#### Councilman Dan Drummond as a scheduled guest

- request for a trail dedication for Armistice Turturo
- George Mason Boulevard issues
- Parks and Recreation Department staffing issues

#### Community Center:

- Hughes Group proceeding
- interior: materials within the respective rooms discussed
- bids to be solicited soon
- groundbreaking as soon as December
- Gary Sidor's question about naming rights will be considered

#### Member's Time:

- Elections: proposed slate of Joseph Harmon for chairman and Esther Nasjleti for vice-chairwoman
  - o motion to approve: Harry Wilbur
  - o motion seconded: Esther Nasjleti
  - o approved unanimously
- Don Johns: another Senior Center representative may be succeed him beginning in October
- Harry Wilbur: commended the artwork chosen for the community center
- David Bauer: commented on pseudo-City organizations and their status in the fee structure for Old Town Hall and Green Acres reservations
- Brian Knapp offered a hearty 'Thank you' for support during his tenure as chairman

Meeting adjourned: 8:08 PM