

**City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2009
Green Acres – The Seniors' Center**

Members In Attendance

Brian Knapp (Chair)
Joseph Harmon (Vice Chair)
Arthur Little
David Bauer
Donald Johns
Donald Lederer
Elisa Lueck
Esther Nasjleti
Gary Sidor
Harry Wilbur
James Ogletree
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert

Absent

Paul Cunningham

Staff in Attendance

Leslie Herman
Karen Bixler
Karen Lussier
Jamie Dodson

Guests

Jon Buttram (Representing School Board)

- 1) Mr. Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 2) Discussion with the Senior Center Council

Seniors Center Council

Gerry Bixler (Chair), Frank Kelley (Vice Chair), Bob McNeil (Treasurer), Fran Kibler (Secretary), John Clukey, Gail Wade, Maryanne Schwab, Dick Sheil

- Mr. Bixler announced that Mrs. Bixler received the TD Bank Hometown Hero award.
 - A discussion followed regarding capital improvement projects, overall assessment of Green Acres, and how the Senior Center Council operates and is formed.
- 3) The February 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.
 - 4) Old Business
 - a) Staff provided a parks project update. The Stafford Drive Park grand opening is on schedule for 11:45 am, Saturday, March 28, 2009.
 - b) Trails Day was discussed regarding the status of the event. PRAB is awaiting confirmation that the Pacers store is on-board (and will sponsor/fund the event). Pending that confirmation, Trails Day planning is on hold. PRAB approved the use of Daniels Run trail and using the Daniels Run school field for the event, if it

- takes place. The Volksmarchers will administer a walk from the Van Dyck Park pavilion regardless of the outcome with the event run.
- c) The status of the Foundation was discussed. The ad hoc committee will report to PRAB on mission statement, number of the Board of Directors, implementation timeline, and name for the Foundation.
 - d) Planning for the May 18th School Board joint meeting with PRAB was discussed.
 - e) The status of the Community Center planning was discussed. Staff will present an update to Council regarding the project on March 24th. The presentation will specifically address: "What will \$5 million pay for?"
 - f) Team 4 (Lederer, Rodgers-Rickert, Knapp, Lussier) presented their Parks Tour briefing on Daniels Run, Ashby Pond, Dale Lestina, Pat Rodio, and Green Acres parks.

5) An update from the Parks and Recreation Department included the status of further budget issues, and that staff will present their budget request before Council on March 18th. All PRAB members are welcome to attend.

6) Members time:

- Mr. Harmon informed PRAB members that Councilmember Joan Cross will be holding a luncheon meeting to discuss the status of development of the Foundation.
- A discussion was held regarding an upcoming "Bike to Work" day program.
- The status of the 4th of July parade was discussed.
- Summer camp registrations start March 14th.

7) The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Harmon
Secretary