

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
November 12, 2009 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Green Acres Center, Room 110**

Members Present

Joseph Harmon
Don Lederer
Esther Nasjleti
Harry Wilbur
Gary Sidor
James Ogletree
Brian Knapp
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert
Toby Sorensen
Jane Albro
Mike McCarty (Parks and Recreation Department staff)

Members Absent

Paul Cunningham

Guests Present

Councilman Gary Rasmussen

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Invited Guest, Councilman Gary Rasmussen

Introduced a proposal to name open space west of Stafford Park after former City of Fairfax Mayor George T. Snyder, Jr. Proposal, endorsed by the Mosby Woods Community Association, was circulated.

[Action on this agenda item was taken later in the meeting, see below.]

Approval of the Minutes from the October 8, 2009 Monthly Meeting

Spelling corrections were made, as was language relating to the discussion of the Park Foundation and the Legacy program. The motion to approve the amended minutes was made by H. Wilbur, and seconded by G. Sidor. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

November 23, 2009 Joint Meeting Between PRAB and the Planning Commission

J. Harmon reminded members of the 7:00 meeting in the City Council Chambers. B. Knapp raised an administrative issue regarding the meeting.

Matters of the Officers

E. Nasjleti: comments about the community garden initiative

J. Harmon: comments relayed from Councilman Drummond regarding tree plantings; comments relayed regarding Van Dyck

Park apparent lack of maintenance; comments made regarding the Jaguar Development "Radcliffe Hall" residential proposal.

G. Sidor: no comments

Staff Report (Parks and Recreation Director, Mike McCarty)

Providence Elementary School fields: updates on grading and the discovery of asphalt, concrete, and other construction debris

Providence Park tennis courts: delay due to drainage problems and floodplain area on Canfield Street. The construction entrance has changed.

Selection has been made to fill the Assistant Special Events Coordinator and the Facility Manager positions.

Capital Improvement Program

Areas and issues discussed included the Van Dyck Park skate facility, doggie pick-up bags, the construction of a turf field at Pat Rodio Park, trail extensions, Daniels Run diamond field re-orientation, Green Acres Center parking and lighting, and recurring replacement at diamond fields (including dugouts and bleacher pads)

Park Steward Program

A few facilities were targeted. J. Harmon promised more discussion at the December monthly meeting.

PRAB Service Day

Plans changed to meet at the Tedrich Drive entrance to Daniels Run Park at 9:30 on November 14.

Get Fit Fairfax

Follow-up discussion of status. E. Nasjleti will represent PRAB in a stakeholders group and promised further discussion at a future meeting.

Community Gardens

Follow-up discussion of status. Kutner and Fairchester Woods locations ruled out for recommendation; Westmore, Eleven Oaks, and Blenheim remain leading locations for recommendation.

Trails Enhancement Program

Wide-ranging discussion regarding vision for the City trail network. PRAB Endorsement/Position Statement (the motion to approve the statement below was made by H. Wilbur, and seconded by B. Knapp. The statement was approved unanimously):

"We propose the creation of a trail from Ranger Road to Chain Bridge Road, using City of Fairfax land along the north fork of the Accotink Creek, to be named in honor of former Mayor George T. Snyder, Jr."

Legacy Program

Discussion included the Sherwood Community Center business plan, the means to find dedicated funding, and the prevalence of art and the arts in the Sherwood design.

PRAB Endorsement/Position Statement (the motion to approve the statement below was made by B. Knapp, and seconded by H. Wilbur. The statement was approved unanimously):

"We endorse the Legacy for Fairfax program concept and encourage adequate funding for implementation. We recommend that adequate resources be identified to fund the program and that any revenue generated be dedicated for program operation."

Matters of the Members

T. Sorensen: discussed Rebel Run open space boundaries

E. Nasjleti: discussed homeowners associations

Z. Rodgers-Rickert: discussed the replacement of carpeting in the Senior Center and her donations to this effort

B. Knapp: discussed the Beaver Dam/Goose Creek and the Ashby Pond facilities and the proposal that would link them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM