

**Minutes – Feb 7, 2008, 7:00 pm**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**City Hall, City of Fairfax**

**Present** – David Bauer, Amy Craig, Donald Johns, Brian Knapp, Donald Lederer, Arthur Little, Esther Nasjleti, James Ogletree, Zinta Rodgers, Gary Sidor, Harry Wilbur.

**Absent** – Habib Khan, Joseph Harmon.

**Staff** – Mike McCarty, Director, Parks and Recreation, Karen Bixler, Seniors Center. Joanna Ormesher , Cultural Tourism and Marketing Manager.

**Guest** – Gerry Bixler, Chairman, Senior Center Council, Jeanne Agee, Interim Chair of the Commission on the Arts, Councilmember Patrice Winter.

Note: this meeting of PRAB was held one week earlier than normal to accommodate Valentines' Day.

**Meeting Called to order at 7:10 pm**

**Approval of January 2008 minutes**

One spelling error was corrected on pg 1.

Motion was made and seconded.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Two announcements:**

Chairman Knapp announced that the Mayor and Council would host a neighborhood outreach meeting on February 11, 2008 at 7:30 pm at Fairfax High School to discuss plans for a community center.

Additionally, there is a Council work session on March 19, 2008 to discuss Department budgets for the Fiscal Year 2008/2009. The time on the agenda for the Parks and Recreation Department is approximately 8:00 pm.

**Old Business**

a) Community Center update

- i. A draft brief of what could be presented at a future work session with City Council on the requirements for a proposed Community Center was passed out to all PRAB members. A slide show of the brief was presented, Chairman Knapp went over every slide, and PRAB members had a chance to give remarks and any changes or recommendations. Chairman Knapp asks the members to please look over the draft and email him on any changes they would like to see over the next few days.
- ii. Chairman Knapp will be reaching out to the Chairperson of Commission on the Arts, Senior Center Council, and Fairfax Police Youth Club for their feedback on the brief.

At the end of the Community Center brief, Chairman Knapp had to leave and turned the meeting over to Gary Sidor.

**New Business**

- a) Director McCarty presented a short slide show on the special needs playground that will be constructed at Stafford Park. There will be more information on this at a later date.

### **Update from Parks and Recreation Department**

- a) The Parks and Recreation Department along with all other departments recently had to cut 2% of the FY08 approved operating expenditures. This equated to \$38,000 in cuts. A second round of cuts may be coming and cost recovery measures may be implemented.
- b) Fairfax Fun Days brochure will be out within the next 2 weeks. In this brochure, all the information for our Summer Camps will be listed.
- c) The RFP will go out for the Community Center on or around February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Members Time**

- Donald Lederer announced that April is clean up month.
- Zinta Rodgers would like to have a group of people get together and clean up Ashby Pond which is needed very badly.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.**