

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
THURSDAY, December 14, 2006 – 7PM
SUMMARY NOTES**

Members present: Brian Knapp, David Bauer, Amy Craig, Joe Harmon, Esther Nasjleti, James Ogletree, Zinta Rogers, Gary Sidor, Harry Wilbur

Staff present: Mike McCarty, Jo Ormesher

Guests: None

- 1) Meeting called to Order. Time: 7.00pm
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Yes, no changes.
- 3) Brian welcomed new member Esther Nasjleti. She has lived in NV for 16yrs, is a Federal Govt employee and has Parks experience.
- 4) New Business:

Discussion on staff moves to City Hall – this will be finalized and reported in the January meeting, along with the Budget proposals.
4c and 4d to be tabled for January meeting, Kitty Pozer to be added under 4e.
Director McCarty – discussed SWOT review, feedback in separate paper.
- 5) Old Business:
 - Brian – sent out a factual report of the Council meeting re Stafford, the Jan 9 meeting is to advise on funding mechanism. Gail Lyon – referendum, could be extra money through schools projects (i.e. Lanier) to fund it. Scott Silverthorne – made comment re possibility of failure – you can't go back!
 - If there will be a referendum these could be on the table, along with Stafford:
 - Community Center
 - Trails & Parks
 - Plan B – pay for Stafford – then referendum just for Community Center – this would be standalone and strong enough to go through. However a professionally prepared Business Plan should be prepared. Amy Craig talked of the schools putting aside \$1mill for theirs; Director McCarty asked that we put money aside in readiness.
 - Parks & Trails – 3 areas that need research and work:
 - Trails - Joe, James and Esther.
 - Kitty Pozer Garden (inc. Spray ground, Gazebo and parking – Brian, Joe Harry.
 - Community Center – Gary, Brian and Harry.

- Capital Budget – The council was impressed with PRAB involvement in compiling the CIP. Brian found it very useful to talk with the Planning Committee.
- Ted Griffe property – is it going to be designated an Open Space – and what will it be used for? Ashby Pond is a good example of how improvements can be made.
- Park rules and regulations review. Brian urged all PRAB members to re-read and understand them. They are official documents and are held by the City Clerk. The date of these was questioned – and there will be a follow up by Amy Craig. This will be spring/March project.
- Northern Virginia questionnaire – read and send back suggestions and recommendations to Director McCarty.

6) Parks & Recreation Report – Director McCarty

- Karen Bixler opened the Senior Center for Thanksgiving and had over 40 people attend; she will also be opening for Christmas lunch.
- Sod at Providence Park and Draper Park.
- Irrigation system laid at Providence Park.
- Work Based computer system, School Dude, to track all work orders.
- The office telephone system will be changed in the New Year, 7858 will be answered in three rings.
- Holiday Craft Show and Lights & Carols – all went well, reports in January.
- First Fairfax progressing well.

7) Members Time:

- Zinta talked about the Dog Park concept.
- Brian – a wish list for Fairfax High School.
- Harry – Commission on the arts priority on Public Art – possible parks: Van Dyck, Ratcliffe, and Kitty Pozer.
- Joe – Suggestion re Lights & Carols – lunch with Santa tickets are always limited, could we take it outside or somewhere bigger?
- Gary – Re the Teen Center is there going to be a push to expand the program?

6) Adjournment:

Next meeting is scheduled for January 11th