

**City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013
Sherwood Community Center**

PRAB Members Present:

Joseph Harmon
Esther Nasjleti
Jane Albro
Brian Knapp
Don Lederer
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert
Mike Slawski
Toby Sorensen
Evie Ifantides
Douglas Stewart

Members Absent:

Jennifer Passey
Harry Wilbur
Becky McNaughton

Staff:

Michael McCarty, Director of Parks & Recreation
Gregg Tonge, Parks Manager

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Joseph Harmon

2. Approval of Minutes, Adoption of Agenda

Tonight's agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes from January 10, 2013 meeting were approved as modified.

3. Trails Sub-committee Report

Michael & Esther presented the final Trail Project Presentation. They explained the entire process on how the mapping and prioritization came about. PRAB members will review the information and vote on their approval of the trail recommendations at the March meeting.

4. Legacy Fundraising

Chairman Harmon was proposing a fundraising idea where a certain percentage of sales on a certain day from local businesses would go to Legacy.

Zinta said that it should be made clear what specific project(s) the money is going for. Chairman Harmon said we should seek out specific vendors and target projects.

5. Strategic Master Plan for Parks and Trails

Michael stated that the contractor has been chosen and the contract has been approved. He further stated that PRAB needs a clear, concise direction for the Master Plan and suggested that we have a steering committee comprised of local citizens and civic associations.

The original Executive Committee, Chairman Harmon, Brian, Esther and Harry, would guide the steering committee to determine how to go about the project.

Brian concurred that we need help from Commission of the Arts, Senior Council, etc., and also need help from other outside interest groups.

Chairman Harmon asked for a vote on the Steering Committee idea and all were in favor.

It was further discussed that we need special outreach to minority groups, church groups, field user groups, and school principals. PRAB members will take two to three organizations and present at their meeting to promote the SMP process.

Michael had a list of proposed slogans for the SMP – all were in favor for Our Parks, Our Future.

6. Dedicated Tax Funding For Parks and Recreation

Chairman Harmon suggested waiting until after the SMP process to take a position on alternative funding. This would allow for a priority list to be developed. Vote postponed

7. Special Revenue Account for Maintenance

Chairman Harmon will develop a draft proposal on a special revenue fund for parks for future consideration by PRAB

10. Parks & Recreation Report

Report as submitted by Director.

Brian inquired where the money from last years' Mayor's Ball went.

11. Stakeholder Updates

- **Commission on the Arts – Harry Wilbur**
No report - absent
- **Community Appearance Committee – Don Lederer**
Council recommended commercial awards
- **Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling - Douglas Stewart**
No report
- **Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority – Brian Knapp**
Reported that he will try to spotlight a particular NVRPA park each month.
Presented a brochure on this month's park – Carlyle House Historical Park where his wife is a docent on the weekends.
- **Planning Commission – Jennifer Passey**
No report - absent
- **School Board – Tobey Sorenson**

- **Senior Center – Jane Albro**

There will be a flea market on Saturday, March 2nd from 8am – 2pm. People can rent a table or donate items.

The gym room leak has been fixed.

Green Acres now has hot water in the kitchen, an automatic door opener and lights in the parking lot.

12. Matters of the Members

Brian commended the School Board for sending a representative last month when Toby was unable to make it.

Zinta attended a real estate seminar that stressed the importance of parks and trails.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

The next PRAB meeting will take place: Thursday, March 14, 2013

Minutes prepared by: Gregg Tonge, Parks Manager