

City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018
City Hall, Council Work Session Room

PRAB Members Present

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Chair
Jane Albro
Brian Cipriano
Pat Gallagher
Kirk Holley
Brian Knapp, Vice-Chair
Eric Mittnight
Sarah Ross
Robert Reinsel
Karen Wheeler-Smith

Staff: Cathy Salgado

Guests

Mayor David Meyer

PRAB Members Absent

Mike Anderson
Elisabeth Breslin
Evie Ifantides
Joseph Lawler

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for January 11, 2018 meeting

Motion: Bob Reinsel

Second: Sarah Ross

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from December 14, 2017

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Bob Reinsel

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Approved unanimously

4. Presentations

a) Mayor David Meyer

Mayor Meyer thanked PRAB members for their service to the City. He wanted to personally come and announcement that the City has received \$13.6 million for the design and construction of the George Snyder Trail. Mayor Meyer provided background on the concessionaire funding made available for the outside the beltway project. The contractor for the project, Express Mobility, provided a payment of \$500 million to the state for the project. This money is being distributed to jurisdictions touched by the project. The City also requested funding for widening of the Jermantown Road bridge (over I-66). This project, just outside but affecting the City, received \$12 million in funding. The City will is now requesting NVTA funding to reconstruct Jermantown Road from the City line to Fairfax Blvd.

The George Snyder project will connect the I-66 trail to the Snyder Trail at Rt. 123 and move east to connect to the Willcoxon Trail. The funding will be available on July 1st. Mr. Knapp thanked Mayor Meyer and noted that it will not be ready for construction on July 1st. Ms. Salgado explained that the plans are %15 complete and that a RFP is being developed for the remaining design, acquisition of ROW and construction management. Mr. Holley thanked the Mayor as well and said it solves the connection issue to the Cross County Trail. Mr. Reinsel stated that he has worked with Ms. Salgado and Ms. Sanford and that there is good support for the trail within Mosby Woods. In addition he hopes that additional modifications can be made that may add another connection to the trail in the Ranger Road area. Ms. Salgado stated that this was very possible. Mr. Cipriano asked about the connection at Fairfax Blvd to the Willcoxon and if it is possible to go under Rt. 50. Mayor Meyer explained that we prefer to go under and it is something we are looking at. Mr. Cipriano stated that if we cannot go under perhaps we can do on road bike lanes on Fairfax Blvd for that short section.

All thanked Mayor Meyer for his efforts in securing the funding and we look forward to this project moving ahead.

5. New Business

a) FY18 CIP Budget – Update

Ms. Salgado stated that no additional action has been taken on our requested CIP budget. The easy fix is to streamline the minutes and just mention that Bob reported on his outreach related to history of the Fairfax High School turf field, and Brian continued to assert that while

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acknowledging the past history, the future funding of the field should be moved from Parks and Rec to the School Board budget. Plain and simple.

Mr. Reinsel reported on his outreach related to the history of the Fairfax High School turf field. Mr. Cipriano asked that while acknowledging past history, the future funding of the field should be moved from Parks and Rec to the School Board budget. Mr. Knapp asked that Ms. Salgado provide a snapshot of usage and revenue to the board. Ms. Salgado will send out members.

b) FY19 Budget Overview

Ms. Salgado updated members on the budget process. The draft budget was presented to the City Manager on January 9th. The Rates and Levies are due on January 26th. Ms. Salgado will supply the draft budget as soon as available from the City's Budget Manager.

c) DRAFT Annual Work Plan and Report

Ms. Salgado presented the draft annual work plan and report for review and discussion. Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked if there was a way to add a key to the Strategic Master Plan references to determine if we are on schedule for meeting the objectives. Mr. Knapp asked that we change "Retiring" members to "Retired" and that we add an adoption date box on the bottom. In addition, look at adding language on the Snyder Trail, Comprehensive Plan and the Dog Park as these are all good achievements. Ms. Salgado also added the addition of a Parks and Recreation Standards Manual. Under supporting City Council Goals add language to say "expanding" trail system. He liked the two page format. Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked about the Strategic Master Plan update. Ms. Salgado reported that the review and report will be available in March. Mr. Knapp asked when the plan update is scheduled. Ms. Salgado reported in two years. Ms. Salgado will make changes and send out for PRAB review and discussion and vote in February.

6. Old Business

a) Community Center Site Planning Update

Ms. Salgado reported that the County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the options and also support Option #2. The Mayor spoke with Chair Bulova and she is very excited about moving forward. The consultant is completing the cost estimate for Option #2 and should have it done by the end of January. Mr. Reinsel asked about senior housing. It does not include the possible addition of senior housing but

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both the City Council and County Board have expressed desire to add as we go into the next phase of the planning. Ms. Salgado has earmarked \$100,000 for continued planning. We should have a better idea on the planning costs after the cost estimate is complete. The agreement with the county would be expanded to add the senior housing. Mr. Knapp asked Ms. Salgado her feeling on if this will move forward. Ms. Salgado said yes. He also asked about funding and if it would be a stretch for the county. Ms. Salgado cannot speak to the county but because they are much larger than the City her feeling is that the County would not be stretching to provide their portion of cost. For the City it is a much more significant project. Mr. Knapp also asked about aesthetics and if the County is concerned with how it fits into the Sherwood Center and Police Station. Ms. Salgado said yes. At the first meeting the aesthetics were discussed as well as the building's place on the corner as it related to the buildings that surround it. Mr. Reinsel stated that he thinks there is thought cohesiveness.

b) Van Dyck Master Plan Update

PRAB members received copies of the draft master plan. It has been edited and will be ready for PRAB discussion and vote at the February PRAB meeting. Ms. Salgado would like to draft a resolution for PRAB to send to Council along with the plan. She would like for the resolution to also be reviewed and adopted at the February PRAB meeting. Mr. Knapp agreed that a resolution is needed and that it should include highlights of the process, what it stands for, all the community outreach, etc. Ms. Salgado will draft and send out prior to February meeting for review and edit. Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked if the County was okay with the master plan. Ms. Salgado said yes. Mr. Holley asked about Council bonding discussions that have taken place. There have been discussions but no decision by Council has been made. There is talk of a possible Fall 2018 bond but the timeline would be very tight. Mr. Cipriano said it would be great to have this fall – better voter turnout. Mr. Knapp does not think we have enough time to plan for November 2018. In the past there have been dedicated bond campaigns which take time to develop. If we lose it would sideline the project for years. Mr. Cipriano asked if we can put it into dollars and cents to the residents and conduct a survey monkey to ask if they would be okay with a November bond question. Ms. Salgado explained that a question on bonding and using a survey would have to be initiated by the Mayor and Council and not staff. We will have to wait and see what action the Mayor and Council take.

c) Dog Park

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Ms. Salgado reported that the dog park design has begun. The surveyors complete the site analysis and are now designing the park. Chair Rodgers-Rickert reported she has been leaving the dog park Facebook cards at local pet stores and they are all very excited about the park. Once the design is completed, which will be the end of January, Ms. Salgado will supply to PRAB and will meet with the Westmore Civic Association and the Fairfax Villa neighbors.

d) George Snyder Trail Update

See Presentations for update.

7. Upcoming Events

Chocolate Lover's is February 3-4 with Liquid Chocolate beginning Friday, February 2nd.

Staff also working to resurrect the weekday Farmer's Market at Old Town Square
Corrections to monthly report:

Budget meeting is March 6th

Dates for Chocolate Lovers are February 2-4, 2018

8. Stakeholder Updates

• **School Board – Robert Reinsel**

The County School Board is meeting tonight to approve going ahead with the AP Center at Lanier. They expect approval. In addition they expect approval of the AAP plan for the City elementary schools. This will allow children to stay at their local schools.

• **Planning Commission – Karen Wheeler-Smith**

Chair Rodgers-Rickert welcomed Ms. Wheeler-Smith. Ms. Wheeler-Smith is happy to be back. She has previously served on PRAB and enjoyed it very much. Ms. Jaworski will cover any meetings she cannot make. She reported that Monday's Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to weather. The zoning changes and comprehensive plan projects continue to move ahead. As for the Scout on the Circle Mr. Cipriano mentioned that neighbors have been told the groundbreaking will be in February.

• **Senior Center – Jane Albro**

Ms. Albro reported that they have an upcoming Mardi Gras party.

• **Community Appearance Committee – Kirk Holley**

The design standards are in draft form and are being reviewed by The Community Development and Planning office. This project includes the street scape plan which provides standards for both public and private right-of-way.

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Together with the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan, Commission on the Arts public art plan, Zoning Rewrite and Comprehensive Plan rewrite, the City will have completed an overhaul of how we currently do planning. All these pieces are working together to provide standards across the board. In addition the Public Facilities Manual is being worked on.

- **Commission on the Arts – Pat Gallagher**

Ms. Gallagher reported that the Commission is working on their annual awards for individuals and businesses who support the arts in the City. In addition, the Commission is anticipating the installation of public art at Old Town Square soon.

- **NOVA Parks – Brian Knapp**

Mr. Knapp reported as follow-up that the new trail at what will be named Reservoir Regional Park will be 8-10 miles long and comprised of a small section of stone dust and the rest natural trails. The holiday light shows ended and were a great success. The Board should receive the full report at next week's meeting. The City of Alexandria City Council has punted a decision on Cameron Run for six months and directed City staff to continue dialogue with NOVA Parks staff. In Mr. Knapp's opinion the Alexandria City Council will never approve an agreement favorable to NOVA Parks. Next week the Board will appoint a new chair and it is anticipated to be Michael Nardolilli from Arlington County. Ms. Stella Koch, a Fairfax County representative, will be stepping down.

9. Matters of the Members

Mr. Cipriano has offered to do a slide show on sports lighting. There has been great progress and all lighting in the future will most likely be LED. Ms. Salgado will look to see what month would work for a presentation.

Mr. Reinsel reported that he attended the holiday light show at Meadowlark Gardens and it was great.

Mr. Knapp asked Ms. Salgado to provide an update on Legacy donations. Ms. Salgado will send out via email.

Chair Rodgers-Rickert wished everyone a happy new year. She has been dropping off dog park cards at local pet stores and is receiving great response.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 8:40 p.m.

Motion:

Second:

Approved unanimously

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*Next regular PRAB meeting is **February 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. City Council Work Session Room***