

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

June 14, 2018
City Hall, Council Work Session Room

PRAB Members Present

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Chair
Jane Albro
Mike Anderson
Elisabeth Breslin
Brian Cipriano
Pat Gallagher
Kirk Holley
Evie Ifantides
Joe Lawler
Robert Reinsel
Karen Wheeler-Smith

Absent

Brian Knapp, Vice Chair
Eric Mittnight
Sarah Ross

Staff: Cathy Salgado

Guests

Jeremy Zema, Scout
Joseph Graef, Scout

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for June 14, 2018 meeting

Motion: Bob Reinsel

Second: Brian Cipriano

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from May 10, 2018

Motion: Bob Reinsel

Second: Brian Cipriano

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Approved unanimously

4. Presentations

a) Eagle Scout Projects

Jeremy Zema presented a restroom enclosure for Ratcliffe Park and Joseph Graef presented a restroom enclosure for Thaiss Park. Both projects are based on the standard restroom enclosure that we have been using in other parks. They are both working with Park Manager Mac Ryan on scheduling the project dates.

5. New Business

a) Parks, Recreation, Trails, Open Space, Events and Cultural Arts Strategic Master Plan – Discussion

Deferred

b) Update of park regulations – new state law regarding the use of drones.

Ms. Salgado provided information on a new state law that requires localities to permit the use of drones in parks unless otherwise prohibited by the federal government. A request has come in to change our park regulations to reflect the new law which will take effect July 1st. Ms. Salgado stated that the City Attorney is reviewing the legislation to make a determination of what changes will be needed to our regulations. Once this is completed the regulations will be brought to PRAB and then City Council. Mr. Cipriano said that there are now drones that fly under the no fly zone – they are equipped with GPS and know where the no fly zones are. Mr. Reinsel stated that there was a drone at Rock the Block in May. He also asked that we may want to connect with Dr. Pajardo regarding the new regulations.

6. Old Business

a) Community Center Site Planning Update

There was no update to report other than the county staff is still in the process of briefing the Board of Supervisors. All indication is that the county wants to proceed with the joint project. The City Council also wants to proceed. Once the county formally states they want to move forward and new scope of work will be developed for the next 9-12 months.

b) Van Dyck Master Plan Update

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Ms. Salgado stated that the adoption of the plan was scheduled for June 26th and that she anticipated no issues with the adoption. The funding questions will be answered at a later date.

c) Dog Park

Ms. Salgado stated that the dog park was approved on June 12th. The plan was in its second round of review. It's anticipated to be completed and permits issued within 4-6 weeks. Construction could then start in mid-August. We can now go out and fundraise to complete the goal of raising \$25,000. In addition Ms. Salgado reported that proffer money (\$39,000) can be used for additional asphalt repair. Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked if we can get a listing of what proffer money is available for parks and recreation. Ms. Salgado will supply.

d) Trail Updates

Ms. Salgado reported that engineering and design proposals were received for the George Snyder Trail and interviews are conducted. Discussions are continuing with the design award tentatively scheduled for July 24th. The Judicial Drive Trail project received \$370,000 in TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) funding and will be available after July 1st. The Pickett Road Connector Trail is being designed to 15% for submission with the Smart Scale Funding projects due August 1st. Mr. Cipriano asked that we look at putting in another connection from the northern side of Old Pickett Road. This will provide direct access for residents in Fox Croft. We are also putting together the IFB for the trail repair project (\$460,000 in RSTP funding). It is federal money so therefore it has to go through a federal and VDOT review, which takes additional time.

7. Upcoming Events

Ms. Salgado reported that Rock the Block went well. It was the largest crowd yet with 3,500 in attendance. Planning continues for July 4th. Ms. Ifantides asked where City Clips had gone to. Ms. Salgado stated that changes are being made and a new Facebook video is being done weekly. Ms. Salgado will follow-up with the Communications Director to see what is planned.

8. Stakeholder Updates

• **School Board – Robert Reinsel**

Mr. Reinsel reported that Mr. Wilson is working on getting more estimates for the parking lot expansion at Providence Elementary School. 535 seniors graduated

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from Fairfax High School. The last day of school is tomorrow. The gym floor at Fairfax High School will be replaced immediately after graduation next year and will take the entire summer. This is Mr. Reinsel's last meeting and Mitch Sutterfield will be the new City School Board rep. Mr. Reinsel has enjoyed his time with PRAB and will remain actively involved. All thanked him for his service.

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

Ms. Wheeler –Smith reported that the PVI plan was presented at the June 12th Council meeting. Council voted to defer action until September 11th. The Planning Commission had a work session with the Housing Commission on housing as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan. The idea is to focus on senior and affordable housing more and how do we want to address the deficit in the 2035 plan. The Breezeway Motel plan came in and shows Pulte Homes building townhomes and some live/work units on Rt. 50. The Planning Commission was lukewarm on the proposal. No vote as it was an initial discussion with the developer. The developer is doing community outreach. Ms. Gallagher asked what types of retail are they thinking in the live/work units. Ms. Wheeler-Smith said most likely personal services, legal, etc.

- **Senior Center – Jane Albro**

Ms. Albro reported that they are having a Father's Day breakfast tomorrow and that the July 4th picnic was coming up.

- **Community Appearance Committee – Kirk Holley**

No report

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

Ms. Gallagher reported that next week is the last meeting until September. Dr. Hills is stepping down as the chair and most likely Molly Grimsley will be the new chair. The COA would like to have a joint meeting with PRAB this fall.

- **NOVA Parks – Brian Knapp**

No report.

9. Matters of the Members

Ms. Ifantides asked if the City has thought about creating handicap accessible garden plots. Ms. Salgado stated that they can be adapted for handicap needs by raising the beds. If we have an applicant that was handicap we would adjust the bed accordingly. Mr. Anderson commented that Rock the Block was the most crowded he has ever seen. The event was awesome.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 8:15 p.m.

Approved unanimously

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*Next regular PRAB meeting is **July 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. City Council Work Session Room.***

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