

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

November 14, 2019
City of Fairfax
City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street
Work Session Room

PRAB Members Present:

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert, Chair
Brian Knapp, Vice Chair
Mark Angres
Brian Cipriano
Pat Gallagher
Evie Ifantides
Sandy Moshos
Sarah Ross
Mitch Sutterfield
Staff: Cathy Salgado
Jamie Dodson

Absent:

Mike Anderson
Justin Graf
Kim Luckabaugh
Ellie Monnig
James Rich

Board members met at 6pm with the Commission on the Arts Committee for discussion and dinner.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:12 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for November 14, 2019 meeting

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Evie Ifantides

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from October 10, 2019

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Evie Ifantides

Approved unanimously

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4. Presentations None.

5. New Business

a) Following up Discussion on meeting with the City Manager

Ms. Salgado reported that the City Manager fully supports the community center redevelopment, but a major priority is first balancing the budget and changing the way the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is structured to better reflect the City's needs.

Chair Rodgers-Rickert shared she thought he seemed very open to communication and that it was a good idea for the board to learn the City's vision and align the PRAB goals with them.

b) Discussion on FY21-25 CIP Plan

Ms. Salgado shared the CIP PowerPoint the City Manager presented to Mayor and City Council. Focusing on the Parks and Recreation's portion and highlighting the changes to the overall layout made by the new City Manager. Ms. Salgado noted that the presentation included two of PRABS priority projects being the community center with a backup plan and Van Dyck's masterplan implementation. Mrs. Salgado said she would email the presentation to all board members when the meeting concluded.

c) Discussion on FY21 Operating Budget

Ms. Salgado reported that the Parks and Recreation proposed FY21 Operating Budget has been submitted to the City Manager. There is a meeting to discuss it with the City Manager on December 13th. The department has requested a new position be created for an Urban Forrester who would also work with the Public Works and Community Development and Planning Departments. Additionally, a request has been made to upgrade the current 30 hour Event Coordinator to a 40 hour position.

6. Old Business

a) Community Center Update

Ms. Salgado summarized the mid-October meeting that occurred between the City and County to discuss financing the project. County staff shared that they are in the process of creating a Massey Complex Master Plan and are considering relocating the center in an effort to collocate multiple county resources within the complex. Ms. Salgado stated if this were to occur the City would look into purchasing the property and continuing the community center project. The meeting was held shortly before the November elections and County staff was unsure which direction the newly appointment officials would want to proceed.

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b) George Snyder Trail Update

Ms. Salgado reported that a George Snyder Trail Advisory Group meeting is being held on December 2nd to discuss trail revisions, alignment, lighting, and the feasibility of the trail going under Route 50.

c) Pickett Road Trail Update, Comstock Trail Update

Ms. Salgado shared that the funding from VDOT is in and the design is being worked on for the Pickett Road Trail. We are currently waiting on an official agreement from the tank farm for the Comstock Trail to formalize the trail right.

7. Parks and Recreation Department Reports

a) Upcoming Events

Ms. Salgado reported that the Parks and Recreation office may be moving within City Hall to the third floor annex. The move is to accommodate the Voters Registration Office who needs to relocate from the Sisson House into City Hall before the new year. The Holiday Craft Show is this weekend, November 16-17 with Fairfax High School. The Holiday Market opens Friday, December 6th and will run the first three weekends of December in the Old Town Square.

8. Stakeholder Updates

a) School Board - Mitch Sutterfield

Mr. Sutterfield shared exciting news that this year's Fairfax High School girl's field hockey team won both the district and regional championship. Also, the golf team won region championship. Principal

b) Planning Commission - Mark Angres

Mr. Angres reported that the Visioning Committee is done meeting and will give a presentation to the City Council on December 10, 2019. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Monday to decide on the proposed Wawa on Fairfax Boulevard. He also shared that there will be three Small Area Plan community meetings held in various locations around the city in December.

c) Senior Center - Sandy Moshos

Ms. Moshos reported the flea market was a smooth success and brought in \$900. She reminded the board that the fitness center located within the senior center is free and available to use. The next Senior Center Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and the Thanksgiving banquet will be held next Friday.

d) Commission on the Arts - Pat Gallagher

Ms. Gallagher thanked the board and staff for arranging the joint meeting with Commission on the Arts. She shared both the Old Town Hall and Art League series are going well.

e) NOVA Parks - Brian Knapp

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Mr. Knapp shared that there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial located within Occoquan Regional Park today. The memorial has been in the works for 12 years and is expected to open to the public on August 22, 2020 following a dedication. Mr. Knapp reported that since NOVA Parks co-shares the Pickett Road Trail they are interested in helping with lighting. Mr. Knapp also shared that NOVA Parks is hosting a 60th Anniversary Gala on Sunday. Additionally, that they have multiple locations with holiday light shows that are opening to the public with different promotions to help draw in crowds.

9. Matters of the Members

- a) Ms. Moshos shared that she missed the last meeting because her husband had brain surgery due to a fall.
- b) Ms. Ifantides shared that she is on ride 988 towards her goal of 1000th bike rides to work. She is estimating her 1000th ride will be in the second week of December. Her ride is 6.4 miles one way.
- c) Mr. Sutterfield shared that he will be out next month for surgery.
- d) Vice Chair Knapp asked if would be possible for board members to get name tags to wear to meetings and events, such as the joint meeting held tonight. He also requested to tour the new Parks and Recreation office space. The Vice Chair requested that Ms. Salgado collect and share the number of members and visitors to the Senior Center in a given week with the board.
- e) Mr. Cipriano reported that the underpass at Old Lee Highway needs to be cleaned out due to a buildup of debris.
- f) Chair Rodgers-Rickert shared an experience from her week and encourages everyone to be more aware of their surroundings.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 8:46 p.m.

The next PRAB meeting will be held on December 12th @ 7pm in the City Hall, Work Session Room