

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

SUMMARY NOTES DATE: March 8, 2012

PRAB Members Present:

Zinta Rodgers	Toby Sorensen
Gary Sidor	Mike Slawski
Brian Knapp	Harry Wilbur
Esther Nasjleti	Douglas Stewart
Don Lederer	Jane Albro
Jennifer Passey	Evangelia Ifantides

PRAB Members Absent:

Joseph Harmon

Staff Members:

Michael McCarty; Director; Parks and Recreation
Rich Wyant; Athletic Supervisor; Parks and Recreation

Guests:

Kelly O'Brien; CDP
Tyler Orton; Bike Task Group
Josh Cantor; GMU Parking and Transportation Bike
Frank Linton; Bike Task Group

1. **Call to Order-** Ms. Nasjleti
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Ms. Nasjleti at 7pm
2. **Matters of the Office**
 - a. April PRAB meeting will be held on April 11th
 - b. National Center Bike to school day is May 9th
3. **Mason to Metro Bicycle Study** - Tyler Orton, GMU
 - a. Presentation by Tyler Orton
 - b. Mr. Stewart provided an overview and noted they are not requesting a vote by PRAB tonight but would like recommendations and input to the presentation
 - c. Questions regarding the cost figures were raised by Mr. Knapp and Mr. Wilbur. The cost figures are estimates and not actual data. It was suggested by PRAB to firm up the costing data
 - d. Bike lanes are 4ft wide each way (8ft total)
 - e. Mr. Wilbur questioned if the City takes on increased liability with the Bike route. It was noted that any accepted solution would have to meet VDOT standards and further discussions are required
 - f. Ms. Nasjleti closed this presentation by noting this is a conceptual and informative presentation at this point and time. The group is seeking feedback from PRAB on suggestions for improvement to the plan and wanted to socialize it with City members
 - g. Mr. McCarty suggested the group to pursue other funding sources as well (Fairfax County, Metro, GMU, etc). He also noted to see if it may tie into any future County Bond Referendums and to find metrics that determine who utilizes these existing routes today (City, County residents, etc)
4. **Beaver Dam-** Brian Knapp
 - a. Presented by Brian Knapp

- b. Discussion about making this property of about 400 acres a Regional Park. The land is already being used by public but no one is collecting fees or operating property as a park facility
 - c. This property is the City water source and the proposed use could be for Passive Recreational Use Only (rowing and fishing)
 - d. Park Authority is willing to donate money to this effort
 - e. Other discussions that are on the horizon is if the City should continue to own its own water source or partner with others (ie: Fairfax County Water Authority). This will be open to public feedback soon
 - f. Mr. Knapp will provide a few lines on this topic to Ms. Nasjleti
 - g. It was recommended to have this item on the table for adoption at next months PRAB meeting
- 5. Park Stewards Report- Mr. Sidor**
- a. Mr. Sidor reported on both Kitty Pozer Garden and Ratcliffe Park
 - b. Ms. Nasjleti will edit the template and distribute. The new template will have a note that the report is just an opinion and NOT a recommendation, these are member comments, etc
 - c. Mr. McCarty recommended changing the reporting procedure to a brief summary of the findings at each PRAB meeting but continuing to fill out the actual document as it is today. This was approved by members of PRAB present
- 6. Kitty Pozer Update- Mr. Sidor**
- a. Spoke to by Mr. Sidor
 - b. March 13 is an introductory or kickoff discussion; it will be followed by work sessions on March 27 (discuss consultants first complete concept) and April 10th (presentation of consultant's final drawings)
 - c. Mr. Wilbur requested a sit down/workshop meeting prior to the March 27th
 - d. It was noted that the consultants have feedback from the Community and PRAB members
- 7. Dog Park Subcommittee update- Ms. Rodgers-Rickert**
- a. Ms. Rodgers-Rickert stated they received information relating to what it takes to get a park up and operational but the committee has not reconvened since last months meeting
- 8. Trails Subcommittee Update- Ms. Nasjleti**
- a. Ms. Nasjleti addressed two areas
 - i. Planning for Trails Day
 - 1. They didn't have a quorum at last meeting so they just touched on details
 - 2. They are working with Jeannette Stewart at Daniels Run for ideas
 - 3. Chris may have plans for the same day at Daniels Run. He will be at next meeting to share details
 - ii. Evaluation of Trails
 - 1. They are working on new map of trails
- 9. Budget- Mr. McCarty**
- a. Mr. McCarty presented the proposed Parks and Recreation budget to the group
- 10. Department Report- Mr. McCarty**
- a. Presented by Mr. McCarty
 - b. Cox Communications pulled funds across the state for therefore we will not have the "Movies Under the Moon this year
 - c. Plant Management Plan discussion at later date is requested. He would like to add it to the agenda within the next two meeting
 - d. Westmore Elementary School building will be demolished
 - e. Mr. Wilbur congratulated Ms. Herman and Ms. Lussier for attaining their certifications
- 11. Approval of Previous Minutes-Motioned by Ms. Nasjleti**
- a. Changes requested
 - i. Page 3; Kitty Pozer and Farmer Section "Please clarify if Chairman Harmon was at the last Kitty Pozer meeting or not at the last PRAB meeting"

- ii. Ms. Ifantides was not at the last PRAB meeting; please remove her from the section that indicates she was present
- iii. Ms. Sorensen's name is not spelled correctly
- iv. Mr. Caruso's last name is spelled incorrectly; it should only have one "s"
- v. Need to correct Country Club Hills "HOA"; it should be Country Club Hills Civic Association
- vi. Need to change Mosby Woods "HOA" to Mosby Woods Civic Association
- vii. Change section 6 Trails Subcommittee Update; "Douglas is checking the overlays to identify the trails for different activities". It should read "Douglas is checking the overlays to BETTER DRAFT A STANDARD AND SUBSTANDARD TRAILS"

12. Stakeholder Updates

- a. Harry Wilbur-City to focus on Public Arts Policy Paper along with Strategic Plan. Would like to get sculpture outside of Sherwood
- b. Toby Sorensen-new City School Superintendent is Peter Noonan starting July 1st
- c. Jane Alba-Looking for the parking and lighting
- d. Don Lederer-April is clean up month and residential award are coming up soon
- e. Gary Sidor-none
- f. Douglas Stewart-Daniels Run March 29 6pm-8:30pm for bike event. Opportunity to mark up maps with trails that are not identified, etc
- g. Jennifer Passey-Amendments to the City Comprehensive plan are next week

13. Matters of Members

- a. Douglas Stewart-Richard Louve event in Leesburg on 3/14
- b. Esther Nasjleti-Working with Evie on Park Program
- c. Harry Wilbur-Free Mocotto presentation at Old Town Hall on 3/12 at 7:30pm

14. Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 motioned by Ms. Nasjleti and seconded by everyone