

City of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2011, 6:00 PM
Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

PRAB Members Present

Joe Harmon
Jane Albro
Brian Knapp
Don Lederer
Esther Nasjleti
Gary Sidor
Mike Slawski
Zinta Rodgers-Rickert
Toby Sorensen
Harry Wilbur
Mike McCarty, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

PRAB Members Absent

Mace Carpenter

Note: a joint meeting was held with the city school board at 6 pm

1. Call to Order

The separate PRAB meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

No amendments to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

The minutes of the April meeting were discussed, amended, and approved as amended.

4. Matters of the Officers

-Joe reported that the National Parks and Recreation Association held a meeting about representing parks and recreation to city leaders. Joe and Mike discussed the program's recommendation to create a "Did You Know?" program to enhance awareness of Parks and Recreation throughout the community and city council. No action taken, as a similar program already exists in the regular Fairfax City Parks and Recreation newsletter.

-Joe suggested the annual joint meeting with the seniors group be held in July (all members agreed)

5. Business

a. Park Steward Report

Zinta provided a report on Daniel's Run and Gateway Park. Of note, several signs have been knocked over in Gateway Park and poison ivy is widespread.

b. Trails Day Discussion

Trails Day is planned for Saturday, June 4th at 9 am behind Daniel's Run Elementary.

c. PRAB Awards

Awards will be delivered by the Mayor on June 14th at council chambers to Joe Kirby, American Legion Post 177, and Boy Scout Troop 1887.

d. CIP Update

One parks and recreation position was cut out of the budget. Johanna's marketing role has been redirected toward marketing events and facilities.

e. Legacy Fund Update

Joe asked how much liquidity was currently in the Legacy fund (~\$135,000). A discussion was held to discuss possible PRAB recommendations for use of Legacy funds (discussion tabled until June)

f. Ashby Pond

A discussion was held based upon Brian's (previously submitted) recommendations to city council. A motion to accept all of Brian's points was passed.

g. Trails sub-committee

Douglas Stewart was added to the trails sub-committee via PRAB motion. Brian requested future copies of the sub-committee's meetings minutes be provided for PRAB review.

h. Dog park sub-committee

The May meeting of the sub-committee was delayed until next week.

6. Stakeholder Updates

-Harry reported that Gerry Sherwood received the John Mason Arts Achievement Award.

-The sculpture for the Sherwood Center is pending council's decision based on the new draft policy created by the Commission on the Arts. This policy will be presented to PRAB for review. (Gary requested that photos of the two finalist sculptures be sent to PRAB members)

-Don reported on the committee appearance awards progress.

-Gary reported on the upcoming 50th anniversary of FPYC in 2013.

-FPYC has no recent reports of bullying or other trouble at Draper Park.

-Brian suggested a new fundraising structure be advertised during the FPYC anniversary celebrations.

7. Parks and Recreation Department Report

8. Matters of the Members

-Brian provided an update on the NVRPA's opening ceremony for the Korean bell at Meadowlark Garden this past weekend.

-Jane reported that the Gerontology Social workers course offered at GMU will partner with the senior center in the future.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mike Slawski