

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH, 2007 – 7PM  
SUMMARY NOTES**

**Members present:** Brian Knapp, Joe Harmon, Gary Sidor, Harry Wilbur, Esther Nasjleti, Arthur Little, Zinta Rodgers.

**Apologies:** James Ogletree, Amy Craig

**Staff present:** Jo Ormesher, Dan Phillips (Mike McCarty was on travel.)

**Guests:** None

- 1) Meeting called to Order. Time: 7.05pm
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Done.
- 3) New Business:
  - a. Dan Phillips presented the Summer Recreation and After school programs.  
After School program – Started with 80 bookings, Fall: 102 and this Spring: 124 – great growth.  
Summer Recreation 2007 is an 8 week program, 3<sup>rd</sup> thro’ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, bookings are off to an excellent start (gave handout) Nature Camp and Arts Camp are new programs this year. Fee payment options have changed and there is an á la carte payment scheme.  
There are a number of staff changes this year. Registration will be at City Hall on Sat. March 24<sup>th</sup>.  
American Soccer Academy program is looking good – can this be carried over to Providence and Lanier when they are finished with the current program? Gary asked if this program segued with SACC – some children do both. Art & fitness good combination.  
Future plans – with more room we can expand the program!
  - b. Brian Knapp has been nominated by the City Council to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority – he will take his seat with Art Little.
- 4) Old Business:
  - Kitty Pozer recommendations have gone to City Staff. Thanks to all concerned. Photos are to be put in as historical reference.
  - Providence - funding issue to be discussed at Council (March 13).
  - Traffic study is ongoing for the proposed Stafford Park.
  - Mosby Woods – some residents are still not in accord with the Stafford Park proposals (field lighting, volume of cars).
  - Trails at Providence – comments on strollers getting stuck – this appears to have no substance.

**Trails Day**

Brian announced the PRAB Award - John Mason is this year’s awardee.  
Joe Harmon presented the Trails Day update. The Sub-Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Jon Buttram and Julie Knight and their respective groups are fully committed. Girls Scouts unable to get involved at this point due to another event. The committee is working on all

logistics. They will invite Mayor & Council. Website updated – Press releases to be handled by Jo. Venue – Van Dyck Park, schedule handed out.

8.30am            See Mommy Run event at 8.30am  
9.30am            Presentation  
10.30am          Family Fun ride led by Oasis Bikes.

### **Spray Ground**

In a tough budget year, some things will fall by the wayside. Advisory Board members were given ‘talking points’ to use with Council. The Mayor and Council appear to be non-committal; however, small amounts of money for quality of life issues would appear to be well received.

### **Park Rules & Regulations**

Sub-Committee working on this: Brian, James, and Esther (with great help from Mike McCarty and staff).

### **Schools Use**

All to read and feed back observations. The School Board will do this as well.  
Amy Craig and Janice Miller, Brian and Joe to work together – to update the document.  
Revisit use of the school fields for possible commercial use.  
Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> – Joint meeting with the School Board, they will run the meeting

#### 5)        Members Time

Joe – Trails Day 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday’s at Auld Shebeen.

Harry – COA Harry, Molly, Gary Gill (Chair) will be at Budget hearing.

Zinta – Dog Park information coming in future. Sweethearts at Greenbriar for dancing – live bands at 9pm – very popular.

Gary – Community Center – Council extending Main Street Development for a further 2 years, how does this fit with Community Centre proposal?

Trails Day – Trash pick-up on the day? Can this be built into the day?

#### 6)        Adjournment:

Next meeting is scheduled for April 19.