

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

June 8, 2017
City Hall, Council Work Session Room

PRAB Members Present

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert
Jane Albro
Mike Anderson
Emily Deivert
Pat Gallagher
Kirk Holley
Evie Ifantides
Janet Jaworski
Brian Knapp
Eric Mittnight
Sarah Ross
Robert Reinsel
Staff: Cathy Salgado

PRAB Members Absent

Emily Divert – Elizabeth Breslin attended instead

Guests

Elizabeth Breslin – new student member
Nick Marshall – Eagle Scout Project
Parthiu Chigurupati – Eagle Scout Project

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodgers-Rickert

Time: 7:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda for June 8, 2017 meeting

Motion: Sarah Ross

Second: Janet Jaworski

Approved unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from May 15, 2017

Motion: Robert Reinsel

Second: Pat Gallagher

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Approved unanimously with change in spelling to Sarah's name

4. Presentations

Nick Marshall – Outdoor Pickleball enclosure for Green Acres to accommodate equipment. The enclosure will not have a concrete base but rather stone dust. The posts will be set in dry concrete.

Parthiu Chigurupati – Creating a walking video tour and GPS locator for Van Dyck Park. Mr. Holley commented it would be nice to get the tour from a young person's perspective. Mr. Reinsel inquired as to how the codes will be uploaded. Parthiu will be working with the city to add to the website. Mr. Knapp stated that this project shows the full spectrum of projects the city has to offer. This one has been on the list for a while and it will be great to get done. Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked what geo marking is. Parthiu explained that it is knowing the coordinates of items in parks such as trash cans which can then be linked to see when trash is being picked up. It's useful for both visitors and city staff. Mr. Holley asked if the city allows geocaching in parks. Ms. Salgado responded that we do not prohibit it but also don't promote it.

5. New Business

Ms. Salgado requested that we add two items to discuss – trail link on Judicial Trail and the George Snyder Trail.

- a) Judicial Trail link. Ms. Salgado explained that she is working with Wendy Block Sanford on identifying missing trail links and to then apply for funding. Ms. Sanford has pulled together a listing of available funding and when applications are due. The Judicial Trail link is approximately 500-ft of missing trail between Presbyterian Way and Judicial Drive. The city has a 10-ft right-of-way on two properties that provide the connection. Mr. Holley stated that it was a great piece of trail to do. Mr. Knapp stated that with our limited pool of money it is good to get the biggest bang we can.
- b) George Snyder Trail update – Ms. Salgado explained that the 1-66 Corridor project contractor is providing \$500 million to the state as a concessionaire payment. These funds will be competitively available to jurisdictions along the corridor including the city and the turnaround is very quick. Ms. Sanford would like to apply for the Snyder Trail. She believes we have a very good chance of getting 100% funding which would make this project proceed much faster – one year out instead of 5-6 years. Several PRAB members suggested a letter of support to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Reinsel, who also serves as the president of Mosby Woods, noted the need to get out in front with the Mosby Woods

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community. Ms. Sanford and Ms. Salgado would like to do exactly that. This project will be on council's agenda June 27th as part of a work session item on transportation. Mr. Reinsel likes the connection to Shiloh Street Park. Ms. Ross stated it will provide a walking corridor east/west not on Rt. 50 which is good. Mr. Knapp asked about easements needed. Ms. Salgado stated there are approximately 10 properties that easements are needed from valued at approximately \$4 million in 2022 dollars. Mr. Knapp also noted that NOVA Parks is participating in this funding availability and are applying for an elevated bridge in Falls Church over the W&OD Trail. He too noted the quick application period and decision making for this funding.

6. Old Business

a) Van Dyck Master Plan Update

Van Dyck Master Plan Advisory Group members Kirk Holley, Brian Knapp and Sara Ross provided update on the process. Mr. Holley and Ms. Ross attended the May 18th public workshop. Ms. Salgado said that 25 people signed in other than staff and AG members. Ms. Ross thought attendance was higher – not everyone signed in. Ms. Salgado provided PRAB with concepts 1 and 2 and explained that attendees were asked to comment and place red or green dots on what they likes and disliked about each concept. They were also asked to comment on photo boards again asking what they liked and disliked. There was more positive feedback on concept 2 but some good feedback on a few features in concept 1. Ms. Ross also noted that there were a number of skaters in attendance and they liked the back location in concept 1. The AG will be meeting again in late June to discuss the feedback and look at additional concept work based on the feedback completed by Lardner Klein. The hope is to finish a draft over the summer and schedule for a fall work session with the Mayor and Council. Mr. Reinsel suggested we asked Council to adopt the Master Plan, not to accept. It is important for master plans to be adopted in order for them to be used properly. All agreed and PRAB will write a letter to the Mayor and Council as that time approaches. This will be an item on the June 10th Mayor and Council work session at Blenheim.

b) Community Center Planning Site Evaluation Process Update

Ms. Salgado provided an update on the community center site evaluation process and the discussions with the county to do a joint master plan for the Willard/Jorgenson/Sherwood sites. Volkert is working on the final report for the Mayor and Council but based on the finding City Hall has been eliminated. The draft

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report will be provided to the Mayor and Council at the June 10th work session. Ms. Salgado explained a follow-up meeting with county staff was held earlier in the week and they were providing a scope of work for the city to join in the planning. The county is already working with Lemay Erickson. If the Mayor and Council decide to move forward on a joint master plan they will place on the June 28th joint city/county meeting. If that discussion is favorable then the work would commence shortly after. The master planning would be the first step of many. Chair Rodgers-Rickert asked why the county wants to partner with the city. Ms. Salgado explained it is coming from the county P3 office which is specifically charged with finding partnering projects that benefit the community. It is also helpful for the county to work with the city in case there are zoning issues. Mr. Reinsel reminded members that we currently contract with the county for health services and that it is a natural fit of services. Chair Rodgers-Rickert thanked Mr. Knapp for drafting the letter to the Mayor and Council in support of this effort. Ms. Gallagher asked about the status of an auditorium with a stage and that theatre space in the city is an issue. Mr. Knapp responded that when Sherwood was being planned it was thought that an addition could be done. Ms. Gallagher stated that there has not been a theatre production at Sherwood as it is not set-up as a theatre. Mr. Knapp said that theatres can be hard to do and that the city schools have theatre space. It would be something the Commission on the Arts can advocate for. Chair Rodgers-Rickert understands that there is limited space for theatres and it may be too much to ask for in this project. There is a greater need for a full-size gym for community use. Perhaps there is a way to blend the uses. Mr. Knapp asked Ms. Albro if the seniors use a gym. Ms. Albro stated yes, every day. Ms. Ross asked if the city does partner will the building be multi-story. Ms. Salgado said yes but the way the property is situated it is ideal for multi-story and connecting to Sherwood. Mr. Knapp noted that we might want to add something about using LEED standards. Ms. Salgado will add and noted that the county now only builds LEED silver or greater.

Motion: Brian Knapp

Second: Robert Reinsel

Approved unanimously

7. Parks and Recreation Department Reports

A) Upcoming Events

Planning Commission work session – Comprehensive Plan – June 12th at Blenheim

Ashby Pond Wildlife Designation Presentation – June 13th Council Meeting

Lord Fairfax Visit and Reception – June 15th at Sherwood

275th Anniversary of Fairfax County Celebration – June 17th – County Courthouse

Rock the Block – June 23rd

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B) CIP Updates – Ms. Salgado reported that the CIP projects for FY18 were approved and we are moving forward with planning.

8. Stakeholder Updates

- **School Board – Robert Reinsel**
Reported that Fairfax County School Board has hired DR. Brabrand as the new school superintendent for the county. Good news for the city as he was the principal at Fairfax High School and lived in the city. He is a great educator and great to work with. The city search is well underway and they have some candidates already. Ann Monday is serving as acting and is helping with the search with a target for the end of August to hire. A new city school superintendent might be in place by the beginning of the school year.
- **Planning Commission – Janet Jaworski**
None
- **Senior Center – Jane Albro**
Ms. Albro reported that there was a nice Memorial Day BBQ with great attendance. There will also be a party the Friday before July 4th starting at 11 a.m.
- **Community Appearance Committee – Kirk Holley**
Mr. Holley reported that new planters were in place on Main Street but that sidewalk repair will begin shortly so planters will be moving back and forth. \$150K was approved in the FY18 CIP budget for additional improvements. A significant amount may be used for the design guidelines for Main Street.
- **Commission on the Arts – Pat Gallagher**
Ms. Gallagher reported that the COA has a new sponsor for the Old Town Hall music series and that an announcement will be coming out soon. They have a fact finding trip planned in June to Glenstone in Potomac to get ideas for public art in public spaces.
- **NOVA Parks – Brian Knapp**
Mr. Knapp provided update that they hope to have the 5-year strategic plan adopted by the end of the summer. He would like to schedule a presentation to PRAB and a Mayor and Council work session. Mr. Knapp and Mr. Little provided an update on Cameron Run Water Park and the City of Alexandria. The City of Alexandria has 4-5 proposals for the property and NOVA Parks provided a counter proposal for a 40-year lease that would benefit the City of Alexandria as a whole. It might be settled by the end of summer. PRAB might want to consider asking the Mayor to send a letter to the City of Alexandria.

9. Matters of the Members

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Mr. Reinsel will not be at the June 12th joint Planning Commission/PRAB meeting.

Mr. Knapp thanked Mr. Mac Ryan for all his support to scouts and for doing a great job as Parks Manager.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 8:35 p.m.

*Next regular PRAB meeting is **July 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. City Council Work Session Room***

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