

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jane Beyer, Coles District
Brodie Freer, Occoquan District
Christian Thom, At Large Member
Erica Tredinnick, Brentsville District
Jeff Bergman, Gainesville District
Nate Murphy, Neabsco District
David Miles, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

March 17, 2021

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jeff Bergman
Jane Beyer
David Miles
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

Tiffany Johnson
Dee Fredrickson
Brendon Hanafin
Patti Pakkala
Amir Wenrich
Myla Neal
Audra Medve
Ann Marie Maher
Todd Reid
Trey Payne
Sally Wood

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:00 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Mr. Freer asked all to rise; Nate Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 21-07

Approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB: SR, Unanimous; Abstain JBg, DM).**

Citizens Time

None

Committee Reports

None

Presentation Items

Preserve at Long Branch Rezoning- Patti Pakkala updated the Commission on the Preserve at Long Branch Rezoning. On January 19, 2021, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors approved the Rezoning. The development will have 99 single family homes and 190 acres of conservation area with trails and non-motorized watercraft access to the Occoquan River. This parcel, in conjunction with the Sinclair Mill preservation area, will connect directly with Doves Landing providing one contiguous park of 500 acres.

Doves Landing Masterplan- Brendon Hanafin updated the Commission on the Doves Landing Park Master Plan. There is a previous master plan for the park, written by Brendon during his time with Historic Properties, of which a portion was included in the Commission packet. With the approved/pending dedication of the adjacent Sinclair Mill property, the Planning & Capital Projects

Team will be working with a consultant to garner citizen input and feedback and develop a new more comprehensive master plan for the full/contiguous park area that includes both Sinclair Mill and Doves Landing. Some of the uses that were mentioned by staff for consideration were hand-carrier kayak launches, primitive camping, and trail upgrades. This process will begin this month.

Tourism Annual Update – Ann Marie Maher provided highlights and a copy of the Tourism Annual Report. <https://www.visitpwc.com/about-prince-william-manassas/annualreport/>

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss shared the following updates:

Seth introduced our new Marketing and Communications Division Chief, Amir Wenrich.

The DPRT work session with the BOCS has been postponed until June.

Upcoming Budget dates:

School Board Budget Presentation April 6 - 7:30 PM

Planning Commission - CIP Public Hearing April 7 - 7 PM

Budget Recap April 13 - 7:30 PM

Budget Public Hearing - Proposed Budget & Tax Rate/Fees April 13 - 7:30 PM

Budget Markup April 20 - 7:30 PM

Budget Adoption April 27 - 7:30 PM

The Independent Hill Small Area Plan was adopted by the BOCS on March 16

We are hiring for the summer. All summer jobs are posted at <https://pwcparcsjobs.com>

This weekend we are having a drive thru Job Fair at Splashdown Waterpark

Commissioners Time

Mr. Murphy A constituent contacted Mr. Murphy in regard to future trail connections from Andrew Leitch Park. (Easements are still required to make these connections) Mr. Murphy also inquired about the progress on the trail etiquette signage. (Communications will provide samples of these and the litter signage at the next meeting)

Mr. Bergman Visited Catharpin Park with Supervisor Candland, and the park and new playground look great; Inquired about the ability to restart indoor facility programming at school sites (Sports Services has discussions in progress with individual principals and athletic directors); asked about the lag in scheduling

fields for VSA.

- Mr. Thom Noted the controversy over the parcel adjacent to PWFP and Seth clarified that the parcel was included in Independent Hill SAP and a portion of the parcel was designated as future parks and open space. No Rezoning requests have been submitted.
- Ms. Beyer Was happy to attend the Warrior Course ground breaking at Locust Shade and was to see a good turnout including officials from the base.
- Ms. Tredinnick Very excited about the Tourism Annual report and all of the great things happening with Tourism in the County; enjoyed visits to Neabsco Boardwalk and other east end parks; happy to see kids returning to sports.
- Mr. Freer Sees lots of momentum within the Department and with the Commission and is feeling really optimistic about the future for DPRT.
- All Commissioners Thanked Sally Wood for her years of service and wished her well on her retirement; the Commissioners all welcomed Amir to his new position and look forward to working with him.

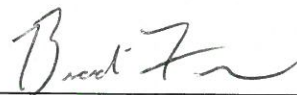
Closed Session None.

Adjournment

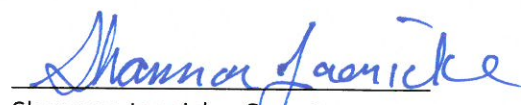
Res. No. 21-08 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:35 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (ET:CT, Unanimous).***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on March 17, 2021, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on March 17, 2021.



Brodie Freer, Chairman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director
Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary