

PRINCE WILLIAM

— Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brodie Freer, Chair, Occoquan District
Christian Thom, At Large Member
Vida Carroll, Brentsville District
Jane Beyer, Coles District
Rick Berry, Gainesville District
Ross W. Snare IV, Neabsco District
Oriella Mejia, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

April 17, 2024

7:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
George Hellwig Admin Bldg. Board Room- 14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA 20112

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative

- Approve Minutes of March 20, 2024

Citizen Time

Presentations

- 2023 Annual Mid Atlantic Recreational Sports Program Association Good Sports Awards

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director's Time

- Update on Proposed Sports and Event Center
- Budget Updates from Recap

Commissioner Time

Meeting Recap

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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February 21, 2024

George Hellwig Administrative Bldg. Board Room
14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA

Commission Members Present

Rick Berry
Jane Beyer
Vida Carroll
Brodie Freer
Oriella Mejia
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom

Staff Present

Rob Orrison
Janet Bartnik
John Blevins
Amir Wenrich
Eugene Loew
Frances Bridges
Amarjit Riat
Erica Mutschler- Nelson
Patti Pakkala
Steve Choi
Ed Deleon
Saleh Alaeddin

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

Charlie Grymes

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Oriella Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

RES 24-07 Approve Minutes of February 21, 2024. **APPROVED (VC:JB, Unanimous)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Parks and Recreation Capital Projects Update – [PowerPoint presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]. The Capital Projects and Planning Division staff presented a selection of active parks and trail projects

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

RES 24-08 Elect Jane Beyer to the position of Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. ***APPROVED (SR:CT, Unanimous)***

RES 24-09 Appoint Catrina Stroman, Sandra McClelland Lewin, and Claiborne Richardson to the Arts Grant Review Panel for a one-year term for fiscal year 2025 and appoints Matt Moore, Dawne Horizon, and Emely Romero to the Arts Grant Review Panel for a two-year term for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. ***APPROVED (VC:CT, Unanimous, Abstain SR)***

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- There is a brush fire burning at Locust Shade Park tonight at the south end of the park near Route 1. No damage at this time to County structures. Chief Reid is on site assisting
- There was a small fire earlier this week at Forest Greens Golf Course with minimal damage to a fence. It was quickly extinguished.
- All County pools, with the exception of SplashDown are fully staffed with lifeguards for the summer. Splashdown still requires 67 lifeguards to operate at full strength. Hiring is well ahead of last year.
- Summer Camps registration began March 5th. In the first week registration was up 8 percent over same period last year, revenues up 11% over last year. Camps are at 72% capacity with some camps waitlisted (1099 on waitlists). This year 94 percent of registrations were completed online.
- Camp Counselor hiring is going very well.
- The Parks Foundation received a grant of 40,000 from the Hylton Foundation to provide Count Me IN (CMI) scholarships and fee assistance for Science in the Park and Hands on History programming to PWCS students. Last cycle CMI scholarships were granted for 139 programs. Originally offered for summer programs, CMI is being expanded to year-round program offerings this year.
- The Parks Foundation has now launched a social media presence.

- The Birchdale playground and shelter improvements are nearly complete, with the exception of adding some outdoor grills. A ribbon cutting was held earlier today.
- The Offeror of the Indoor Sports and Events Center is wrapping up draft deliverables this week. One on One's with Board of County Supervisors are scheduled for April 8 and 9 to include representatives from the offeror's (MEB) team (architect, engineer, consultants) and representatives of the Board's own financial advisors, PFM and B&D, along with County Staff from Economic Development, Parks, and Planning. These meetings are an opportunity for the Supervisors to have questions answered before the public meetings scheduled for April 10 and 11. On May 14th there will be a Board work session and a decision on the land purchase will have to be made at that time.
- There is an upcoming budget work session on April 2
- Joe Portell has been selected as the Grounds Superintendent. Joe has been with DPR for over 36 years and fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Kevin Flickinger.
- The Annual DPR picnic is scheduled for May 7 at Dale City Rec Center Picnic Grove). Rain Date is May 9.
- The second annual volunteer picnic is scheduled for April 20 at Brentsville Courthouse
- DPR is still waiting on final funding letter from Kaboom for the Fairmont playground rebuild.

Commissioners Time

- Ms. Carroll Ms. Carroll represented the Commission on the DC Farmers Market Selection Committee, she offered praise to Mr. Belcourt for the efficiency in which the meeting was facilitated; she also met with staff and trail advocates at Braemar to discuss a future volunteer trail project; Ms. Carroll inquired about the format for the community meetings for the proposed indoor sports facility and shared her concerns about any conflict of interest in having the offeror participate in these meetings. Director Hendler-Voss shared that staff and the Board's own independent financial advisors will be leading these meetings and the format will be a combination of small group information tables/ discussions, followed by a town hall format.
- Mr. Thom Mr. Thom gave kudos to staff for a great State of the Parks; he was also very appreciative of the project managers joining tonight's meeting to review their individual projects with the Commission.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer thanked Janet for responding to concerns from the ARC director regarding activities in Jenkins Park; she attended the Birchdale Ribbon cutting today and enjoyed seeing the investment made to improve the aged playground; she is looking forward to the upcoming indoor facility community meetings and the volunteer picnic.
- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry attended the State of the Parks event and was very appreciative of the Q an A portion of the program, allowing an opportunity for transparency; Mr Berry asked for additional information on the Construction Inspector and Principal Planner positions requested in the budget. Mr Hendler Voss shared that these positions are unmet needs in the department and staff are currently managing these duties, which is very time-consuming and leads to delays in project timelines and planning division work.

- Ms. Mejia Ms. Mejia was happy to join a recent trail walk on the National Rochambeau Trail and envision new trail opportunities; attended a park clean up at Stonewall Park; thanked the Director for the updates on today's fires; thanked the project staff for tonight's presentations and is very appreciative of the attention paid to the projects in the Potomac District; represented the County at a Green Business Council meeting.
- Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson thanked Amarjit and staff for tonight's presentation: she is proud of how hard county staff work for the citizens with the resources they have available to them; she commended Historic Preservation staff for their presentations at the annual Virginia Association of Museums conference; she congratulated staff on the State of the Parks event.
- Mr. Freer Chair Freer wished staff good luck with the seasonal recruiting; Congratulated Joe Portell on his new position; he stated that the State of the Parks was another great event, and it was nice to see the citizen that voiced concerns at last years event return to give thanks to staff for addressing those concerns; he thanked Amarjit and the project managers for tonight's presentations.

Closed Session None.

Adjournment

RES 24-10 Motions to Adjourn at 9:05pm. ***APPROVED (SR:JB, Unanimous)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on April 17, 2024, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes ***APPROVED*** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 17, 2024.

Brodie Freer, Chair

Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

Annual Good Sports Award 2023 Recipients.

- 2023 Athletes
 - Miracle League - Aiden Redd
 - Miracle League - Kelsi Da Re
 - PW Girls Fastpitch - Marianne Baranowski
 - EPW Basketball - Zoey Kellum

- 2023 Coach
 - EPW Basketball - Royce Keown

- 2023 Administrator
 - Virginia Soccer Assn. - Kate Bachman