

PRINCE WILLIAM

Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

October 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

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

Commission Members Present

Rick Berry
Jane Beyer
Vida Carroll (Remote Participant)
Brodie Freer
Oriella Mejia (Remote Participant)
Benita Fitzgerald Mosley
Sharon Richardson
Ross Snare

Staff Present

Janet Bartnik
John Blevins
Robert Boyd
Jamie Orrison
Chris Kelly
Jane England
Mike Tiller
Ryan Amato
Kathryn Nestler
Frances Bridges
Joe Portell
Todd Reid
Amir Wenrich

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

See Sign-In Sheet

Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order and Guest Linda Silverstrand led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

RES 25-30 Approve Remote Participation Request - Carroll. *APPROVED.* (BM: JB, Unanimous, Abstain VC, Absent from vote OM)

RES 25-31 Approve Minutes of August 20, 2025. *APPROVED.* (RB:RS, Unanimous, Absent from vote OM)

Community Time – See Sign in Sheet

Charlie Grymes spoke to the commission to encourage the Commissioners to meet with their appointing BOCS members regarding the possible Park Bond in 2026 and to clearly outline the funding needs for Parks and Trails.

Eileen Sheridan shared information with the commission regarding the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition "Walk and Talk" wellness initiative.

Joe Marshall shared information on the VRE bike trails tour he attended and that he really enjoyed his participation in the September PRC Bus Tour.

RES 25-32 Approve Remote Participation Request - Mejia *APPROVED*. (JB:SR, Unanimous, Abstain OM)

Presentations

Countywide Trails Master Plan and Trail Prioritization

Robert Boyd, Principal Planner, presented an informational overview Countywide Trails Master Plan Goals and Timeline. Included in the presentation were the Trails and Blueways Council's trail priorities by magisterial district. On November 5th there will be a Trails Master Plan Public Meeting at the Pat White Center at Ben Lomond. Staff plan to present the Master Plan to the BOCS in January of 2026. [Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]

Summer Operations Recap

Recreation Supervisors Jamie Orrison, Kathryn Nestler, Mike Tiller, Chris Kelly, Jane England and Ryan Amato presented the final summer season review, including attendance, revenues, expenses, highlights, completed and planned projects and growth opportunities for next season. [Presentations available from Secretary to the Commission].

Ms. Carroll inquired about possibility of additional training lifeguards could be given regarding awareness of water safety in the special needs community.

Chair Freer congratulated the Aquatics staff on their presentation at NRPA.

Ms. Richardson thanked staff for the improvements made to Hammill Mill Pool and Park.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director Time

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- DCR selected the grant application for Dove's Landing to move forward to the next step in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF) grant process.
- 1st Tee Tournament was this Monday, It was a great day with 68 participants raising funds for the First Tee program
- DPR will meet with the CXO and Budget team early next month to discuss DPR initiative for FY 26. These initiatives will be shared with the Commission in November.

- BOCS Directives received by DPR include:
 - Exploring options for community gardens. Staff visited potential sites with the Cooperative Extension and will recommend two sites for the CXO to present the BOCS
 - Masterplan EAST/WEST Recreation Centers - staff have developed a scope of work and a consultant will be selected to do a feasibility study. The first report with site recommendations will be ready in the spring.
 - Public Art Task Force – A public Art Task Force will be appointed by the CXO to draft a policy recommendation for art installations on public and private property. The Task force will be led by a consultant and include members of the Arts Council, Park Foundation and Park Commission.
 - Deer Management - staff have been asked to present an update on deer management and the status of tick-borne diseases in Prince William County.
 - Botanical Gardens - staff have been asked to explore a botanical garden.

Upcoming Events:

Save the date for the Annual Holiday Party December 15

K9 Gunnar Park Ribbon Cutting and Barktoberfest October 18

Fairmont Park 1 year playground anniversary celebration and movie October 18

Pump Track at Rollins Ford Ribbon Cutting November 15

Commissioner's Time

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| Ms. Mejia | Looks forward to the ribbon cutting on October 18; she attended Supervisor Bailey's meeting with all of her board, commission and council appointees; she attended a work group at the Williams Ordinary |
| Ms. Richardson | Commended staff on the presentations tonight and thanked guests in attendance. |
| Ms. Mosley | Thanked Deputy Director Bartnik for the CIP reports, they are very useful and save a lot of time in meetings. |
| Ms. Beyer | Thanked staff for the very informative presentations; thanked staff for the community meeting with the Shenandoah HOA and ongoing meetings with the Friends of Horticultural Therapy. |
| Mr. Berry | Enjoyed the facilities tour last month, especially the historical property. We are fortunate to live in a county that values our history so we can learn from our past, and that can also create leisure and recreational opportunities for citizens |
| Mr. Snare | Enjoyed another fantastic bus tour; stated that in order to address concerns within parks our members need to move beyond update meetings with their appointing Supervisor and issue more formal group correspondence/resolutions, especially with the possibility of a bond referendum under consideration and with the large amount money coming into the county from data center development. |

Chair Freer

Chair Freer thanked everyone for attending tonight and asked that they try to get out to the November 5 County Trails Master Plan meeting; He attended the NRPA conference last month and it was awesome, with great presentations and spending time with fellow recreation professionals;

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

RES 25-33

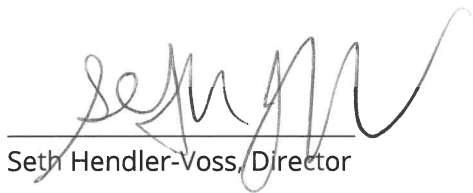
Motion to Adjourn at 9:20 pm. **APPROVED (RS:SR, Unanimous)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on November 19, 2025, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on November 19, 2025.



Brodie Freer, Chair



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

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Commission**

SIGN-IN SHEET

October 15, 2025

Please Print Name / Address / Phone Number/ Email

Place a check mark beside your name if you wish to address the Commission. Please limit your comment to 3 minutes when speaking on your own behalf or 5 minutes if speaking on behalf of a group.

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