

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

December 17, 2025, 7:00 PM

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

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

John Blevins
Todd Reid
Joe Portell
Rob Orrison
Patti Pakkala

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

See Sign-In Sheet

Call to Order

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

Administrative Items

RES 25-36 Approve Minutes of November 19, 2025. APPROVED. (RS:RB, Unanimous)

RES 25-37 Adopt 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Meeting Calendar. APPROVED. (OM:RS, Unanimous)

Community Time

None

Presentations

Arts Council

Seth Hendl-Voss provided an update to the Commission on the dissolution of the Arts Council by the BOCS effective December 31, 2025. The Arts Grant program will continue under the Parks and Recreation department without interruption. Special Events will be privately produced, with the Parks and Rec department ready to partner on events such as Arts Alive, Seefeldt Award and Poet Laureate.

Carter McClelland asked the Commissioners for assistance to fill the 3 open seats on the 2026 Arts Grant Panel. She is looking for recommendations for panelists with experience in areas such as financial management, marketing, and arts education, management or performance.

Capital Projects and Planning Division Update

Amarjit Riat Assistant Director for Planning and Capital Projects provided a year end update on completed, in progress, and coming soon capital projects and master plans. [Presentation is available from secretary to the commission]

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

RES 25-38 ENDORSE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A DEDICATED REVENUE STREAM FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM THE UNINCUMBERED REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE COMPUTER AND PERIPHERIES TAX; AND DIRECT THE CHAIR TO FINALIZE AND DELIVER THE LETTER TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. APPROVED. (OM:SR, Unanimous)

Director Time

Director Seth Handler-Voss provided the following updates:

- The Public Arts Policy Task Force held its second meeting. Focus group meetings will begin after the holidays
- Deputy Director Janet Bartnik has moved to the Transformation Management Office for a 2-year assignment, Frances Bridges, Admin Division Chief will be acting Deputy Director for this period and Elle Lockart will be acting Admin Division Chief.
- Seth attended the Years of Service Luncheon for staff with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 yrs of service. Ground Superintendent Tom D'Elia is our longest serving employee with 40 yrs.
- Last week will hosted a special event with Paralympian Nick Mayhugh and he also provided the keynote at the Parks Foundation annual reception.
- The Holiday Walk of Lights continues until Dec 23, and we will also have the lights on Dec 27-28th.
- The Dale City Rec Center pool is closed this week for filter maintenance.
- Seth and Mr. Berry will be meeting with the new Gainesville Supervisor, George Stewart in January.
- The Annual Dale City Dance Recital is this Saturday
- Seth and Frances attended a budget meeting with the CXO earlier this month to present the departments FY27 Budget initiatives.
- The Golf portfolio is currently 385K in the black, golf is performing very well

Commissioner's Time

- Ms. Richardson Received an email for consideration of adding Pickleball at Dale City Rec Center (staff will respond); thanked staff for tonight's presentations and congratulated everyone for a great job on all the project accomplishments; she enjoyed attending the Park Foundation fundraiser and department holiday party; wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.
- Ms. Mejia Thanked staff for tonight's holiday cheer; she participated in Wreath across America at Quantico; she has joined the National Wildlife Federation H.E.C.H.O advisory board. She also asked about funding for the VA 250 events (staff will update at a future meeting).
- Mr. Snare Enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Parks Foundation reception: thanked the Commissioners for the support of the letter to the BOCS approved tonight; he thanked Ms. Carroll for her service on the Commission and her strong advocacy for accessibility in our parks and programs.
- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry attended the Parks Foundation event and enjoyed the keynote who gave a very inspirational talk; he attended the Parks Department Christmas party where everyone enjoyed great food fellowship and fun; he wished all staff, and commissioners a Merry Christmas, and a happy and restful holiday season; he also shared his disappointment that Ms. Carroll will no longer be on the Commission, he appreciated the perspective she brought to the commission and will miss her.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer was pleased to attend both events 2i5h Nick Mayhugh - Patriot High School and the Parks Foundation reception, Nick was so generous with the children in attendance and very inspirational; the DPR staff party was lovely and well attended; she wished everyone a happy holiday.
- Ms. Mosley Ms. Mosley will also miss Ms. Carroll - it was a joy and privilege to serve with her; she hopes everyone will enjoy the season with family and friends and wished all a Happy New Year.
- Ms. Carroll The Brentsville Supervisor has announced his intention to make a new appointment to the Parks Commission. She is proud of what she and this commission has accomplished, the "I Can Swim" program, the advocacy for an additional Therapeutic Recreation position in the budget, and the additional accessibility improvements in the parks. She is sorry to no longer serve but will stay involved in Parks and Recreation as a citizen advocate.
- Chair Freer Chair Freer thanked Ms. Carroll for her contributions; he asked staff if they could provide some additional visibility on the synchronized swim program; he wished all the very best of the season and to stay safe.
- Closed Session** None.

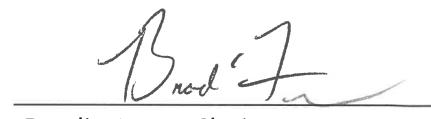
Adjournment

RES 25-39

Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 pm. **APPROVED (RS:OM, Unanimous)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on January 21, 2026, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

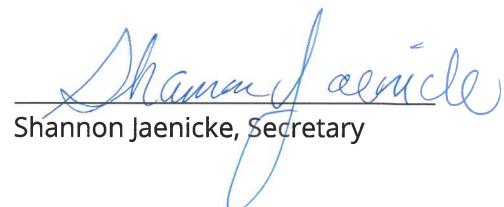
Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on January 21, 2026.



Brodie Freer, Chair



Seth Hendlar-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary



SIGN-IN SHEET

December 17, 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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