

PRINCE WILLIAM

— Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brodie Freer, Chair, Occoquan District
Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, At Large Member
Jen Donnelly, 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

April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

Commission Members Present

Rick Berry
Jane Beyer
Jen Donnelly
Brodie Freer
Oriella Mejia
Sharon Richardson
Ross Snare

Staff Present

Frances Bridges
Todd Reid
Elle Lockhart
John Blevins
Rob Orrison
Amir Wenrich
Joe Portell

Commission Members Absent

Benita Fitzgerald Mosley

Guests

Jennifer Kooyoomjian

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

None

Call to Order

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

Administrative Items

RES 26-12 Approve Minutes of March 18, 2026. APPROVED. (RS: JB, Unanimous, Abstain:BF Absent from Meeting: BM)

Community Time

None

Presentations

Budget and Park and Library Bond Update

Seth Hendler-Voss provided an update on Budget Recap and the Potential Bond Referendum.

At Budget Markup on Tuesday night the Board of Supervisors:

- Lowered the proposed tax rate from 0.92 to 0.85. Significantly reducing revenues.
- Affecting Parks - 3 FTE's for the Occoquan Greenway Maintenance were eliminated
- The potential November Park and Library Bond Referendum will not be pursued

- Parks increase of \$17 million for Capital Projects was untouched. These projects include:

Property Acquisition, \$2.0M

Hellwig Park Artificial Turf Field, \$2.0M

James Long Regional Park Infrastructure Improvement, \$1.0M

Tyler Elementary Community Use Site Improvements

Charlie Boone Memorial Park Development, \$3.0M

Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center Park Improvements \$1.0M

Cunard Park and Cloverdale Park Courts, \$1.0M

Forest Greens Golf Course Outdoor Grill, \$2.0M

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail – Neabsco Creek (Metz) Wetland Preserve Boardwalk Extension, \$4.0M

- Parks will receive an increase in Parks Expansionary Funding going from the current \$2.5M to \$5.0M annually
- Budget Adoption will be April 21 at 7 pm.

Parks and Recreation Commission Values and Goals

RES 26-13 Adopt Fiscal Year 2027 Values and Goals. APPROVED (OM:RS, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting: BM)

Park Ranger Pilot Apprenticeship Program

Jennifer Kooyoomjian and Todd Reid provided a detailed view of the upcoming Pilot Apprenticeship that will provide a 6-month mentorship and experiential learning opportunity with the Park Ranger Department for at-risk youth. [Powerpoint presentation is available from the Secretary]

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director Time

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- We are in the midst of the initiative to draft a comprehensive arts policy for the Board We have just wrapped up two public art community open houses and individual focus interviews. We will conduct additional outreach to ensure we have broad public input before drafting the policy. We have lost a couple of task force members and will be asking the CXO to appoint three new members.
- We have received notice that we have been approved for another Kaboom Grant to build and accessible playground adjacent to the Miracle Field at Hellwig Park. Design day will be in August with a late October community build week.
- The employee picnic is May 5th at Splashdown (rain date May 7th)

- We need just 39 more lifeguards to be fully staffed for the season
- Arts Alive will be produced by the Hylton Performing Arts Center going forward. DPR will have an MOU with HPAC and provide a large amount of support for the event as the co-sponsor.
- The Revolutionary War Memorial is now under construction at Williams Ordinary.
- Juneteenth is June 19, 2026, at the Pfitzner Stadium Complex. DPR has been very involved in planning and support for this event and will be the lead producer in future years. Sponsors are still being sought.
- Davis Ford Master Plan meeting is May 7th at DSB 630pm to 830pm .
- Thoroughfare Master Plan Meeting 2 is April 27 at Tyler ES at 10 am
- Chinn Center 35th Anniversary Celebration is this Saturday from 11 to 2
- Our first of 5 Friday's at Concerts is May 15
- We launched our Food Truck Pilot, we have registered 6 and received 10 partial applications to date
- The Arts Grant workshop was held last week. Grant applications are being accepted until April 30th
- The Trails Master Plan will go the Board on June 23rd.

Commissioner's Time

- Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson attended the Public Art Task Force Community Open House in Manassas and was happy that the citizens that did come out were able to provide good input. She also attended the FOIA training session with the County Attorney's office.
- Ms. Mejia Attended Chair Jefferson's budget town hall; she is looking forward to the many upcoming Parks and Recreation events and master plan public meetings.
- Mr. Snare Mr. Snare met with Jo Ann Rudy of the Friends of Horticultural Therapy and Commissioner Beyer to learn about the program and ways he may be able to connect resources.
- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry attended the recent FOIA work session; he trusts the appropriate staff the lacrosse league have reviewed their field registration and usage policies for clarification; and he will be attending the Thoroughfare Master Plan meeting scheduled for April 25th.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer attended the FOIA work session; as Commissioner Snare mentioned she met with him and Jo Ann Rudy regarding the Friends of Horticultural Therapy project at Shenandoah park; she also enjoyed the opening day ceremonies for the Miracle League- the new Kaboom playground there will be a wonderful addition.
- Ms. Donnelly Ms. Donnelly visited a number of parks and historic properties in her district; she attended the Public Art ask Force Community Open House in Manassas; she has been meeting with citizens and listening to their ideas and concerns including upgraded restroom facilities at Prince William Golf; she met with Supervisor Gordy and discussed ideas such as a farmers market at Rollins

Ford Park, expanding trail connections, a Science in the Park building partnership with PWCS, and a senior and youth center at the old Gainesville Harris Teeter.

Chair Freer
Chair Freer has been busy working with DPR staff on the Occoquan Greenway; Lake Ridge Park improvements are coming right along; he attended the Miracle League Opening day and took some nice aerial footage.

Closed Session None.

Adjournment
RES 26-14 Motion to Adjourn at 8:40 pm. **APPROVED (RS:JB, Unanimous, Absent from vote BM)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on May 20, 2026, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 20, 2026.



Brodie Freer, Chair



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

MOTION: MEJIA

**April 15, 2026
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 26-13**

SECOND: SNARE

RE: ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2027 VALUES AND GOALS.

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) and Prince William County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) on matters relating to the provision of parks and recreation services to the residents of Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish their mission the Commission must work closely the BOCS, DPR and citizens of the community to understand and interpret their needs and desires relating to parks and recreation services; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has developed Annual Goals to maximize effectiveness through increased communication, advocacy and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Parks and Recreation Commission had the opportunity to share in the development of the Annual Goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission hereby adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Parks and Recreation Commission Goals.

Attachment: Fiscal Year 2027 Goals

Votes:

Ayes: BEYER, BERRY, DONNELLY, FREER, MEJIA, SNARE, RICHARDSON

Nays: NONE

Abstain: NONE

Absent from Vote: NONE

Absent from Meeting: MOSLEY

ATTEST: _____


Secretary to the Commission

FY 2027 Parks and Recreation Commission Values

#1 Participate and engage in as many DPR functions as time allows. Including but not limited to: masterplan reviews, budget meetings, ground breakings, ribbon cuttings, dedications, fundraisers, events, public meetings, and Supervisor work sessions in promotion of the Department.

#2 Support, encourage, and promote funding for the Department.

#3 Have face-to-face communication with the constituents of our County, Supervisors, other Commissioners and Department staff throughout the year.

#4 In collaboration with the DPR, each commissioner shall perform outreach within their individual networks to advance the interests of Prince William County Parks and Recreation, and Tourism.

Reaffirmed on April 15, 2026

