

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

October 21, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative

- Approve Minutes of August 19, 2026

Community Time

Presentations

- MOTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION -Honoring Seth Hendler-Voss, Director of Parks & Recreation – Vice Chair Jane Beyer
- Summer Programs Annual Recap- Kathryn Nestler and Ryan Amato

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

RES 26 - RECOMMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 ARTS GRANT DISBURSEMENTS TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS GRANT PANEL – ALL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

Director's Time

- Fuller Heights Field 3 Naming Request

Commissioner Time

Meeting Recap

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 18, 2026

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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August 19, 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
Ross Snare
Benita Fitzgerald Mosley
Sharon Richardson

Staff Present

Todd Reid
John Blevins
Joe Portell
Rob Orrison
Jamie Orrison
Carter McClelland
Frances Bridges
Amir Wenrich
Maya Hankins
Tony Meyers
Justin King
Robert Boyd

Commission Members Absent

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Guests

Maria Chicas
Kathy Mannarino
Doug and Rose Mannarino
Office of Executive Management

- Bob Blakley

Office of Community Safety:

- Salma Hussein
- Jennifer Kooyoomjian
- Luke McBride
- Dr. Yasin

Juvenile Court Service Unit:

- Ms. Ruth Moore

Mentees:

- Alessandro (plus 4 family members)
- Justin (plus 4 or family members)
- Andrew (2-3 family members)

Citizens

Charlie Grymes

Call to Order

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

Administrative Items

RES 26-26 Approve Minutes of July 15, 2026. *APPROVED.* (RB:RS; Unanimous; Absent from vote: BFM, JD, OM; Abstain: SR)

Community Time

None.

Presentations

Prince William County Youth Mentorship Program Graduation Ceremony – Guest speakers and presenters, Bob Blakely, Dr Yasin, Jennifer Kooyoomjian, Todd Reid, Justin King, Frances Bridges and Brodie Freer congratulated our inaugural class of 2026 mentees and presented them with certificates and challenge coins.

RES 26-27 RECESS for 15 minute celebration of graduates, tour of Ranger Division, refreshments, and pictures. *APPROVED.* (JB:SR; Unanimous)

Call to Order (Reconvene)

7:48pm. Chair Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission back to order after the brief celebration recess.

Park Ranger Division Annual Update – Chief Todd Reid presented the annual report and the departments vision and plans for the coming year. [Slide show available from the Secretary]

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

RES 26-28 ENDORSE AND RECOMMEND TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF PATHWAYS 2035: PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY TRAILS MASTER PLAN – ALL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS. *APPROVED.* (RS:SR; Unanimous)

Director Time

Acting Deputy Director Frances Bridges provided the following updates:

- On September 1 we will have partial acquisition of land near Delaney in Woodbridge
- We have accepted the Kaboom Build Plans and construction will begin on October 23.
- Summer Camps ended on Friday
- Pools will remain open through Labor Day
- Ribbon Cutting at Rocky Branch on September 10th at 10am
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- Friday's at Five will conclude this Friday with our final concert of the season
- Chad Tyrell has accepted the position of Senior Recreation Manager

Commissioner's Time

- Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson attended the dedication of the Revolutionary War Memorial at Williams Ordinary, and said it was very moving, well attended, and the entire staff and everyone involved did a great job. She highly recommended going to see the presentations and the gift shop.
- Ms. Mejia Ms. Mejia also attended the dedication of the Revolutionary War Memorial at Williams Ordinary, and echoed everything Ms. Richardson said. She added that the Daughters of the American Revolution Haymarket Chapter is named for Phillis Wheatley, and the chapter focuses on historic preservation. Ms. Mejia also attended an event in Colorado Springs for HECHO (Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors), another committee she is on, and was very impressed with how advanced our DPR is compared to many across the country.
- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry expressed his thanks to the staff and the Trails and Blueways Council for their work on the PWC Trails Master Plan. He appreciated the way the staff approached this task by holding a public input session months ago. The plan helps define priorities, and while some aspects over the long term may be aspirational, there are some things which he believes we could term “low hanging fruit”, that may be ripe for the short term, and he hopes we can tackle those.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer thanked staff for the trails plan and all the work that went into it. She also thanked Todd for the report and the success of the mentorship program.
- Ms. Fitzgerald Mosley Ms. Fitzgerald Mosley thanked Todd for the mentor program and praised the success, noting that it was transforming. She also thanked him for the report and appreciated all the data collected.
- Ms. Donnelly Ms. Donnelly met with members of the Trails and Blueways Council directly and took that information directly to Gordy personally. The council has been a huge help. She took a “photography in the park” class, loved it, and wants to see more like it, and hopefully more on the Western side of the county as well.
- Chair Freer Chair Freer said the collaboration between county departments is great. He wanted to congratulate Chad on his promotion and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Closed Session
Adjournment
RES 26-25

None.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:36 pm. **APPROVED (RS:JD, Unanimous)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be the BUS TOUR on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Meet at Chinn Aquatic Center to catch the bus at 9:00am. The route will be planned out and announced in advance, so if you need to come later, you can meet up with them

where they are and caravan the rest of the tour.

The next REGULAR Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be on October 21st at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on August 19, 2026.

Brodie Freer, Chair

Janet Bartnik, Director (Acting)

Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MOTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

Honoring Seth Hendler-Voss, Director of Parks & Recreation

WHEREAS, Seth Hendler-Voss has served as Director of the Prince William County Department of Parks & Recreation since 2017, providing dedicated leadership, professional expertise, and a sustained commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Department of Parks & Recreation has continued to evolve as one of the County's most important community assets, providing recreational, cultural, educational, environmental, and wellness opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, during Director Hendler-Voss's tenure, Prince William County has strengthened and expanded its park system through significant investments in parkland, facilities, trails, athletic fields, recreation centers, historic sites, waterways, and community amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Department achieved national CAPRA accreditation, demonstrating its commitment to professional standards, operational excellence, responsible stewardship, quality programming, safety, and exceptional service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Department's accomplishments during Director Hendler-Voss's tenure have included approximately \$30 million in reinvestment in existing park infrastructure, the addition of new parks and historic sites, approximately 400 acres of new parkland committed or acquired, and the development of approximately 15 miles of new trails; and

WHEREAS, Director Hendler-Voss has promoted innovative partnerships that have brought additional private and community investment into the County's park system, including millions of dollars in private partnership investment and collaborations that have accelerated improvements to public recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department has expanded opportunities for environmental education and stewardship, including substantial growth in youth environmental education and programs connecting children and families with the County's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department has strengthened its commitment to inclusion and accessibility by expanding adaptive recreation, improving ADA access throughout the park system, providing needs-based scholarships, and creating opportunities for residents with disabilities to participate fully in recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Director Hendler-Voss and the Department have emphasized reinvestment in existing parks so that established community facilities remain safe, accessible, attractive, and useful for future generations, including improvements to neighborhood parks, athletic facilities, playgrounds, courts, trails, parking areas, drainage systems, and recreational amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Department has continued to expand recreational opportunities through new and improved amenities, including sports facilities, pickleball opportunities, pump tracks, kayak launches, trails, aquatic facilities, playgrounds, and improvements to major regional parks; and

WHEREAS, the Department has demonstrated a strong commitment to preserving and interpreting Prince William County's history and cultural resources through historic-site improvements, new exhibits, educational programming, and research into the County's historic communities; and

WHEREAS, the Department's programs and facilities have received substantial recognition from residents and regional publications, including numerous "Best of" honors recognizing summer camps, swimming instruction, recreation facilities, family activities, parks, and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department has continued to serve millions of annual visitors while managing a diverse park system consisting of thousands of acres of parkland, dozens of parks and facilities, historic sites, sports fields, recreational centers, waterways, and more than 60 miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, Director Hendler-Voss's professional leadership has also been recognized at the national level through his election to the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, an organization recognizing outstanding leaders in the parks and recreation profession; and

WHEREAS, the success of Prince William County Parks & Recreation is ultimately the result of the dedication of its employees, volunteers, community partners, advisory bodies, elected officials, and residents; and

WHEREAS, Director Hendler-Voss has demonstrated an ability to bring these diverse stakeholders together around a common vision of parks and recreation as essential infrastructure for a healthy, connected, vibrant, and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission recognizes that the accomplishments of the Department during this period represent not merely improvements to facilities and programs, but a lasting investment in the people, neighborhoods, environment, history, and future of Prince William County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED, that the Prince William County Parks & Recreation Commission hereby formally recognizes and commends **Seth Hendler-Voss, Director of Parks & Recreation**, for his years of dedicated service and exceptional leadership to Prince William County;

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, that the Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to Director Hendler-Voss for his vision, professionalism, collaboration, innovation, and commitment to making Prince William County a better place to live, work, raise a family, and enjoy the outdoors;

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, that the Commission recognizes the men and women of the Prince William County Department of Parks & Recreation whose daily work has transformed Director Hendler-Voss's leadership and vision into tangible benefits for residents throughout the County;

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, that this recognition celebrates the Department's accomplishments while acknowledging that the work of building an exceptional park and recreation system is an ongoing commitment to future generations;

BE IT FINALLY MOVED, that a copy of this Motion of Recognition and Appreciation be presented to **Seth Hendler-Voss** as a permanent expression of the Prince William County Parks & Recreation Commission's gratitude for his service, leadership, and contributions to the community.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Brodie Freer, Chair

MOTION:

October 21, 2026

Regular Meeting

SECOND:

Res. No. 26 – __

RE: RECOMMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 ARTS GRANT DISBURSEMENTS TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS GRANT PANEL

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, §15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) to make appropriations of public funds to charitable institutions that serve residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the BOCS budgeted and appropriated \$193,000 in the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Arts Grant program, which provides programming and operational support for non-profit arts organizations that serve the Greater Prince William County area, which includes Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, the BOCS ratified the FY27 Creative Communities Partnership Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) (BOCS RES. No 26-284) and was subsequently awarded \$4,500 in matching funds to be disbursed through the County's Arts Grant Award process, providing a total of \$197,500 in grants to be awarded to arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, grants are awarded in conformance with the Arts Grant Policy, which was adopted by the BOCS on March 13, 2018 (BOCS RES. No 18-144); and

WHEREAS, the policy requires that awardees are based in Greater Prince William County and 80% of an awardee's attendees/participants reside in Greater Prince William or the awardee produces at least 70% of their programs in Greater Prince William; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff facilitated a mandatory grant application workshop for first time applicants and initially received twenty-two (22) grant applications from eligible organizations, including four (4) first time applicants, however, two (2) organizations, one (1) returning organization, and one (1) first-time organizations) withdrew their applications during the process; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2026, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) appointed an Arts Grant Panel to review Arts Grant applications and recommend fund disbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Grant Panel reviewed the remaining twenty (20) eligible applications and recommended approval of all twenty (20) applications for funding; and

WHEREAS, DPR staff confirms that the grant policy was followed and concurs with the disbursement of the FY27 Arts Grants;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends the Fiscal Year 2027 Arts Grant disbursements to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

ATTACHMENT:
Arts Grant Disbursement Recommendation

Votes:
Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent from Vote:
Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Secretary to the Commission

FY27 PWC Arts Grant Recommended Award Amounts with Demographics

Recipient	\$193,000.00 PWC Funds Appropriated to Arts Grants	\$4,500.00 Virginia Commission For The Arts Awarded Grant broken down using calculated percent of PWC Grant Funds	% of Total Available Funds	Service / Program Provided	Primary Location of Programs / Services Offered	Demographic Audience Outreach
Art of Life Charity	\$539.72	\$12.58	0.28%	Employing the arts to support communities in need	Prince William County	100% Greater Prince William County
ARTfactory	\$45,411.76	\$1,058.81	23.53%	Art Classes, Theatrical Performances, and Exhibits	City of Manassas	89% Greater Prince William County
Cabin Branch Quilters	\$1,536.39	\$35.82	0.80%	Quilt Making	Prince William County	94.5% Greater Prince William County
CAPAC	\$4,102.55	\$95.66	2.13%	Theatrical / Stage Performances and STEAM Education	Prince William County	59% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
Divine Inspirations	\$8,765.32	\$204.37	4.54%	Performing Arts Education	Prince William County	95% Greater Prince William County
Gainesville Community Choir	\$4,920.44	\$114.73	2.55%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	55% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
Harmony Studios	\$4,970.53	\$115.89	2.58%	Performing Arts Education	Prince William County	95% Greater Prince William County
Manassas Ballet	\$45,411.76	\$1,058.81	23.53%	Dance Performances	Prince William County	55% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
Manassas Chorale	\$11,653.24	\$271.71	6.04%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	82% Greater Prince William County
Manassas Symphony Orchestra	\$7,551.98	\$176.08	3.91%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	53% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
New Dominion Choraliers	\$2,084.62	\$48.61	1.08%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	94% Greater Prince William County
Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra	\$5,331.82	\$124.32	2.76%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	66% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
PW Community Band	\$523.17	\$12.20	0.27%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	100% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
Prince William Little Theatre	\$8,371.29	\$195.19	4.34%	Theatrical / Stage Performances	Prince William County	48% Greater Prince William County with 100% performances in GPWC
TEMA Choir	\$2,128.56	\$49.63	1.10%	Musical Performances	Prince William County	85% Greater Prince William County
Va National Ballet	\$28,591.72	\$666.65	14.81%	Dance Performances	Prince William County	74% Greater Prince William County with 42% performances in GPWC with 100% Practices held in GPWC
Woodbridge Dance	\$8,105.13	\$188.98	4.20%	Dance Performances	Prince William County	75% Greater Prince William County
dbButterscotch Productions	\$1,000.00	\$23.32	0.52%	Production of Educational, Artistic, and Cultural Films and Programing	Prince William County	84% Greater Prince William County
Edutainment	\$1,000.00	\$23.32	0.52%	Multi Disciplined Approach to Artist Community Engagement	Prince William County	81% Greater Prince William County
OLMA Mater Foundation	\$1,000.00	\$23.32	0.52%	Art Classes and Workshops	Prince William County	84% Greater Prince William County
TOTAL	\$193,000.00	\$4,500.00	100.00%			