

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jane Beyer, Coles District
Brodie Freer, Occoquan District
George Delimba, At Large Member
Erica Tredinnick, Brentsville District
Jeff Bergman, Gainesville District
Nate Murphy, Neabsco District
David Miles, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

February 19, 2020

Commission Members Present

Jane Beyer
Jeff Bergman
George Delimba
Brodie Freer
David Miles
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

Myla Neal
Todd Reid
Ann Marie Maher
Kathy Pierce
Michael Rojas
Trey Payne
Joe Dillard
Patti Pakkala
Sally Wood
Tracy Hannigan
Brendan Hanafin
Nancy Kenny

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

See sign in sheet

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:05 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Mr. Freer asked all to rise; Jeff Bergman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 20-03

Approve the minutes of the ^{January 15, 2020} ~~December 11, 2019~~, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (GD:SR; Unanimous, Abstain: DM).**

Citizen's Time

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Res. No. 20-04

Motion to Table Agenda Item to Appoint the Arts Grant Panel. **Approved (GD:JB; Unanimous).**

Presentation Items

Trails and Blueways Council – Mr. David Brickley, Chair of the Prince William Trails and Blueways Council, addressed the Commission on matters related to Parks, Trails and Blueways. The first item he spoke to was the 2019 Voter approved Park Bond. Interest rates are at historically good rates and now is the time to act on selling the Bonds. Parks and Trails projects often take many years to come to

fruition and these rates are unlikely to remain as favorable as they are now.

The second item he addressed is the Commonwealth of Virginia Senate Bill 588. This bill appears likely to pass and relates to local taxing authority, giving Counties the ability to levy entertainment, cigarette, food and beverage, and transient occupancy taxes without legislative or voter approval. This taxing authority could offer the County a dedicated revenue source for paying the debt service on the sale of the Park Bonds. He encouraged Commissioners to share this information with their respective Board members.

Lastly, Mr. Brickley shared a strong vision for Prince William County Trails. Through ongoing sustained efforts to close the gaps in existing trail, our county would have an unrivaled system of trails of national significance, driving tourism and economic development.

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss and Tracy Hannigan provided the following updates.

Rosemount Lewis Park – A public hearing for the transfer of a portion of this park property to PWC Schools for a new elementary school is anticipated in March. While it is never desirable to lose open space/ park lands, the schools are receptive to working with the Department to provide complimentary amenities and upgrades to include additional playground equipment (to compliment school playground); renovation and extension of the existing paved walking path; 32 space illuminated parking lot; upgrades to the existing pavilion (new roof); Bermuda/irrigated community use rectangle field; and a restroom building near fields/parking lot.

CAPRA – Tracy Hannigan provided an overview of CAPRA Accreditation purpose, process, benefits and our timeline for achieving accreditation. The department has been working towards completion of the self-assessment document for submission to the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) on March 2, 2020. Once submitted CAPRA representatives will review our self - assessment and plan to visit the Department the week of May 11th to fully assess our achievement of the 151 standards for accreditation. The Department will receive the assessment report in June and the Director will be invited to attend an interview with the accreditation team during the NRPA Annual meeting October 27-29 in Florida. If awarded, the Department would receive the accreditation designation at the Annual meeting.

CIP and FY 21 Budget – The CXO presented the proposed CIP on Feb 11 and the FY21 Budget on Feb 18. There are no new projects in the CIP for the Department and the BFP (Deferred Maintenance Funding Program) is unfunded in FY 21. Although there are no new CIP projects proposed, Parks has projects in the pipeline for the next two years and the BFP is anticipated to be funded again in the out years.

The Department Director is hosting orientation tours for the new BOCS members and will extend invitations to the Commissioner for that district.

The Prince William Conservation Alliance is hosting a talk "Black & Brown Faces in America's Wild Places", with Dudley Edmondson on March 21st at the NVCC Woodbridge Campus.

The Department was awarded Virginia Environmental Excellence Program E3 status for superior environmental performance.

Comprehensive Plan – The Parks Chapter is scheduled for BOCS hearing on March 10, 2020.

Commissioners Time

- Ms. Richardson Attended an informative Park Tour for the Woodbridge District with Supervisor Franklin and attended the Office of Tourism quarterly partner meeting. She commended Tourism Staff for their work.
- Mr. Murphy Expressed his support for the Park Bond projects
- Ms. Tredinnick Ms. Tredinnick is excited to see Rollins Ford Park completed.
- Mr. Miles Is enjoying the bigger picture of the Department and activities and looks forward to attending the District Tour with Supervisor Bailey and attending a Trails and Blueways Council meeting
- Ms. Beyer Thanked Tracy Hannigan for the CAPRA report; attended and had a great time at Lisa Herr's retirement party
- Mr. Bergman Has experienced a bumpy time with scheduling issues at indoor PWCS sites, but complimented the Sports Services staff for their great response to the problem
- Mr. Freer Welcomed the new commissioners present; Thanked Sally Wood and staff for the excellent training session at Chinn Aquatics and Fitness Center.


Closed Session None.

Adjournment

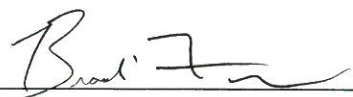
Res No. 20-05 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:07 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. (APPROVED GD:DM, Unanimous)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on ~~March 18~~, 2020, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on ~~March 18~~, 2020.

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Brodie Freer, Chairman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary