

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

August 18, 2021

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jeff Bergman
Jane Beyer
David Miles
Nate Murphy
Christian Thom
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

Ann Marie Maher
Audra Medve
Brendon Hanafin
Dan Cook

Commission Members Absent

Sharon Richardson

Guests

Alan Wagner -Citizen

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:00 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; Jane Beyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 21-20

Approve the minutes of July 21, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:DM), Unanimous; Abstain; ET, Absent from Vote; NM, Absent; SR).**

Citizens Time

Mr. Alan Wagner of Broad Run Off Road addressed the Commission with a concern regarding denial of the non-profit's request for a permit to conduct a fundraiser adventure type race at Silver Lake Park. Seth Hendler Voss explained that the current policy regarding Silver Lake usage is for passive use only and the adventure race would not qualify as a passive use. The larger plan for Silver Lake is to conduct a new masterplan process to have the community determine what the most desirable use is for this park. Until a new masterplan is approved by the Board of County Supervisors, we cannot issue a permit for this type of activity. Our staff is working with Broad Run Off Road to help them find an alternate location.

Committee Reports

None

Presentation Items

Parks Bond Projects Update – Brendon Hanafin

Brendon provided status update on the following 2019 Bond Projects in the FY22 Capital Improvement Plan:

Occoquan Greenway segments 6 and 8
PHNST Boardwalk crossing at Powells Creek
Fuller Heights Park Expansion
Hellwig Park Artificial Turf Fields

Howison Park Improvements
Neabsco District Community Park

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism FY 2023 Budget Initiatives -Seth Hendler-Voss

DPRT held it's annual Budget Congress to Rank all Departmental Budget Requests. Categories of requests are 6 year CIP, Must-Do's, and Unmet Needs. During the Budget Congress, all department requests were reviewed, and the Unmet Needs requests were ranked and a final list developed. [List available from the Commission Secretary]

All DPRT budget requests for 6-year CIP projects and Must-Do's are automatically passed on to the next level of review along with the Unmet needs prioritized list. The next level of review occurs within the Community Development agencies (DPRT, Libraries, Public Works) when all requests are re-ranked against each other. A final list will go to CXO Martino for his consideration and inclusion in the FY23 Budget.

2021- 2024 Adopted County Strategic Plan – Ann Marie Maher

Ann Marie reviewed key objectives and action strategies of the County Strategic Plan adopted on July 20th, that have a direct tie in to DPRT. The adopted plan can be found here: [Strategic Plan \(pwcva.gov\)](http://pwcva.gov)

New Business

Park Tour with Park Foundation

At the July meeting the Parks Commissioners discussed a possible joint tour with the Parks Foundation to visit a sampling of park sites and facilities. The members discussed possible dates for the tour and agreed on Saturday Sept 25 and Sunday Oct 3. These dates will be shared with the Parks Foundation members and depending on interest and availability a tour will be scheduled on one or both dates.

Old Business

None

Director Time

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The County has received \$ 94 million in APRA funds be used for economic recovery/resilience. The County has hired a consultant to qualify all requests by County agencies for these funds. Seth shared a verbal recap of Parks, Recreation and Tourisms requests (DPRT). DPRT worked with the consultant to pre-qualify our requests and they will go forward with all the other agency requests for prioritization and funding. The Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) will have a work session on ARPA to review these requests on Sept 14 at 2 pm. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Seth shared information on the successful BMX Nationals last weekend with over 11,500 attendees.

The Warrior Course at Locust Shade is now fully open to the public

The State of the Parks address is in preparation and will include both an inperson event for staff, and a recorded version for the public.

Next month staff will present the Capital Improvement Projects to the Commission

There will be a ribbon cutting on Sept 26th at noon for the Occoquan Bay segment of the PHNST.

Commissioners Time

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| Mr. Murphy | Thanked staff for tonight's presentations. Mr. Murphy is participating with Supervisor Angry's office in planning a Wilderness Retreat at John Jenkins Park. |
| Mr. Miles | Thanked staff for tonight's reports. |
| Mr. Bergman | Looking forward to the opening of the new VSA building at Long Park and grass fields at Catharpin. |
| Ms. Beyer | Thanked staff for tonight's presentations. She is hopeful that we can take advantage of the available ARPA funds park projects. She was happy to hear that the BMX event was so successful, as it had been in previous years. |
| Mr. Thom | Mr. Thom was pleased to see the BMX coverage on Fox News. He was happy to hear that staff are working with Mr. Wagner to find another suitable location for their adventure race. Mr. Thom also brought up a concern from Coles Little League regarding a delay in their permitting for the Batting Cages at Hellwig. |
| Ms. Tredinnick | Thanked Brendon Hanafin for providing her information and answers to questions she has been receiving regarding the Rollins Ford Park project. She requested follow-up information regarding the recent Historic Preservation presentation made to the BOCS and information on the County Equity policies. |
| Mr. Freer | Thanked staff for putting on a great event with BMX. As the pool season is now winding down he wished to express his appreciation for all of the staff that run our pools. Thanked the Secretary for her work with the Commission. |

Closed Session None.

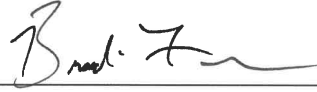
Adjournment

Res. No. 21-21 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:10 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (JB:CT, Unanimous; Absent, SR).***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on September 15, 2021, at

the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on September 15, 2021.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary