

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

November 17, 2021

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jane Beyer
David Miles
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

Audra Medve
John Blevins
Brendon Hanafin
Dan Cook
Janet LaFleur
Todd Reid
Dee Fredrickson
Amir Wenrich
Camilla Jacobs

Commission Members Absent

Jeff Bergman

Guests

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; Sharon Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 21-26 Approve the minutes of October 20, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:DM), Unanimous, Absent: JBg**

Citizens Time

None

Committee Reports

None

Presentation Items

Rocking Around the Boardwalk Special Event – Camilla Jacobs, Special Event Coordinator, shared a brief presentation about the upcoming Holiday Tree event at the Neabsco Regional park Boardwalk on December 4th from 3 to 5 pm. Over 40 trees will be decorated by community groups and displayed along the boardwalk. Carolers from a local middle school and a firepit/smores are part of the planned festivities. [Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]

Neabsco Creek Bandalong – Audra Medve presented information regarding the installation of a Bandalong (trash interceptor) on the Neabsco Creek. This partnership with Prince William County Environmental Services was funded through a grant from Micron. [Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]

Old Business

DEFERRED - Rollins Ford Park Naming – Commissioner Tredinnick introduced a request to name Rollins Ford Park in memory of Ryland Harris at the October meeting. She has asked that this item be deferred to a later date. The agenda item was deferred without objection.

New Business

Annual Strategic Plan Update – Seth Hendler-Voss reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 accomplishments and the strategies for Fiscal Year 2022. The Commissioners were asked to review the strategic plan goals and strategies for FY 2022 and bring any additional strategy suggestions to the December Commission meeting.

Director Time

Seth updated the Commission on the following:

State of the Parks- The annual address was videotaped and released for staff and citizens this week. He thanked all staff involved in producing the video, in particular JaVonne Pope.

Ann Marie Maher, Acting Deputy Director/ Director of the Office of Tourism has resigned. Dan Cook will continue in the role of Acting Director of the Office of Tourism while a nationwide recruitment is conducted.

Seth thanked Dan Cook for his instrumental work in securing the “Lift up Lodging” grant and ARPA funding.

Harbor Drive Wellness Park will be finished very soon.

BOCS recently approved the purchase of additional land in the Thoroughfare community.

Doves Landing master plan process has kicked off and a public meeting will be held in the Feb/Mar timeframe. Silver Lake Master Plan process will kick off in the same timeframe.

Upcoming Events:

Now thru Jan 9 – Christmas Lights at the Fairgrounds (not a DPRT event)

November 20 – Moonlight Boardwalk Walk

Dec 3 Ribbon Cutting at Locust Shade Mountain Bike Trail

Dec 4 Holiday Market at Dale City Farmers Market and Rocking Around the Boardwalk

Dec 7- DPRT employee holiday party at Cedar Run

Commissioners Time

Ms. Tredinnick Met this past month with staff and Supervisor Lawson to discuss the next steps in the Rollins Ford Project; asked staff to connect with her on a request she received regarding a potential softball tournament; requested information from staff on DPRT Diversity and Inclusion programs offered.

Mr. Thom Mr. Thom expressed kudos to staff on a very professional State of the Parks Video address.

- Ms. Beyer Thanked staff for the presentations and thanked Chief Reid for the gift of the challenge coins; she attended the Parks Foundation family fun day put it was a very nice event.
- Mr. Miles Commended staff on the Strategic Plan achievements.
- Mr. Murphy Thanked staff for the presentations; inquired about a Junior Ranger program (Chief Reid responded that we do not have a Junior Ranger program, but we do hire Ranger Aides seasonally)
- Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson commended Seth and staff on the Strategic Plan progress; Thanked staff for the presentations this evening; requested a recap of DPRT Special events in 2021 and any planned for the rest of this year; requested information on the demographics of County employees.
- Mr. Freer Thanked staff for all they do and accomplish and wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving

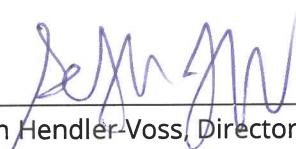
Closed Session None.

Adjournment

Res. No. 21-27 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:40 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (CT:SR, Unanimous, JBg)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on December 15, 2021, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

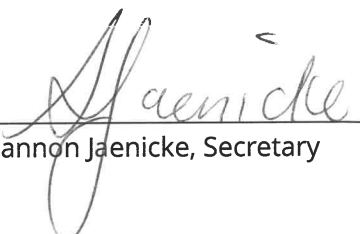
Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on December 15, 2021.



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary