

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jeff Bergman
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom

Staff Present

John Blevins
Brendon Hanafin
Dan Cook
Todd Reid
Audra Medve
Amir Wenrich

Commission Members Absent

Jane Beyer
David Miles
Erica Tredinnick

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:05 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting Christian Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 22- 03 Approve the minutes of December 15, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (CT:SR, Unanimous, Absent: JB, DM, ET, Abstain: JBg)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

FY 23 Budget Updates – Seth Hendler Voss shared information presented on February 15th in the Acting County Executive's Proposed FY 23 Budget.

Countywide Highlights

- Overall County Budget will increase by approximately 5 %
- The proposed County tax rate is \$1.05
- The average residential tax bill increases \$233
- New proposed 4% meal tax, to help offset the state eliminated grocery tax
- Additional \$61 million School Transfer
- Employee merit increases (3%), a 1% increase in the pay plan

DPRT Highlights

- DPRT overall budget is up approximately \$4 million to approximately \$47 million.
- Additional 3.66 new FTE positions (school field maintenance 2.16 FTE, historic properties archeologist 1.0 FTE and maintenance technician transfer from Public Works .5 FTE
- Additional funds for utilities, historic properties maintenance, contract maintenance for Harbor

- Drive Wellness Park,
- Additional support of \$112,000 for the Freedom Aquatic Center
- Tourism budget is restored to pre-pandemic levels

DPRT Initiatives not funded include

- The Bond Project Manager position
- No expansion of preschool, before/after school care, or Science in the Park programming

As previously shared there are no new Park projects in the 6 year Capital Improvement Program. While the 2019 Bond projects will keep us busy, DPRT has many CIP projects that will require funding. Several of the Supervisors expressed interest in adding some park projects.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Goals discussion – many goals were brought forward for consideration. The commissioners discussed the merits of each and some priorities were established for advocacy and communications.

Chair Freer will take all the input and further refine the goals for the March meeting.

Mr. Thom has offered to create an outline for a “hot sheet”, to assist in a uniform set of talking points for Commissioner use.

New Business

None

Director Time

Seth updated the Commission on the following:

- Rollins Ford Ground breaking Feb 28 at 11 am
- Farmers Market at Pfitzner Stadium will begin in April
- We are hiring for summer! www.pwcparksjobs.com
- Splashdown drive through job fair on March 12
- Lifeguard pay rate will increase this summer to help with recruitment
- DPRT has a new community e-newsletter “Park Bench”. First issue published this week.

Commissioners Time

Mr. Thom None

Mr. Bergman Thanked Chair Freer for his advocacy for the Parks Budget

Mr. Murphy Thanked staff for participation at the Hylton HS Job fair last week. He will be meeting with Supervisor Angry next to discuss a future trail connection between the Dale City Rec Center and the planned Quartz District Project at the intersection of Minnieville Rd and the Parkway.


Ms. Richardson None

Mr. Freer Thanked staff and the Commissioners for there ongoing efforts and thanked Seth for leading the way , he stated his belief that right now is the time to dial in and gain more support for Parks and Recreation.

Closed Session None.


Adjournment

Res. No. 22-04 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:30 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. APPROVED (~~SET~~, Unanimous, Absent JB, DM, ET)*

SR:CT 

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on March 16, 2022, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.


Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on March 16, 2022.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary