

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

March 16, 2022

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jeff Bergman
Jane Beyer
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

John Blevins
Frances Bridges
Todd Reid
Amir Wenrich

Commission Members Absent

David Miles

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:00 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting Jane Beyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 22- 05 Approve the minutes of February 16, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (SR:CT, Unanimous, Absent from Vote: ET, Absent from Meeting: DM, Abstain: JB)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Arts Programming – Herb Williams shared updates on Arts Programming, the Arts Council and Arts Grant Process

Highlights

- Arts Grant workshops were conducted last week with 22 groups in attendance. Deadline for applications is April 22. Grants available include “New and Emerging Grants” and “General Operating Grants” Last year 16 organizations received grant funding
- A grant panel will review all applications. The Commission will be asked to appoint 2 panelists in April to fill vacancies. Nominations for panelists should be sent to the Commission Secretary
- A Partnership with the Human Rights Commission Student Council to produce pop up arts programming
- An event is planned for Black Music Month at the Locust Shade Amphitheater on June 5th
- Collaboration with PRTC on a Bus Shelter Beautification Project
- Nominations for the Annual Seefeldt Awards for Arts Excellence are now being accepted

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Parks Commission Goals for 2022

Chair Freer gathered all the input from the February Goals discussion and presented 3 goals for consideration. The Commission will consider adoption of these goals at the April meeting.

New Business

Commissioner "Hot Sheet". A template to serve as meeting recap/ forward planning document was discussed for hot topics/ event dates, etc.

Director Time

Seth Hendler Voss provided the following updates:

- The first ever East vs. West Basketball Championship games held last weekend were a huge success
- Two grant applications were submitted last week, DPRT submitted an LCWF request for funds to support the extension of the Boardwalk at Metz Wetlands, and the Parks Foundation submitted a Human Services Alliance ARPA funds request to provide County me In Scholarships to underserved County youth.
- The selection process for the new Tourism Director continues; Seth thanked Dan Cook for his service to the County and wished him well in his new venture.
- Employee May picnics are in the planning stage, invite to follow
- A new LOVE sign was installed at the Brentsville Courthouse
- Camp registrations began last week and it was the biggest first day ever. An 81 percent increase over the 2019 pre-pandemic first day registration numbers.
- In 2021 DPRT hit 61 percent of the revenue goal, down from 91 percent in 2019. This will be a continued focus as we return to more normal operations.
- We have a great need for lifeguards for this summer. www.pwcparksjobs.com
- A BOCS budget work session for Parks is scheduled for April 12 at 2 pm

Commissioners Time

- Ms. Tredinnick Ms. Tredinnick was very sorry to miss the Rollins Ford groundbreaking but was happy to attend the East vs. West Basketball with Supervisor Lawson. She shared that she would like to see an expanded age bracket for future games.
- She thanked staff involved with the successful start to camp registrations and for the excellent social media presence of DPRT
- Mr. Thom Mr. Thom expressed agreement with Ms. Tredinnick on DPRT social media presence, it is very impressive. He enjoyed participating in the Ellis Barron Master Plan meeting, it was a great experience and discussion. He looks forward to the master planning meetings for Doves and Silver Lake.
- Ms. Beyer Thanked the Chair for the Commission Goals presented evening, she agrees with the emphasis on Commissioners attending DPRT events. She thanked

the Arts Recreation Specialist for the informational presentation tonight.

Mr. Bergman Mr. Bergman commended the increased presence of DPRT related information available at the schools. He shared that he and Chair Freer had a very good discussion about DPRT support with Supervisor Candland.

Mr. Murphy Thanked the Chair for the Goals he presented this evening. He attended a meeting with Supervisor Angry last month regarding a future trail connection to the Quartz project. He mentioned some difficulty with conducting cleanup activities, staff will follow up.

Ms. Richardson Shared an article with the Commission from NRPA's 30 under 30 write up about DPRT employee Hashim Taylor; Shared information about a company/program to achieve play space equity (KABOOM).

Ms. Richardson enjoyed the East vs. West Basketball Championships, while there she received comments from residents about the new for more indoor facility space in the eastern part of the county.

Mr. Freer Thanked everyone for tonight's efforts and a productive meeting.

Chair Freer and Supervisor Boddye toured the Chinn Center last month and had a good discussion about the Bond projects.

Chair Freer ^{↑ thanked} and Ms. Tredinnick ^{↑ for setting up} had a good meeting with Supervisor Lawson to discuss DPRT needs.



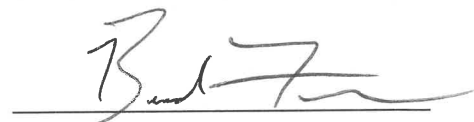
Closed Session None.

Adjournment

Res. No. 22-06 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:30 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. APPROVED (ET:JB, Unanimous, Absent DM)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on April 20, 2022, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 20, 2022.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary