

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

April 20, 2022

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

Todd Reid
Trey Payne
Mac Slover
John Blevins
Frances Bridges
Amir Wenrich
Brendon Hanafin
Herb Williams

Commission Members Absent

David Miles

Guests

See Citizen Sign In Sheet

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:00 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Nate Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 22- 07 Approve the corrected minutes of ~~April 20~~ ^{March 16}, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:CT, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting: DM)**

Citizens Time

Mr. Charlie Grymes addressed the Commission to encourage their advocacy with the Planning Commission and Board of County Supervisors to implement the Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space goal of adding 5000 acres of new Park Land. The county is now writing the long range 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Map will identify places where Parks and Open Space is the best long-term use, and guide rezoning decisions over the next 20 years.

The County already has about 5,000 acres designated on the Land Use Map for Parks and Open Space. To meet the 10,000-acre target already adopted by the Board of County Supervisors, the Land Use Map needs to identify about 5,000 more acres of land where Parks and Open Space is the most appropriate designation. The current draft of the Land Use Chapter, as prepared by county staff, needs to be revised in order to reach the 10,000-acre target. That map is still draft; the Planning Office is still receiving comment.

Mr. Grymes invited the Commissioners to join the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition Second Sunday Hike on May 8th, 1-3 pm, to walk portions of the future Occoquan Greenway in Lake Ridge.

Presentations

Annual Good Sport Awards The “Good Sports” Awards honors nominated players, coaches and administrators throughout Virginia and Maryland for their dedication and contributions to youth athletics each year via the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance (MARPSA). Our department joined MARPSA in late 2020 and we are excited to participate in their annual awards program that highlights positive sportsmanship within our Sports Community. These recipients were nominated by their respected sports organization and were selected to receive a 2021 Prince William County Good Sports Award.

- Athlete -- Valerie Chirinos (Prince William Girls Fastpitch Softball)
- Coach -- Phil Freeman (Prince William Girls Fastpitch Softball)
- Coach -- Darrell Harris (Prince William Panthers Track and Field Club)
- Administrator -- Marcus Atkinson (Eastern Prince William Basketball Association)
- Administrator -- Steve Hoover (Virginia Soccer Association)
- Administrator -- Jim Jacob (Brentsville Baseball League)
- Administrator -- Larry Belk (Prince William Girls Fastpitch Softball)

Committee Reports

None

New Business

RES No. 22- 08

Appoint D’Andrea Wooten, Jose Paiz and Donnell Taylor to the Arts Grant Review Panel for a two-year term for fiscal years 2023 and 2024. **APPROVED (JB:CT, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting: DM)**

Old Business

RES No. 22- 09

Adopt Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Goals. **APPROVED ET:CT, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting: DM)**

Director Time

Seth Hendler Voss provided the following updates:

- The PRC goals adopted by the Commission tonight will satisfy one of the auditor’s areas to address.
- Staff Picnics will be held on May 17 at 1130 and 430 at Chinn Park Pavilion
- Doves Master Plan update public meeting is April 21st at 7pm at Hellwig Admin Bldg
- Budget Markup was April 19 and there were no changes made to the proposed budget. Adoption will be on April 26th. DPRT will receive 3 new FTE’s and operating funds for
- The CXO will present the list of proposed projects for funding with the second tranche of ARPA funds (\$45 Million) at the June 7th BOCS meeting. Thanks to this Commission’s advocacy we expect to receive funding for some of our projects.
- LCWF grant for extension of the Boardwalk at Metz Wetland was awarded for \$750,000. This will fully fund this project.
- Camp registrations are going very well, camps are 70 percent full.
- We are still recruiting heavily for lifeguards and other seasonal positions. Please share with your networks www.pwcparksjobs.com
- Sports Services staff will be hosting several Prince William County High School Special Education Classes for exhibition Miracle League baseball games to introduce the program to the community. Shannon will provide the upcoming schedule. We are also restarting a Miracle

League program for Youth and Adults this spring. The Opening Day ceremonies are at Hellwig Miracle Field on May 14 at 9 am. The Miracle League program speaks directly to our Strategic Plan Diversity and Inclusion Goal.

- Comprehensive Plan – Seth offered to meet with any of the Commissioners that would like to have a conversation or have questions answered about the Mobility and Land Use Chapters of the plan and how they relate to DPRT.

Commissioners Time

- Mr. Murphy Mr. Murphy congratulated all of tonight's Good Sports Award winners. He and Chair Freer had a good meeting with Supervisor Angry and he was happy to hear that all of the staff positions for DPRT remained in the budget.
- Mr. Murphy also shared news of the passing of James "Jimmy" Qualls.
- Mr. Bergman Mr. Bergman was very happy to attend the groundbreaking for the League Building at Catharpin Park and to see that Supervisors Candland and Angry and Chair Wheeler were in attendance.
- Supervisor Candland will be meeting on April 21st with DPRT staff, and stakeholders regarding a proposed MOU for a partnership at Catharpin Baseball Fields.
- Mr. Bergman thanked Chair Freer for his leadership in the goal setting process
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer was glad to attend the groundbreaking event at Catharpin Park, She and Chair Freer had a good productive meeting with Supervisor Vega. She also thanked Charlie Grymes for his email to encourage outreach regarding Land Acquisition.
- Mr. Thom Commended Trey Payne and Mac Slover for the awards presentation tonight. He also thanked Charlie Grymes for attending tonight and providing the Commission with some very good information regarding the need for Land Acquisitions and to fund the Purchase Development Rights (PDR) Program.
- Mr. Thom recapped the Commission Hot Sheet items for this month as follows:
- Support the effort to recruit lifeguards- share on social media, networking within our communities.
 - June 7th ARPA Funding Meeting
 - Advocacy for the PWC Comprehensive Plan
 - o Encourage and push for 5,000 more acres of park land to get us to 10,000 acres of parkland within the county.
 - o Work with supervisors and community
 - o Fund purchase development rights
 - Mobility and/or Land Use Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. For a better understanding reach out to Seth for more information

Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson met with Supervisor Franklin and the Trails and Blueways Council (TBC). The TBC shared some concerns and Ms. Richardson will follow up with Seth at a later time.

She also shared that she is looking forward to attending the Prince William Art Society opening tomorrow night of Open Space Arts at Potomac Town Center.

Ms. Tredinnick Ms. Tredinnick congratulated tonight's Award winners. She also congratulated the Commission on adopting Goals for 2022/20223. She was very interested to hear about the Miracle League and would like more information on upcoming events.

Mr. Freer Mr. Freer stated that meetings with fellow commissioners and their appointing Supervisors have been really positive. He would love to keep the momentum going and please reach out to him anytime and let's all keep an open-door policy.

Mr. Freer thanked staff and wished them all the best of luck as they prepare for the upcoming summer sea

Closed Session None.


Adjournment

Res. No. 22- 10

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

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on May 18, 2022, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 18, 2022.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary