

PRINCE WILLIAM

— Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

August 17, 2022

Commission Members Present

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



Staff Present

Frances Bridges
John Blevins
Trey Payne
Michael Rojas
Kevin Costello

Commission Members Absent

~~Sharon Richardson~~
Christian Thom

Guests

See 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. Jeff Bergman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 22- 21 Approve the minutes of July 20,2022, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:JBG, Unanimous, Abstain: ET, Absent from Meeting: SR, CT)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Commend Jerry Holy – The Parks and Recreation Commission Commend Jerry Holy on his second place finishes in the 100 M Breaststroke and 100 M Freestyle at USA Games 2022 Special Olympics.

SportsFest – Michael Rojas, Sports Tourism Manager, updated the Commission on the October 7 to 10, 2022 Countywide SportsFest. Spearheaded by our Sports Tourism department and hosted by local leagues and organizers, over 11 different sporting competitions will take place across county venues. An Oktoberfest party will be held at the Mid County Complex stage, will round out the weekend's events. This multi day sports tournament festival will drive Tourism spending in the County estimated at \$3.7 million over the course of the event, and showcase our local venues to leagues and nationwide event organizers.

New Business

Parks Commission Bus Tour – the proposed itinerary for the bus tour on September 24th was shared with the Commissioners. Mr. Murphy asked that we add a short stop at Hylbrook Park. The Secretary will email the itinerary to the Commissioners and publish it for the public who are welcome to join the tour at any of the stops or join the bus tour by contacting the Secretary to reserve a spot.

Arrive at Hellwig by 8:45, Depart 9:00
9:00-9:30 Travel
9:30-10:15 Catharpin Park
10:15-10:45 Travel
10:45-11:15 Joseph Reading Park
11:15-11:45 Travel
11:45-12:45 Cloverdale Park/Picnic Lunch
12:45-1:00 Travel
1:00-1:30 Marumsco Acre Park and short stop at Hylbrook Park
1:30-2:00 Travel
2:00 Arrive back at Hellwig

Old Business

None

Director Time

- Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:
- He congratulated Mr. Holy on his accomplishments and is proud to have him as a member of our facilities.
- He congratulated Chinn General Manager, Kat Fish on her election to President of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society.
- Personnel changes- Brendon Hanafin has retired and Chief Tony Charland is leaving for Fort Myers Florida.
- Pool season is winding down, this will be the last full week, beginning next week pools will open weekends only until Labor Day. A shuttle service between Hammill Mill Pool and Veterans Pool has been scheduled for August 20 and 27.
- He has met with NOVA BMX and MORE to discuss with them the Parks Foundation fundraising projects (Comfort Station at Neabsco Regional Park, and Rollins Ford Pump Track.) A follow-up meeting with the Foundation is scheduled Sept 2.
- Personnel Changes – Brendon Hanafin has retired, and Assistant Chief Tony Charland is leaving for a new opportunity in Fort Myers, FL. Seth thanked them both for their leadership, professionalism, and service to DPRT. He also shared that we are in the midst of filling the Grounds and Facilities Division Chief position.
- This Friday is the second of the Fridays at Five Concert Series at Connaughton Plaza (McCoart)
- DPRT is reviewing a Special Use Permit application for a proposed Cell Tower at Fuller Heights Park. We are working to identify the lease intrusive location.
- The Arts Grant panel awards will go to the BOCS for approval on Sept 6. The unawarded balance will be used for a second grant cycle to be opened this fall.
- Doves Landing Master Plan will be ready to go to the BOCS for adoption soon. Seth is meeting with Supervisor Vega to review the plan next week.
- The Miracle League Fall Opening Day is this Saturday at 9 am at the Hellwig Park Miracle Field

Commissioners Time

Ms. Tredinnick

Ms. Tredinnick shared and inquiry she received regarding use of park locations for obtaining petition signatures. Chief Reid shared that this activity cannot be disallowed in "public park areas" but if the area is

permitted or programmed for another purpose then the activity may not be allowed in that specific area. Individual inquiries can be directed to Chief Reid for response.

- Ms. Beyer Shared that she is happy to share in Jerry's success this evening. She appreciates receiving the information on the Sportsfest and is enthusiastic about this event. She is glad we had a successful summer season in light of \ recruitment challenges.
- Mr. Bergman Thanked Seth and Trey for their response to a citizen requesting information on pickleball in the Western end of the County. Happy to share in the recognition tonight for Jerry Holy. Looking forward to fall sports season beginning!
- Mr. Murphy Congratulated Brendon Hanafin on his retirement. Thanked staff for the information on the SportsFest. He shared that he is excited we have been able to fill our pools to capacity regularly. He will be touring Cloverdale Park with Supervisor Angry to view the recently completed upgrades.
- Mr. Freer Congratulated to Jerry Holy; Congratulated Kat Fish; Brendon Hanafin will be missed; happy to see a successful pool season coming to an end; thanked staff for attending this evening. Had an opportunity to meet with the Hellwig Grounds crew and enjoyed meeting with this great group.

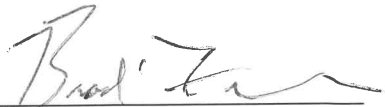
Closed Session None.


Adjournment

Res. No. 22- 22 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 800 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (ET:JB, Unanimous, Absent SR:CT)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on October 19, 2022, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on October 19, 2022.


Brodie Freer, Chair


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary