

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
Selonia Miles, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

May 17, 2023

George Hellwig Administrative Bldg. Board Room
14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA

Commission Members Present

Jane Beyer
Brodie Freer
Jeff Bergman
Selonia Miles
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom

Staff Present

Yancee McLemore
Amarjit Riat
Janet Bartnik
John Blevins
Kevin Costello
Eugene Loew
Todd Reid
Frances Bridges
Rob Orrison

Commission Members Absent

Erica Tredinnick

Guests

See citizen sign in sheet

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

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Call to Order

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. 23-11

Approve the minutes of April 20, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:JBg, Unanimous, Absent: ET, Abstain, SM)**

Citizens Time

Melanie Wiest- Ms. Wiest spoke to the Commission to request their support for a County Ordinance banning firearms in County Parks.

Presentations

Y Street - Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth - Share the Air is a statewide youth initiative that advocates for policies that support tobacco-free and e-cigarette-free outdoor areas. Two students from Potomac High School, Lidanbe Bennam and Milagros Adorno, representing Y Street, presented to the Commission requesting that DPRT consider adopting a voluntary outdoor tobacco free policy. [Presentation is available from the Commission Secretary].

The Commission asked the director to have staff investigate the viability of taking this action.

Capital Projects – Amarjit Riat, Capital Projects and Planning Division Chief presented an update on current Capital Improvement projects, Capital Maintenance projects, and ARPA funded projects. [Presentation is available from the Commission Secretary].

Committee Reports

None

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- Seth introduced Deputy Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Janet Bartnik, and Safety and Risk Management Coordinator Yancee McLemore.
- He thanked the Commissioners for attending the picnic and ice cream social.
- The first Friday's at Five concert was very successful, the second is this Friday on the Plaza.
- Our pools will all open on Memorial Day, except for Splashdown which will open on June 16. We are still 45 guards short at Splashdown, but we are working very hard on meeting our hiring targets.
- We have several projects nearing completion and a schedule of ribbon cutting dates will be coming soon.
- The Board of Supervisors recently approved a new BMX MOU, an MOU with NVSC for construction of a fieldhouse at Hellwig Park. Upcoming agenda items for the BOCS include approving the transfer of funds to the Featherstone segment of the PHNST, a Public Hearing to accept from the developer and then sell under a conservation easement for historic purposes 9.16 acres on Currie Farm Drive; an MOU with Friends of Horticulture Therapy and funding for construction of therapeutic gardens at Shenandoah Park, and updates to the Arts Council Charter.

Commissioners Time

Mr. Thom

Shared his concern/observation of many muddy areas along the pathway to the fields at the Kreiger Complex, and complaints shared with him regarding the newly installed speed bumps at Hellwig Park.

Ms. Beyer

Ms. Beyer attended the Miracle Field game at Hellwig Park with Garfield HS, she thanked staff the work they put into these games, and it was great to share in such an encouraging event; She attended the Seefeldt awards earlier this week, the award winning groups and performances were very impressive; she enjoyed attending the staff picnic.

Mr. Bergman

Mr. Bergman thanked the students from Potomac High School for their share the air presentation and Yancee McLemore for his facilitation assistance with tonight's meeting; he thanked Amarjit Riat

for the Capital Projects updates, Catharpin Park is looking great and he is happy to see all the progress in the parks.

Ms. Miles

Ms. Miles thanked the staff for the presentations and efforts.

Mr. Murphy

Wished all moms a belated Happy Mother's Day and all dads an early Happy Father's Day; he enjoyed attending the Seefeldt awards this week; he thanked tonight's presenters; he thanked staff for addressing the field concerns at Turley; he asked for an update on point- of- sale wristbands for the waterparks.

Ms. Richardson

Ms. Richardson commended staff for tonight's presentations' she thanked staff for all of the work done on behalf of our county residents and that their hard work does not go unnoticed; she thanked the staff for the invitation to the staff picnic and also enjoyed the ice cream social at Hellwig for Public Service Appreciation week.

Mr. Freer

Mr. Freer thanked Kevin, Mark and Yancee for grilling the food at the picnic; he thanked Rob Belcourt for the behind the scenes tour of Sharron Baucom Dale City Rec Center ; he wished staff good luck with the upcoming summer season; he is really excited for the installation of the bridge on the Occoquan Greenway this Friday.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

Res. No. 23-12

*There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:20p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (JB:JBg, Unanimous, Absent ET)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on June 21, 2023, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

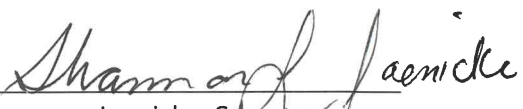
Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on June 21, 2023.



Brodie Freer, Chair



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

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SIGN-IN SHEET

May 17, 2023

Please Print Name / Address / Phone Number/ Email

Place a check mark beside your name if you wish to address the Commission. Please limit your comment to 3 minutes when speaking on your own behalf or 5 minutes if speaking on behalf of a group.

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