

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

June 21, 2023

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

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

Janet Bartnik
Todd Reid
John Blevins
Amir Wenrich
Amarjit Riat
Patti Pakkala
Eugene Loew
Rob Orrison
Herb Williams

Commission Members Absent

Selonia Miles
Sharon Richardson

Guests

See citizen sign in sheet

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Call to Order

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

Administrative Items

Res. No. 23-13

Approve the minutes of May 17, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:CT, Unanimous, Absent: SM, SR, Abstain, ET)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

None

Committee Reports

None

New Business

RES 23-14

Recommend the Fiscal Year 2024 Arts Grant Disbursements to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors as Recommended by the Arts Grant Panel.
APPROVED (JB:CT, Unanimous, Absent: SM, SR, Abstain, ET)

RES 23-15

Endorse the Ellis Barron Park Master Plan Update. **APPROVED (CT:JBg, Unanimous, Absent: SM, SR)**
(Master Plan Presentation available from the Secretary to the Commission)

Officer Nominating Committee- Chair Freer asked if anyone would volunteer to lead a nominating committee for the FY 24 Officer Elections at the July meeting. Mr. Bergman and Mr. Murphy agreed to lead the effort.

Old Business

None

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- Camp Revenues are up year over year, as are overall camp registrations, with some camps at 100 percent capacity with very substantial wait lists.
- All pools are now open for the season, we had a huge push at the end to get enough lifeguards. Splashdown will operate 5 days a week, closed Mondays, and Tuesdays.
- Science in the Park just wrapped up its most successful season ever, with 8524 students attending SIP classes this school year.
- Online pavilion rentals have been a huge success.
- Chinn and Dale City are having a pass sale, 20 percent off annual passes.
- The new free facility usage program for staff has been very well received.
- Upcoming Board of Supervisors items include a gas line maintenance easement at Catharpin Park, an interjurisdictional MOU for the construction of the PHNST, sale of the historic Woodlawn House in Brentsville to a private entity for preservation, and an MOU with Friends of Horticulture Therapy for the construction of gardens and associated amenities at Shenandoah Park.
- The county has a new deputy CXO, Quintin Haynes, who will oversee the general government agencies.
- DPRT is hosting two pop up events for Parks and Rec month called Parks and Recreation on the Go. The events will be held at Ellis Barron Park and Hamill Mill. More details to be announced.
- The Park Passport program was very successful, our Marketing Team is preparing to launch a new passport program this fall.
- Fridays at 5 continues to grow. The next concert is Live Karaoke on July 14
- The Disc Golf Course is officially open at Forest Greens.
- Our golf courses are doing well, but off of the 2020 highs. Some new promotions are in design to help increase revenues. Recent improvements at the courses (cart path paving, bunker renovations, practice greens) should also drive more play.

- The elevator project at Pat White Center is now under construction.
- Catharpin improvements are nearly complete, with a little work left to do on the Kyle Wilson memorial.
- ADA paving and pathway improvements at Ann Moncure Wall and Brittney Park are complete and underway at Cloverdale Park
- Renovations are planned to convert the Ben Lomond tennis courts for pickleball.
- A Parks Wildlife picture contest is underway.

Commissioners Time

- Mr. Murphy Congratulated all recent graduates; thanked staff for the Master Plan presentation tonight; asked what solutions may be available to manage our camp waitlists (staff investigating alternate locations as DPRT has no more space to grow our programming) ; inquired about the status of the fall protection solution for Turley Field (in fabrication).
- Mr. Bergman Asked if DPRT is offering Pickleball lessons (DPRT is looking for an instructor)
- Ms. Beyer Congratulated staff on opening camps and pools for the summer
- Mr. Thom Kudos to staff for opening for the season; he enjoyed an event at Long Park on Memorial Day weekend, it was nice to see so many people in the park and everything in the park looked awesome; he reported the sad news that former Indigo Golf employee Bobbie Kidder had passed.
- Ms. Tredinnick Thanked the staff that are managing DPRT’s social media, they are doing a great job; the communities around Rollins Ford Park are really excited to see that project coming up out of the ground.
- Mr. Freer Thanked staff for the Master Plan presentation, a really cool project for that community; the BMX Nationals was a great event with huge crowds, he hopes to see that event return; the Disc Golf Course Ribbon Cutting had a great turnout and he enjoyed getting some drone shots of our parks after the event; he thanked staff for getting everything going for the summer.

Closed Session None.

Adjournment

Res. No. 23-16 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:25p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (ET: CT, Unanimous, Absent, SM, SR)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on July 19, 2023, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on July 19, 2023.



Brodie Freer, Chair



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

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SIGN-IN SHEET

June 21, 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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MOTION: BEYER

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Res. No. 23 - 14**

SECOND: THOM

RE: RECOMMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ARTS GRANT DISBURSEMENTS TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS GRANT PANEL

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, §15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) to make appropriations of public funds to charitable institutions that serve residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the BOCS budgeted and appropriated \$193,000 in the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget for the Arts Grant program, which provides programming and operational support for non-profit arts organizations that serve Prince William County residents; and

WHEREAS, grants are awarded in conformance with the Arts Grant Policy, which was adopted by the BOCS on March 13, 2018 (BOCS RES. No 18-144); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff facilitated a mandatory grant application workshop and received fifteen (15) grant applications from eligible organizations; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for Fiscal Year 2024 application was April 21, 2023, but was extended to May 1, 2023, to ensure maximum participation; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Grant Panel recommends the approval of fifteen (15) applications for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff confirms that the grant policy was followed and concurs with the disbursement of the FY24 Arts Grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby recommend the FY24 Arts Grants disbursement to the Board of County Supervisors as follows:

Recipient	Amount Awarded	% of total available funds
Art Factory	\$45,148.50	23.39
Manassas Ballet Theatre	\$45,148.50	23.39
Lake Ridge Chorale	\$2,746.00	1.42
Manassas Chorale	\$11,751.00	6.09
Manassas Symphony Orchestra	\$7,337.00	3.80
New Dominion Choraliers	\$2,329.00	1.21
Prince William Little Theatre	\$8,874.00	4.60
TEMA Choir	\$4,268.00	2.21
Woodbridge Dance Company	\$5,176.00	2.68
Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra	\$2,938.00	1.52

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Virginia National Ballet	\$18,638.00	9.66
Prince William Art Society	\$33,150.00	17.18
Gainesville Community Choir	\$2,100.00	1.09
Woodbridge Community Choir	\$896.00	0.46
GEM Theatre	\$2,500.00	1.30
Total funding	\$193,000	100%

Votes:

Ayes: Beyer, Bergman, Freer, Murphy, Thom

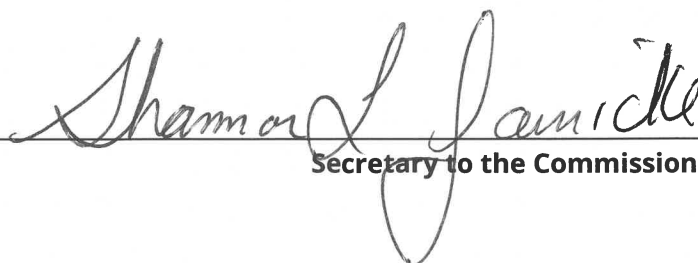
Nays: None

Abstain: Tredinnick

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: Miles, Richardson

ATTEST: _____


Secretary to the Commission

MOTION: THOM

**June 21, 2023
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Res. No. 23- 15**

SECOND: BERGMAN

**RE: ENDORSE THE ELLIS L. BARRON PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE- GAINESVILLE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, Prince William County owns a 15.26 acre parcel of land located at 7625 Aaron Lane, Manassas, VA (GPIN # **7697-02-7245**) known as Ellis L. Barron Park; and

WHEREAS, the DPRT System-wide Master Plan calls for staff to “investigate opportunities to improve level of service at by improving program amenities and update park master plans; and

WHEREAS, the developer of the Blackburn Development proffered funds for the construction of an artificial turf field and parking improvements at Ellis L. Barron Park in lieu of a monetary contribution; and

WHEREAS, additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was secured for park improvements; and

WHEREAS, two public master plan meetings were held in February and September 2022, to collect input on improvements to the existing park and new improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby endorse the Ellis L. Barron Park Master Plan Update.

ATTACHMENT: Ellis L. Barron Master Plan with court layout option 2

Votes:

Ayes: Beyer, Bergman, Freer, Murphy, Thom, Tredinnick

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: Miles, Richardson

ATTEST: _____


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

