

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
Joseph George, Neabsco District
Selonia Miles, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

October 18, 2023

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

Commission Members Present

Jane Beyer
Brodie Freer
Joseph George
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

Jamie Orrison
Ryan Amato
Sara Smith
Janet Bartnik
John Blevins
Frances Bridges
Amir Wenrich
Rob Orrison
Todd Reid
Eugene Loew
Amarjit Riat

Commission Members Absent

Jeff Bergman
Selonia Miles
Christian Thom
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. Joseph George led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

DEFERRED

Approve Minutes of September 23, 2023 *Deferred* for lack of Quorum.

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Jamie Orrison presented an update to the Commission that included the operations of the two major recreation centers and the seasonal waterparks. [Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]

Ryan Amato provided an update to the Commission on the 2023 Summer Camps, from registration, thru end of camp surveys. [Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]

Committee Reports

None

Old Business


None

New Business

FY 2023 Budget Congress outcomes – every year in preparation for the upcoming budget preparations the executive team meets in an open session to review and rank all staff submitted DPR budget initiatives. These items are categorized at “must do’s”, “5-year plan” and “unmet needs”. Must do’s and 5-year plan items automatically advance and unmet needs are ranked by majority vote. Seth Hendler Voss presented the ranked list of initiatives with the Commission with a brief explanation of each one. [FY25 Budget Congress Outcomes document is available from the Secretary to the Commission]. This list will be shared with the County Executive when DPR staff meet with him later this month. The decision to move forward any initiative is at the CXO’s discretion and if advanced will be included in the CXO proposed budget which will be presented to the BOCS in late February. Next month Seth will present the Commission with DPR’s CIP Request for FY25 Budget.

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- DPR has now moved to the Health, Wellness and Environmental Sustainability Quadrant under DCXO Johnson *regarding an indoor sports & event center* 
- After a public hearing *on October 10th*, the BOCS will next be asked to consider an interim agreement to conduct a site analysis, preliminary engineering, community engagement, and updated financial and economic development projections. This will be considered by the BOCS later this year. The results would then be considered by the BOCS and a decision would be made whether or not the project proceeds. This project is in our master plan.
- The BOCS recently approved the funding for the intersection improvements at Long Park.
- The BOCS will consider an MOU with Friends of Horticultural Therapy for the Shenandoah Park site on Oct 24
- The MOU with the Charlie Boone Memorial Trails Foundation for a skatepark off Everest Peak Ln. has expired, staff is encouraging CBMTF to scale back the project and look at alternate sites. Fundraising has been a challenge for the Foundation.
- The Rangers will be participating in the Manassas Mall Trunk or Treat on Oct 25th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.
- The Boardwalk Holiday Lights will begin December 1st. Shuttles will be available from Rippon MS and Porter ES, no Parking at the Rippon Parking lot except for ADA.
- A potential partnership for a privately operated indoor field house at Long Park for indoor courts is being vetted.
- Janet Bartnik was awarded a Distinguished Professional Award at the Annual NRPA conference last week.
- Kaboom! has approached DPR to submit a grant application to partner on a replacement playground for Fairmont Park.

Commissioners Time

- Mr. George Mr. George shared Kudos for the DPR grounds staff on behalf of PWGFP. He shared that PWGFP has a few high priority maintenance issues including addressing flood prone areas at Cloverdale and the batting cages at Dale City.
- Ms. Beyer Was very please to attend the Ribbon Cutting at Rollins Ford with a great turnout in spite of the weather. She thanked staff for tonights presentations and congratulated Ms. Bartnik on her award.
- Ms. Tredinnick Ms. Tredinnick is very excited to have Rollins Ford Park now open. She inquired about the expected opening of the rest of the dog bays and rectangular fields. She shared that the gentleman who presented in August about the Bike Valet program had been attempting to reach out to Supervisor Lawson's office to follow up. She thanked Tourism for the time they were with DPR, it was a good partnership and she is sorry to see them go.
- Mr. Freer Thanked everyone in DPR that is out there doing their jobs each day. He wished the department well in planning for next years budget. He inquired about the status of the bolts on the Segment 3 bridge on the Occoquan Greenway, and status of gift card sales online for the holidays

Closed Session None.

Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:50 pm..

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on November 15, 2023, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on November 15, 2023.


Brodie Freer, Chair


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

