

# PRINCE WILLIAM

— Parks & Recreation

## Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

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Vida Carroll, Brentsville District  
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Rick Berry, Gainesville District  
Ross W. Snare IV, Neabsco District  
Oriella Mejia, Potomac District  
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

### May 15, 2024

7:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
George Hellwig Admin Bldg. Board Room- 14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA 20112

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Administrative

- Approve Minutes of April 17, 2024

#### Citizen Time

#### Presentations

- Historic Preservation Division Annual Update – Rob Orrison
- Powells Creek Crossing Update – Planning Division

#### Committee Reports

None

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

#### Director's Time

- Update on Proposed Sports and Event Center

#### Commissioner Time

#### Meeting Recap

#### Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 19, 2024

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**April 17, 2024**

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### **Commission Members Present**

Rick Berry  
Jane Beyer  
Vida Carroll  
Brodie Freer  
Oriella Mejia  
Ross Snare  
Sharon Richardson  
Christian Thom

### **Staff Present**

Janet Bartnik  
John Blevins  
Todd Reid  
Eugene Loew  
Rob Orrison  
Frances Bridges  
Patti Pakkala  
Trey Payne  
Candace Redd  
Joe Dillard  
Darius Turner  
Mac Slover

### **Commission Members Absent**

None

### **Secretary**

Shannon Jaenicke

### **Guests**

Aidan Redd  
Zoey Kellum  
Marcus Atkinson  
Kelsi Da Re  
Kate Bachman

### **Citizens**

See Citizen Sign in Sheet

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Administrative Items**

**RES 24-11** Approve Minutes of March 20, 2024. **APPROVED (RB:SR, Unanimous)**

### **Citizens Time**

Jeff Bergman – former Gainesville Park Commissioner Bergman shared with the Commission that he has a great deal of interest in the Indoor Sports and Event Center and is in attendance tonight to learn more about it. A facility like this is needed.

Tom Konicki – Mr Konicke, a member of the Woodbridge Pickleball Club Board, supports the exciting opportunity for the Indoor Sports Facility. It will reduce out of county tournament travel and bring in money to the county.

Barbara Tyrell –Woodbridge Pickleball Club really wants this new facility; it will be good for tournaments and an economic driver. She asked the Commission to support the project. She shared her gratitude for all of the new outdoor pickleball courts.

Jason Grant – Jason Grant, supports the new Indoor facility:

- Location east or west does not matter. He coaches both HS and Club track and they bus out to all events currently.
- This is not a Rec Center and does not have any comparison to the Freedom Center or St. James
- Out of County meets are expensive and time consuming.
- The private sector won't build this facility as the debt service is too high to be profitable.
- The BOCS recommended increase in the Data Center tax makes this the time to take bold action.

Michael Whitlock – Woodbridge Pickleball member, Chamber member, business owner supports the indoor facility:

- It will increase community engagement, providing a space for community events.
- This infrastructure improvement will drive more infrastructure improvements and investment for both visitors and citizens.
- It will promote healthy lifestyles.
- Benefits students who will have to travel less and have more time for studies and less fatigue.
- Improves family engagement with less time spent in getting to from activities and families will save on travel expenses.

### **Presentations**

#### **Annual Good Sports Awards**

Sports Services presented the 2023 Good Sports Awards recognizing the efforts and sportsmanship demonstrated by members of the Sports Community in Prince William County. Four athletes, one coach and one administrator were recognized for their accomplishments within their respected Sports League and Community. Director Hendler-Voss presented each winner with a Director's coin.

#### 2023 Athletes

- Miracle League - Aiden Redd
- Miracle League - Kelsi Da Re
- PW Girls Fastpitch - Marianne Baranowski
- EPW Basketball - Zoey Kellum

#### 2023 Coach

- EPW Basketball - Royce Keown

2023 Administrator

- o Virginia Soccer Assn. - Kate Bachman

**Motion to Recess 7:35 p.m. BF: JB**

**Call to Order** Chair Freer reconvened the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**Prince William Sports and Event Center-** Seth Hendler Voss reviewed the findings of the interim report. This information was presented to each Supervisor last week and at the Community Meetings on April 10 and 11. The next step in this process is a presentation at the BOCS on May 14, at this time a decision on the land purchase must be made, the Board has until May 18 to terminate the purchase agreement. Seth shared some of the frequent misinformation that has been shared by the public and encouraged the Commissioners to review and share the FAQ's and project information that is available on the on website [pwcsportscenter.com](http://pwcsportscenter.com) [**Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission**]

**Motion –** Authorize the Chair to write a letter of support to the Board of County Supervisors on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission supporting the land purchase and project.  
**APPROVED (RS: OM) AYES; Beyer, Freer, Mejia, Richardson, Snare; NAYS Berry, Carroll, Thom.**

During discussion of the motion, it was agreed that the letter of support should state that "a majority of the Parks Commissioners support the land purchase and project".

### **Budget Markup**

Budget Markup was held last night at the BOCS meeting. The Parks Department stands to fare quite well in FY25. At recap, funding for the Holiday Walk of Lights and Fridays at Five special events (\$250,000) were added, Capital Maintenance funding was increased (\$1.2M), and \$1.0M was added for mobility projects in the Transportation Department budget. All other funding from the CXO proposed budget remained as recommended, including 3.3 new FTE's, 1 Principal Planner, 1 Construction Inspector and 1.3 Maintenance and Operations positions.

### **Committee Reports**

**None**

### **Old Business**

**None**

### **New Business**

**None**

### **Director Time**

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- The Volunteer Appreciation picnic is this Saturday at Brentsville Courthouse at 1130 am
- The Miracle league opening day ceremony is also this Saturday at 9 am at Hellwig.
- Lifeguard recruitment has been very successful this year, we need just 39 more guards for Splashdown.

Deputy Director Janet Bartnik shared the following Capital Project updates:

- The Howison project has been advertised for bid.
- The Heavy Construction Contractor's renovations at Logan Park are complete and a ribbon cutting will be held tomorrow at 130 pm.
- The Cloverdale Ribbon cutting was held last week, all elements of the project are complete except for the fixtures at the comfort station.
- The bids for the Featherstone section of the PHNST have been received.
- The improvements at Jenkins Park are nearly completion, unfortunately the park was badly tagged by vandals.
- Vets Park Pickleball Court conversion work begins on Monday.
- The Hellwig Park fieldhouse project Public Facility Review has been received. It has not yet gone to bid.
- The furnishings for Rollins Ford Park have not been delivered.
- The ADA transition plan recommendations are continuing to be addressed, a progress report is coming, ARPA funds have really moved these projects along.
- A CMP team has been created and is developing a 5-year plan.

### **Commissioners Time**

- Ms. Carroll Ms. Carroll attended the bluebell festival at Merrimac and noted that there were DPR staff there representing the department at information tables. It was extremely well-attended.
- Mr. Thom Mr. Thom gave kudos to staff for the facilitation of the Indoor Sports and Event Center community meeting at Pat White Center. He noted that the sentiment of some in attendance that "we are paying taxes to build it, then having to pay a second time to use it" is true of all community sports and not a good argument against the sports center. He stated that it is very important to get information about the facility out to the citizens, especially in social media where he has noted a lot of misinformation.
- He was also able to visit Loudoun County Park recently and felt that PWC parks compare very favorably.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer attended the rededication ceremony at Cloverdale Park, it was well attended; she is very glad to hear that this year's lifeguard hiring has been so successful after really struggling the last several years.
- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry attended the one-on-one Sports Center briefing with Supervisor Weir and the Community meeting at Pat White Center. He noted that there were several questions from the community and that the staff did a very good job answering.
- Mr. Snare Mr. Snare attended both Indoor Sports and Event Center Community meetings and staff did a very good job facilitating; he was invited to throw the first pitch at the Dale City Little League opening day ceremony; he shared that he is very happy to join the Commission and looks forward to working

- with his fellow commissioners.
- Ms. Mejia Ms. Mejia was happy to attend the Community meeting at Pat White center last week, there were lots of citizens in attendance and staff were ready to answer any questions, she would love to host more information sessions; she was able to also attend the one on one briefing on the indoor center with Supervisor Bailey; she thanked staff for addressing the need for benches at Moncure Park: she also was able to attend the FOIA training on March 4.
- Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson was sorry to miss all the information sessions and community meetings for the Indoor Sports Center as she was out of country. She has heard a lot of great feedback, but like Mr. Thom she is disappointed in the misinformation being shared on social media regarding the project; she enjoyed a few weeks of exploring various municipal parks systems throughout New Zealand.
- Mr. Freer Chair Freer thanked the Maintenance and Operations team for keeping all our parks and facilities looking good; he was able to speak with Supervisor Boddye about the Sports and Event Center project prior to the meetings; he congratulated the winners of the "Good Sports Awards".

**Closed Session** None.

**Adjournment**

**RES 24-12** Motion to Adjourn at 9:12 pm. **APPROVED (RS:CT, Unanimous)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on May 15, 2024, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 15, 2024.

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Brodie Freer, Chair

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Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

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Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary