

PRINCE WILLIAM

— Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brodie Freer, Chair, Occoquan District
Christian Thom, At Large Member
Vida Carroll, Brentsville District
Jane Beyer, Coles District
Rick Berry, Gainesville District
Ross W. Snare IV, Neabsco District
Oriella Mejia, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

August 21, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative

- Approve Minutes of July 17, 2024

Citizen Time

Presentations

- Summer camp end of season recap – John Blevins

Committee Reports

- None

Old Business

None

New Business

- Recommend the Fiscal Year 2025 Arts Grants

Director's Time

Commissioner Time

- Review September Bus Tour Itinerary – Chair Freer

Meeting Recap

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Annual PRC Bus Tour- Saturday, September 21st

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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July 17, 2024

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

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

Janet Bartnik
Todd Reid
John Blevins
Frances Bridges
Amir Wenrich

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

None

Call to Order

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

Administrative Items

RES 24-19 Approve Minutes of June 12, 2024. **APPROVED (JB:RS, Unanimous, Absent from Vote VC, OM, Abstain, CT)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Park Signage Update

Deputy Director Janet Bartnik presented the final design for the Park Signage Refresh. DPR was provided \$1m through the ARPA Covid 19 Fund to design and begin installation of new signage and wayfinding. The preferred concept is now in design. After design remaining funds will cover the installation of the main park entry monuments/signs in 2026. Additional funding will need to be identified to complete a full replacement of system-wide park signage. [Presentation available from Secretary to the Commission].

CAPRA Accreditation Update

Janet Bartnik, provided an update on the agency's 2025 reaccreditation process, and changes to the CAPRA Accreditation Standards that will go into effect for 2027.. [Presentation available from Secretary to the Commission].

Committee Reports

Ms. Carrol reported the Officer Nominating Committee results for the FY 25 Parks and Recreation Commission Chair and Vice Chair positions. Nominations were received as follows:

For Chair: Brodie Freer

For Vice Chair: Jane Beyer

No additional nominations for Chair or Vice Chair were received from the floor. Nominations were closed. Mr. Freer and Ms. Beyer accepted their nominations.

Res. No. 24-20 Appoint Brodie Freer as Chair of the PWC Parks and Recreation Commission for a one-year term **MOTION:** *Carroll* **SECOND:** *Snare*

Approved (Unanimous)

Res. No. 24-21 Appoint Jane Beyer as Vice Chair of the PWC Parks and Recreation Commission for a one-year term **MOTION:** *Carroll* **SECOND:** *Snare*

APPROVED (Unanimous)

Following the elections Chair Freer thanked the commissioners for electing him to his 6th term and reflected on the many accomplishments of the past year.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director Time

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- Summer Operations are going strong, with record revenues at Splashdown and many at capacity days across the pools.
- This Friday is National Parks and Recreation Professionals Day.
- There will be a groundbreaking for the Howison Park Improvement Project on July 25th at 11 am, all are welcome.
- A date will be announced soon for the groundbreaking for the PHNST Featherstone Segment project.

Commissioners Time

Ms. Carroll Ms. Carroll attended "how do parks measure up" virtual discussion, she also attended the Brentsville District Strategic Plan Focus Group meeting; she met with the Brentsville District Trails and Blueways Council representatives to

discuss trail projects and connectivity needs. Ms. Carroll inquired about the completion of the Braemar Park improvements (staff responded that they are now completed).

- Mr. Thon Congratulated Mr. Freer and Ms. Beyer on their reelection; gave a shout out to the Parks staff that have been working on these abnormally hot days.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer attended the July 2 National Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation at the BOCS meeting; she was reappointed as the Coles District member on July 16. She would also like to commend staff that are working in the heat.
- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry enjoyed this evening's presentations, he feels this signage program is very important to increase the profile of the department. He thanked Ms. Bartnik for the recently provided CIP report and finds the information very helpful.
- Mr. Snare Mr. Snare complimented staff on the fantastic work happening in our parks; he asked for an update on the proposed inline skate facility in Dale City.
- Ms. Mejia Thanked staff for their incredible dedication to keeping everyone safe in this heat; she joined the Potomac District Strategic Plan meetings where she heard a lot of discussion about two issues, the desire for more affordable housing, for more trails and trail connections, there was a lot of appreciation shown for progress on trails to date.
- Ms. Richardson Ms. Richardson was pleased to participate in the National Parks and Recreation Month proclamation on July 2; she commended the department on leveraging and making good use of the ARPA funding to improve our parks.
- Mr. Freer Chair Freer thanked staff and leadership for their work and he looks forward to working with everyone to keep moving forward!

Closed Session None.

Adjournment

RES 24-22 Motion to Adjourn at 8:05 pm. **APPROVED (RS:JB, Unanimous)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on August 21, 2024, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on August 21, 2024.

Brodie Freer, Chair

Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

MOTION:

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Res. No. 24 -**

SECOND:

RE: RECOMMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ARTS GRANT DISBURSEMENTS TO THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS GRANT PANEL

ACTION:

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 2025 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 and Recreation staff facilitated a mandatory grant application workshop and received fourteen (14) grant applications from eligible organizations; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for Fiscal Year 2025 application was May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Arts Grant Policy, the Parks Commission appointed the FY2025 Grant Panel on March 20, 2024, by Resolution 24-09; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Grant Panel reviewed all applications and recommends approval of all fourteen (14) applications for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation staff confirms that the grant policy was followed and concurs with the disbursement of the FY25 Arts Grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby recommend the FY25 Arts Grants disbursement to the Board of County Supervisors as follows:

Recipient	Amount Awarded	% of total available funds
Art Factory	\$40,963	21.22
Manassas Ballet Theatre	\$40,963	21.22
Gainesville Community Choir	\$4,362	2.26
Manassas Chorale	\$10,748	5.57
Manassas Symphony Orchestra	\$11,390	5.90
Mid-Atlantic Photo Visions	\$2,395	1.24

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New Dominion Choraliers	\$2,483	1.29
Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra	\$1,334	0.69
Prince William Art Society	\$25,874	13.41
Prince William Little Theatre	\$10,793	5.59
TEMA Choir	\$1,650	0.86
Virginia National Ballet	\$26,421	13.69
Woodbridge Community Choir	\$1,857	0.96
Woodbridge Dance Company	\$11,767	6.10
Total funding	\$193,000	100%

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Secretary to the Commission