

PRINCE WILLIAM
Parks & Recreation
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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

October 16, 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 August 21, 2024

Citizen Time

Presentations

- Commend Lake Ridge Garden Club
- Seasonal Aquatics and Summer Camp Review – Jamie Orrison and Ryan Amato
- Proffers – Patti Pakkala and Robert Boyd

Committee Reports

- None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Director's Time

Commissioner Time

Meeting Recap

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 20, 2024

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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August 21, 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
Sharon Richardson

Staff Present

Janet Bartnik
Carter McClelland
John Blevins
Frances Bridges
Amir Wenrich
Eugene Loew

Commission Members Absent

Christian Thom

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. Jane Beyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

RES 24-23 Approve Minutes of July 17, 2024. **APPROVED AS CORRECTED. (OM:RS, Unanimous, Absent from Vote CT)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Summer Camp Recap

John Blevins recapped the 8-week summer camp season's staffing, participation and revenue numbers. A more robust review of all summer operations including aquatics will be presented in October. [Presentation available from Secretary to the Commission].

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

RES 24- 24 Recommend the Fiscal Year 2025 Arts Grants disbursements to the Board of County Supervisors as recommended by the Arts Grant Panel. **APPROVED** (RS:VC, Unanimous, Absent from Vote CT)

Director Time

Deputy Director Janet Bartnik provided the following updates

- The Kaboom project is underway. A design meeting with the community has taken place and two concepts have been developed. The community has been given the opportunity to vote on the designs and Design #1 is currently the community preference. Janet reviewed the design 1 components with the commission. The Project Build Out will occur the week of October 21, with the big "BUILD" day on Saturday October 26th.
- A Community Needs Assessment Survey is nearly ready to deploy next month. The survey will be mailed to select households and there will be an opportunity for the general public to take the survey. This provides us with both a statistically valid sample and a wide range of public feedback.

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- Thanked Janet for leading the Kaboom Project, it is exciting to see it taking shape
- Kudos to our summer staff who worked tirelessly through a very hot summer to provide excellent programs and recreation opportunities for our citizens.
- There will be a groundbreaking for the PHNST Featherstone Segment project this Friday at 11 am.
- Fiscal year 2026 budget season is upon us. DPR divisions have prepared their budget initiatives and will hold budget congress next month to prioritize these requests. The budget guidance from OMB is that our initiatives cannot exceed 5 percent of our current operating budget. Prior year unfunded initiatives will likely be on our list as well as the 5-year plan items.
- The Solheim Cup begins Sept 10th through 15th. The Parks Foundation will man one of the concessions with a portion of the concession proceeds going to the Pump Track Fundraiser. They require coverage for 200 shifts and need help to fill all of these slots.
- We have a number of items going to the Board in September and October, including accepting a grant for trails and a grant for an inline skating rink. There will also be a Capital Projects work session in September. Commission members are encouraged to attend the work session if able.
- Brentsville Day on September 28th has sold out. DPR used the new Special Event funds through ARPA to hire premium talent for this event this year.
- Arts Alive at the Hylton Performing Arts Center is Sunday September 11th.
- The New Rec Mapper App recently rolled out; it can be found in the App Store.
- Golf has just finished its best year ever, netting \$215,000
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Commissioners Time

Chair Freer opened Commissioner Time with a review of the proposed Annual Bus Tour itinerary for Sept 21, 2024.

This year the bus tour will begin at the Chinn Aquatic and Fitness Center at 9:15 am and make stops at Dale City Rec Center, Dale City Picnic Grove, Birchdale Rec Center and Veterans Memorial Park before returning to Chinn at approximately 23:30 pm. There will be a few spaces available on the bus for staff, other Boards and Commission Members, and citizens. Space on the bus should be reserved by contacting the Secretary.

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| Ms. Carroll | Ms. Carroll praised the new Rec Mapper App; She visited Braemar park and was very impressed with the layout, accessibility and upgrades to this park. |
| Ms. Beyer | Ms. Beyer thanked Janet B and staff for their work on the Kaboom playground project: she was able to participate in a tour of Woodwind Farm with Supervisor Vega and staff prior to attending the Howison Park Ribbon Cutting event. |
| Mr. Berry | Mr. Berry appreciated tonight's summer camp updates as these are services that are important to our citizens. |
| Mr. Snare | Mr. Snare met with Supervisor Angry this week and they would like to request staff provide updates on the Neabsco Greenway, He thanked staff for a successful summer, and he enjoyed visits to the golf courses and Rollins Ford Park. |
| Ms. Mejia | Thanked Janet for the updates on the Powells Creek Crossing design; She is looking forward to testing out the new Rec Mapper App; she also noted that a coworker had recently praised the park system, and it was nice to know that the PWC parks are being appreciated by others. |
| Ms. Richardson | Ms. Richardson joined Supervisors Franklin and Angry for an education and volunteer opportunity at Veterans Park to remove Invasive plants. It is so important to have these volunteers willing to help with this needed work. She asked if Parks had any policy on "Dark Skies" (nothing in policy, our newer field lights do have light shields which help a lot, and as we replace lights the new technology will be included). Regarding recent vandalism at Veterans Park, she commended Grounds staff and Rangers for their efforts to prevent, educate and abate graffiti and vandalism. She was happy to see that the many Rec Mapper social media posts were really able to get the word out. |
| Mr. Freer | Chair Freer thanked staff for a great summer; he stated that it's great to see the Kaboom project coming along; he shared that he is happy to be part of such a great organization and he is looking forward to the bus tour next month |

Closed Session None.

Adjournment

RES 24-22 Motion to Adjourn at 8:25 pm. ***APPROVED (RS:JB, Unanimous, Absent: CT)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on October 16, 2024, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes ***APPROVED*** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on August 16, 2024.

Brodie Freer, Chair

Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

MOTION:

October 16, 2024

SECOND:

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 24-

RE: COMMEND – GARDEN OF LAKE RIDGE

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of Lake Ridge, a citizen-based organization has been dedicated to enhancing the beauty and sustainability of our community through gardening projects, education and volunteerism at the Chinn Aquatic and Fitness Center; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Garden Club of Lake Ridge have donated their time, expertise and resources to establish and maintain a beautiful Children’s Garden at the Chinn Aquatic and Fitness Center with accessibility to the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of Lake Ridge has contributed to the environmental stewardship of Prince William County Department of Parks and Recreation by promoting sustainable gardening practices, enhancing greens spaces, and encouraging biodiversity through native plantings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Parks and Recreation Commission formally recognizes the Garden Club of Lake Ridge for their dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to the betterment of our community.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary