

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, May 13, 2024  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 pm  
Women's Club  
46 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Lisa Hillstrom, Lita Zigounakis, Rachel Fischbein, Chris Arnold. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Others in attendance: Susan Pascal Beran, Jon Elkin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**New Business**

1. **Welcome new member-** The group welcomed new member Chris Arnold to PARC. Chris is Karen Arnold's son, who previously served on PARC from 2006-2010. The Commission is very happy to have Chris on board and now has all of its vacancies filled.
2. **Summer concert series in Peri Park** -Susan Pascal Beran attended the meeting and submitted applications for the following musical events. Lyndsey Everly, a concert pianist will play on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-4:30. She will include young children in her performance. Gary Muszynski will play on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. Mads Tolling will perform on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5 pm. The applications were all approved by Public Works and the Police Department. **ACTION ITEM: Lisa made a motion to approve the summer music concert series, Sisi seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**
3. **Consideration of dog park in Fairfax** – Jon Elkin attended the meeting to discuss the dog park item and give an update on developments since the last meeting. He obtained the signatures needed on a petition and was on the May 8<sup>th</sup> Town Council agenda where he presented a power point presentation on the topic. The Town Council directed staff member Maria Baird to bring the item to PARC for further research and discussion. Jon identified three potential locations for the dog park that included behind the tennis courts, outside of the ball field, and on White Hill Middle School grounds for overflow parking. The group proceeded to do a walk through of the area behind the tennis courts and the ball field and determined the area behind the tennis courts is the best potential location for the dog park. There is nothing currently in that area and there is sufficient space to support a dog park. Maria will check with Public Works Director Loren Umbertis to determine the property line of the area. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the area behind the tennis courts as a potential dog park pending property line clarification of ownership and feasibility of the site.** The next steps will be to see if we can find a landscape architect for the dog park. Chris Arnold stated his father is a retired landscape architect and he will ask him if he can help with this project. Jon stated that Alan of West Marin Little League has

offered to pay for the fencing of the dog park, which will be the biggest expense. Rachel added that perhaps a GoFundMe account could be started for donations, and that For Paws might be an appropriate merchant to host a fundraiser. Jon will follow up with those ideas.

4. **“Mayor for a Day”**-Maria stated she has reached out to White Hill Middle School administration and they are in support of the project that was brought forward to PARC by Mayor Coler last month. They will distribute information to their students and parents via their newsletter. The group decided it will be best to wait until late August when school starts to promote the program since we are nearing the end of the school year.
5. **Measure A updates**-Lisa Hillstrom attended the Measure A Committee meeting. PARC has \$5,000 in funds from last year that will be rolled over to support the base foundation of the Art in the Parkade. They were granted an additional \$3,000 from this year’s funding, which could potentially go towards the dog park.
6. **Next meeting**- The next meeting will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start earlier at 5:30 or 6 pm in hopes of having Loren Umbertis attend to go over the parkade base for the art installations.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.