

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, April 15, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sam Parry, Chris Borjian, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Alexis Lynch, Dennise Abad. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Events; Anne Mannes, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Programs. Others in attendance: Richard Sloan

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

The minutes of the March 11th meeting were approved.

New Business

1. **Peri Park playground renovation project-** Anne announced that Mark Willis, the Kompon Playground sales representative informed the group that his company could not sell individual structures if they did not also install the equipment. Richard has found another company, Pacific Playground, which is able to sell individual structures. A sales representative from that company will attend the May meeting. Fundraising is going strong; Maria stated that at the Iron Springs Give Back night last Tuesday, she sold \$235 worth of t-shirts & tote bags. The 20% of the restaurant proceeds have not been received yet. Alexis added that she has met with Andy Peri, and he and his siblings would like to make a sizeable donation to the effort, since the playground is named after their grandfather. His brother Michael who owns Peri's bar is going to host a benefit in the summer for Peri Park. Alexis also mentioned that Issac Goff would like to donate \$10,000 towards a new water feature in the park. Richard suggested that the names of large donors could go on the structures themselves.

The May 18th Peri Park clean-up event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Maria will provide coffee for volunteers, who will spread sand and wood chips. Following that, the "Lunch with the Ross Valley firefighters" fundraiser event will take place, from 12-2. Dan Mahoney has told Maria that the Rec Dept. must provide the hot dogs, chips & sodas, and he will see if he can some retired firefighters to barbecue. Firefighters will also be available to pose for photographs with children. Camille has designed a poster to publicize the event, and it will be advertised on the Town's website & e-mail newsletter. Dennise will sell t-shirts & tote bags at the bbq fundraiser outside of the Community Center.

2. **Citizen of the Year award-** Maria announced this a new project that the Town Council has approved and will be delegated to PARC. The Mayor would like PARC to create criteria for a "Citizen of the Year" award, and advertise

throughout the community. PARC would then submit the top three nominations to the Mayor and Vice-Mayor for consideration. They would like this to be completed by June of this year. **ACTION ITEM: PARC Commissioners responded they would be willing to do this, but would need more time, until October or November due to other high priority projects.**

3. **Measure A Representative** – Maria stated that a new representative is needed for the Measure A sub-committee. Monty Stephens had previously filled that role. The candidate would have to attend a couple of meetings per year to represent PARC’s interest to secure funding that is distributed to Park & Rec, Open Space Committee & Volunteer Board from the County of Marin’s Measure A funds. Chris offered to serve in that capacity. Maria will check to make sure there is no conflict of interest since Chris also currently serves on the Open Space Committee. If there is a conflict, Dennise Abad offered to take on that role. Maria will inform Chris & Dennise of the decision. The Measure A Committee meeting is scheduled for either Monday, April 22nd at 4:00 p.m., or Wednesday, April 24th at 3:30 p.m. **ACTION ITEM: PARC agreed that all Measure A secured funds designated to PARC should support the Peri Playground Renovation Project.**
4. **Spring Egg Hunt-** scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. in Bolinas Park. Maria said the David Smadbeck will serve as emcee for the event. James K will perform music following the egg hunt. The eggs have all been stuffed with candy. There will be two high school student volunteers present. Allie Lauter will serve as the Easter bunny. Dennise will sell t-shirts & tote bags at the event to benefit Peri Park, since there will be many families and young children in attendance.
5. **Proposed fee schedule** –Anne announced that the Town has hired a consultant to review fees charged for building rentals and services, and is in the process of increasing the rental rates by a small increment. The information will go before PARC once it is finalized, and eventually to the Town Council for approval.
6. **Other business** – Anne stated she has been approached by a business that provides dog training with a request to use a Town owned building for a 3 day training session (Fri.-Sun.). It would involve 20-40 humans, and 15-20 dogs. PARC members were fine with the idea. Anne will see when and if the Pavilion is available, and run the idea by Susan Waters at Town Hall. Anne also requested dates for upcoming events for the remainder of the year, so they can be included in the Recreation guide, which will be published in August.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 13, 2019.