

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, July 6, 2020  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Sam Parry, Eric Kielich, Staff in attendance: Anne Mannes, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Coordinator, Council Member Stephanie Hellman, Jess Lerner, Georgia Gibbs, Susan Pascal Beran, Stephanie Mohan, Chance Cutrano, Evan Chen, Owen Doherty, Maureen Doherty, Cathy Ference, Joe McGarry

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

The minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

Public Forum: Jess Lerner stated she would like to propose a permanent mural be painted in the Parkade on the retaining wall depicting the Black Lives Matter movement. She will select 2 or 3 artists who are members of the community and people of color to paint the mural. The item will be on the August 10<sup>th</sup> PARC meeting for discussion.

Evan Chen participated in the meeting. She is a student at San Domenico, and would like to be involved with PARC. Maria asked if she would be interested in the Youth Commissioner seat of PARC, which has been vacant for a year. Evan replied yes. Maria will get her an application, and she will turn it in and be interviewed and hopefully appointed at the next Town Council meeting in August.

**New Business**

1. **Memorial bench for John Doherty-** Owen Doherty along with his sisters participated in the meeting. They proposed a bench for their brother John, who passed away on May 24<sup>th</sup>. John was an avid tennis player and spent much of his time at the tennis courts in Fairfax. He had played at College of Marin during his youth. Owen would like for the bench to be inside the fenced area. **ACTION ITEM: Eric made a motion to approve the placement of the memorial bench inside of the tennis court area; Sam seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor.** Owen will pay the Town the \$750 fee for the bench, and provide text to Maria, who will get a plaque made. The Town will contract with Dean Stubbings of Madera Furniture to build the bench.
2. **Art in the Parkade-** Zach Laurie participated in the meeting to submit a proposal for the art in the parkade. He would like to install a wooden coin sculpture called the I-Ching, which represents the book of changes. The center is a 4 foot coin that he has prepared, and suspend it. He showed a diagram of his proposed artwork. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the proposed art project; Sam seconded, all PARC Commissioners voted in favor.** Maria

mentioned that Marguerite Elliott had requested an additional 3 months for her current sculpture, since the Coronavirus pandemic decreased the amount of public viewing of her piece. Her sculpture will come down on September 1<sup>st</sup>, at which point Zach can put his up.

3. **Peri Park Playground Renovation update-** Anne stated that Coastland Engineering had 22 comments on the plans that were submitted for the playground build. They need to be addressed. The issue of who will sign the plans still remains, since the design was done by volunteer committee. Theresa does not have the necessary insurance to cover a public park. Anne will keep us posted on the next developments in the process.
4. **Black Lives Matter movement**–Anne stated she would like some PARC attention to this movement. Stephanie announced a Racial Equity and Social Justice committee will soon be formed as a formal Town Committee. It was suggested that since this committee will exist, it will provide the focus on the matter.

The next meeting will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items will include a mural at the parkade depicting Black Lives Matter artwork. Georgia Gibbs suggested that Jess get community input prior to the artwork proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.