

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, July 12, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Chris Borjian, Dustin Liebman. Others in attendance: Jody Timms, Stephanie Mohan, Robert Kennedy. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager

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

The minutes of the June 14th meeting were approved.

Age Friendly Task Force Update: Jody Timms reported that the Age Friendly Committee have started in person Breakfast with Friends at Barefoot Café, and in person yoga classes have begun. They are planning a retreat on July 23rd. They are also hosting a forum on July 28th on the Housing Element and seniors living together.

New Business

1. **Swap Meet in Bolinas Park**-Steve Tejano did not show up for the meeting.
2. **Permission to use Mono Street lot for Art Walk on September 24th**
Stephanie Mohan attended the meeting to request permission to use the Mono Street parking lot on the evening of the Art Walk, Friday, September 24th from 5-8 pm. Artists would have exhibits set up outside in the lot. Chris inquired as to whether the lot will be converted back to a parking lot since it is currently used for outdoor dining by restaurants. Maria replied she would check with Town Hall staff and get back to the group. If it is converted back to vehicle parking, Public Works would need to cordon off the lot 48 hours in advance of the event, on Wednesday, September 22nd. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve use of the Mono Street lot for the Art Walk exhibit, Chris seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**
3. **Request for \$500 stipend for Art in the Parkade installation**- Maria stated that Marguerite Elliot requested a \$500 stipend to help offset costs for installation of her sculpture. Maria added that Marguerite is the only artist whose exhibit in the Parkade requires an Agreement between the Artist and the Town, and for the Artist to carry insurance indemnifying the Town from any potential liability incurred from said project. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to not support the \$500 stipend request at this time, as it would set a precedent for future artists; Dustin seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor. The group would consider however, reimbursing Marguerite for any additional costs incurred from the installation.**

4. **Irish Feis-** David Smadbeck did not show up for the meeting so the item will have to be continued at a future meeting.

5. **Summer Music Series in the Park-October 2nd-** Robert Kennedy attended the meeting to request sponsorship of a summer concert in Peri Park on Saturday, October 2nd at 12 noon. The music would be put on by Marin Baroque, a nonprofit, and would include kids from Davidson Middle School. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the concert, Chris seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.** Additionally, Robert stated he would like to dedicate the Green Stage in Peri Park to Arlen Philpott and Jay Cimo. At one time, there was a plaque dedicating the stage to Arlen Philpott but it is no longer there. He suggested installing a metal stanyard with a plaque attached and including a QR code whereby passersbys could scan and obtain information about both Arlen Philpott and Jay Cimo, and the history of how these two people were brought together in their performances on the stage. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the placement of a metal stanyard with plaque attached dedicating the Green Stage to Arlen Philpott and Jay Cimo; Dustin seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.** Finally, Robert requested permission to resurface the floor of the stage. Sisi asked if this could be done after the Fairfax Theater Company finished up their production, Robert replied yes.

6. **Public Art in the Parkade proposal-** Paul Duchesne revoked his request for the exhibit on behalf of Carol Gold.

7. **Where There's A Will There's A Story-Fairfax Theater Co. production in Peri Park on Green State on 8/28, 8/29, 9/4 & 9/5, 9/11 & 9/12-** Sisi announced the Fairfax Theater Company requested use of the Green Stage for this performance. Since this is an internal PARC event, there is no need to request permission, just to schedule the dates. There will also be a dedication to Jay Cimo at the beginning of the play.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 16th, since Dustin is out of town the previous Monday.