

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, June 14, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Sam Parry, Chris Borjian, Dustin Liebman. Others in attendance: Jody Timms, Marguerite Elliot, Curt Cournale, Larry Bragman, Charlotte Fuller. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Garrett Toy, Town Manager; Council Member Stephanie Hellman

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

The minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Age Friendly Task Force Update: Jody Timms reported that the 2020 Age Friendly Progress Report publication has been printed and released for distribution. She added that a retreat is planned for this summer.

**New Business**

1. **Art in the Parkade exhibit**-Marguerite Elliot presented a proposal for another sculpture in the Parkade. She distributed a photograph of the proposed sculpture, which is 15 feet tall. She has some questions about the sturdiness of the base of the structure and how it will be bolted to the foundation. Maria suggested she follow up with Mark Lockaby to address safety issues. Marguerite will also be traveling to Ireland in mid July for an art exhibit, and is hopeful she can install the piece prior to her trip, but if not, she will return at the end of August and will do it then. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve installation pending approval from Mark Lockaby; Dustin seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**
2. **Memorial bench for Doug Clack**- Curt Cournale attended the meeting to request a memorial bench be placed in Bolinas Park in honor of his late friend, Doug Clack. Doug made tremendous contribution to the community, and was always willing to help anybody who needed it. He was neighbors with Sisi, Sam & Dustin. Curt submitted the necessary application, and will conduct a site visit with Sisi & Maria next Wednesday to determine an appropriate location in the park. He was also a big fan of the baseball field, so that site will be considered as well to determine if a bench is feasible there. **ACTION ITEM: Sam made a motion to approve a memorial bench for Doug Clack, Sisi seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**
3. **Memorial bench for Jay Cimo**- Larry Bragman attended the meeting to request a memorial "Director's Chair" for Jay Cimo, who produced many plays in Peri

Park on the Green Stage when he was head of the Fairfax Players Theater Group. Jay died tragically in January when a tree fell on a trailer he was in. At Jay Cimo's memorial, several of his friends came up with creative ideas on how he may be honored based on his personality. Larry will talk to Dean Stubbings about a proposed "Director's Chair", which would be made of redwood. Charlotte Fuller suggested installing a see saw near the bocce ball courts, which could be used by children & adults. Maria inquired whether there were other see saws in the area, Chris replied yes, there is one in Bolinas. At this time, these ideas will be considered, and Larry and Charlotte will come back to the group in either July or August to consult with PARC on the best way to honor Jay.

4. **Kids Bike Pump Track-** Chris requested this item be placed on the agenda, to re-visit the project, which had been proposed by the community several years ago. At that time, Deer Park was the targeted location. The Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) had requested that in exchange for allowing a bike pump track on their property, the Town of Fairfax take over janitorial maintenance for the restrooms located on the premises. Due to cost restraints, the project was not pursued. Chris asked Larry if this consideration could be brought before MMWD once again. Larry replied yes. Garrett added that the cost of having a cleaning crew maintain the restrooms will have to be considered. Chris added some other locations to be considered are Claus Circle, near the Bicycle Museum, the community garden near the Women's Club, the empty lot near Fairfax Market, and the space behind White Hill Middle School.
5. **Skate Park Recommendations update-** Dustin asked Garrett if an on-line survey is necessary to conduct as part of the permanent skate park location, which PARC is tasked with identifying. Garrett replied it is recommended, not necessarily required. **ACTION ITEM: Sam made a motion to recommend the existing site of the temporary skate park as the best location for the permanent skate park, based on the findings of the skate park sub-committee, comprised of Chris & Dustin; Dustin seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.** Chris & Dustin will prepare a report that will be presented to the Town Council at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will submit the report by June 30<sup>th</sup>, in time for the deadline.
6. **Expansion of Peri Park playground to accommodate re-placement of Spiderman climbing structure** -Garrett stated that if the new older kid's playground structure could be connected to the red climbing structure, a clearance of 4 feet would be needed, which would allow for both that structure and the swing set to be re-installed with a minimal footprint increase of the park. Additionally, a new swing set could be purchased from Bear Playground Company, and it could have three swings instead of two, since the existing structure has dry rot, and the cost to repair it would be the same as the price of a new swing set. **ACTION ITEM: Chris made a motion to put the red Spiderman climbing structure back in the park, and purchase a new swing set from Bear Playground; Dustin seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**

7. **Measure A Funding allocation-**Chris announced that \$10,000 has been allocated to the Bike Pump Track Project, \$8,900 has been allocated for stationary exercise equipment in Peri Park, and \$6,000 has been allocated for a new swing set.
  
8. **Research regarding the location of a potential Dog Park outside the rear of the Pavilion, considering ADA accessibility-** Garrett stated the area that PARC is being asked to consider is where Ecofest hosts its wine tasting. The consideration is whether this path can be made ADA accessible. Mark Lockaby will be consulted to see whether that can be accomplished and how much it would cost. PARC members do not consider this an ideal location for a dog park. Maria inquired as to whether Deer Park can be considered, behind the Fairfax San Anselmo Children's Center, which is owned by the Ross Valley School District. Garrett will reach out to the Superintendent of Ross Valley Schools to make this request.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.