

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, September 13, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Chris Borjian, Dustin Liebman. Others in attendance: Jacqueline Engstrom, Steven Tiejano, Andrea Summit, Will Hutchins, Peter Warren, Mads Tolling. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Camille Esposito, Marketing & Communications Manager, Vice Mayor Stephanie Hellman, Jonathan Goldman, Interim Public Works Director

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

The minutes of the August 16th meeting were approved. The order of the agenda was changed as follows 1) Request for violin performance in Peri Park 2) Request to perform concert in Peri Park 3) Report on Results of Skate Park Survey. Charlotte Fuller did not attend the meeting, therefore Item 4) Request for Air Walker for Jay Cimo was not heard.

Age Friendly Task Force Update: Jacqueline noted there is a Breakfast for Friends on September 15th, a Forum on Aging on September 20th and a Task Force Meeting on September 24th.

New Business

1. **Request for violin performance at Peri Park**-Susan Pascal Beran and Mads Tolling attended the meeting to request permission for Mads to play the violin on Saturday, September 25th at 3 pm on the Green Stage. Mads is a multi-Grammy award winning violinist who has toured the world doing sold out performances. He will be performing gypsy jazz, rock n'roll, tango & fiddle music. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the subject concert, Chris seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**
2. **Request to perform concert in Peri Park**-Peter Warren attended the meeting to request permission to perform with the Riffat Sultana Band on Sunday, October 10th from 2-4 pm at the Green Stage. Maria inquired as to what type of music will be played. Peter responded it is Indian/Pakistani music, as well as Bollywood style music. The artists have collaborated with Quincy Jones. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the concert, Chris seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**
3. **Report on Results of Skate Park Survey**- Camille Esposito reported on the results of the skate park survey that was recently conducted by the Town. The purpose of the survey was to check in on the temporary skate park after the six month pilot project. The results of the survey were as follows: 219 responses

total to date. Of these, 193 are residents, 26 are non-residents. 57% of the respondents stated they would like the skate park to remain, 16% would not. The respondents were broken down into the following age range: 12 and under – 3 responders, age 13-18, 19 responders, age 18 and over – 16 responders, and parents & guardians, 125 responders. When asked if they have used the skate park, 72% replied yes, 27% replied no. When asked what type of improvements they would like to see made, suggestions included shading, seating, improve signage, re-route Pavilion drive way, and resurfacing. Stephanie Hellman replied that the Town Council will receive the results of the skate park survey at the October 6th Town Council meeting. **ACTION ITEM: PARC received the report of the skate park survey.**

Chris Borjian inquired as to what is the next step towards the permanent skate park. Jonathan Goldman noted that because the project was temporary, it did not require the same building code and ADA requirements that a permanent skate park would require. He recommended retaining designers that have expertise to address safety, ADA, parking & circulation issues. He added that the Town's insurance provider and Risk Management would need to approve the project. He also suggested a budget amount be set aside, perhaps \$20,000 to be allocated to the project.

The sub-committee consisting of Chris & Dustin had previously made the recommendation of PARC that this location be the choice for the permanent skate park in a staff report for the July Town Council meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Dustin made a motion to solidify the location of the temporary skate park as the permanent site of the skate park, and consider improvements to the existing park in terms of handrails, shading, and seating; Chris seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor. PARC would like the Town to deal with the ADA, safety, parking & circulation issues, as this would require engineering expertise.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is on Monday, October 11th.