

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, February 7, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Chris Borjian, Dustin Liebman, Jacqueline Engstrom, Stephanie Mohan, Artist-in-Residence, Susan Pascal Beran, Artist-in-Residence. Staff in attendance: Council Member Renee Goddard, Interim Town Manager Adam Politzer, Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in attendance: Ross Asselstine, Mark Solomons, David Spampanato, Aidan O'Reilly, Jody Timms

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

The minutes of the January 10th meeting were approved.

Jacqueline Engstrom gave an update on the Age Friendly Task Force. She stated that Breakfast with Friends is taking place on February 16th at Barefoot Café.

New Business

1. Little League Parade – Saturday, March 12th 9-11 am- David Spampanato of West Marin Little League attended the meeting to request permission to hold the Little League parade on the subject date. The parade will begin at the Post Office parking lot, and go down Broadway and Center, ending at the Contratti Ball Field. It will require a road closure, which will go before the Town Council on Consent Calendar at the March 2nd meeting. Additionally, they would like to request permission to hold a night game either on April 23rd or April 30th. They would like to bring in lighting for the night game. Maria stated they should make the lighting for the night game a separate request than the parade. **ACTION ITEM: Dustin made a motion to approve the Little League parade and the night game, Chris seconded, all PARC Commissioners voted in favor.**

2. Art in the Parkade sculpture consideration-Ross Asselstine shared a photo of the proposed sculpture for the Parkade which was distributed to the PARC Commissioners. Prior to his sculpture going in, he would like for a 5 x 5 foot concrete pad be installed at the base of the sculpture. He will work on getting this work donated by a local contractor, pending Public Works approval. His sculpture will be ready in mid-April. Susan has been working with Ross regarding the base request and to make the sculpture more durable. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve Ross's sculpture for the Parkade and approve the installation of the concrete pad; Dustin seconded, Jacqueline, Chris, Stephanie and Susan voted in favor as the Artists-in-Residence now weigh in on the placement of Art in the Parkade.**

3. Request to hold music concert in Peri Park- Aidan O'Reilly, a senior at Archie Williams High School, attended the meeting to request permission to hold a concert in Peri Park in April, most likely April 23rd at noon. Aidan is working on a project for his environmental science course to build a wetland habitat for amphibians, "Save the Toads". The concert will help to fund the project. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the subject concert, Dustin seconded, all PARC Commissioners voted in favor.** Susan offered to help Aidan with the concert details and to help promote it since she is on the Open Space Committee.

4. Outdoor Fitness Station in Peri Park update- Maria announced that the project needs to have a sub-committee created to oversee the development. She added that a landscape architect needs to be consulted and the project needs to be ADA compliant. Dustin explained that the project had been approved by the previous Town Manager and that money was allocated by the Town Council for this project under Measure A funds. Adam explained that Age Friendly and ADA requirements were superseding the previous decision and will notably increase the scope, cost and timeline of the project requirements. Adam also stated that several other issues relating to the playground at Peri Park need addressing, such as spacing and ADA accessibility, as well as the still unresolved plan for new swingsets to be installed. Additionally, Adam said that PARC would receive a memo from the Interim Public Works Director updating the status of Peri Park and listing the unresolved and outstanding issues that will need to be addressed. Adam added that the project needs to be approved by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). It also needs to be brought before the Town Council for approval of design, which can occur in April. A sub-committee consisting of Dustin, Jodi, Jaqueline, Chris and Maria was created.

5. Request to Sponsor Cultural Events- Mark Solomons and Council Member Renee Goddard attended the meeting to request that PARC be the official sponsor of Cultural Seasonal Events, which will begin with the Summer Equinox. They will form a sub-committee, which will include Geo Taylor of the Volunteer Board, and have input from Veronica Geretz, former Volunteer Member who hosted Community Meditation "Sits" around the Summer and Winter Solstice in Bolinas Park. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to support the events that this sub-committee will bring before PARC, Jacqueline seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor.**

6. Spring Egg Hunt- Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 am- Bolinas Park- Maria announced that the Spring Egg Hunt can be brought back after a two year hiatus due to COVID. She will purchase the candy to be filled in the eggs. PARC Commissioners will be on hand to hide the eggs and help with the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.