

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, October 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Women's Club
46 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Sisi Parry-Hansen, Jacqueline Engstrom, Lisa Hillstrom.
Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in
attendance: Ben Jensen, Sam Parry

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

The minutes of the August 14th meeting were approved.

New Business

1. **Public art mural proposal-** Ben Jensen of Woodacre attended the meeting to propose a mural for the retaining wall near St. Rita's Church on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Ben was referred to PARC by Mayor Chance Cutrano. Ben studied art at College of Marin and then Cabrillo College. He specializes in acrylic art. He has worked with Youth Spirit Artwork, a community- based group out of the East Bay. He also worked on a mural at Joshua Tree Music Festival. Ben presented two mockups to the group. The first was a black and white rendering of squirrels in a nature scene; the second of a vivid colored caterpillar drawing. PARC preferred the squirrels mural, as it seemed more appropriate for the location . Ben also had a second location in mind, which was on Center Blvd, near the Good Earth, also on a retaining wall. PARC supported the first location which was also the artist choice. Ben requested a stipend of \$1,000, to cover painting expenses. Maria said she would inquire about this. Pending approval, Ben is ready to begin the mural this Friday. It will take 12-16 days to complete. **ACTION ITEM: Sisi made a motion to approve the proposed mural with the squirrel theme on Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Lisa seconded, Jacqueline voted in favor.**
2. **Consideration of New Year's Eve bash on December 31st at the Pavilion from 8 pm-12 midnight** -Sam Parry attended the meeting to request approval of a New Year's Eve party sponsored by the Fairfax Theater Company (FTC). The FTC had previously held New Year's Eve events in the Pavilion for 10 years. The theme would be "Music Through the Ages". It would include games, costumes, and a concession stand. It is undecided at this time if they would include alcohol sales, in which case an ABC license would need to be obtained. They are also unsure if they will charge a nominal admission fee, such as \$5 for children and seniors, and \$10 for adults. **ACTION ITEM: Jackie made a motion to approve; Lisa seconded; Sisi voted in favor.**

3. **Age Friendly Update-** Jackie announced the Age Friendly Task Force will once again be acknowledging those individuals aged 90 and above. There are 49 recipients. They will be providing gift baskets and certificates to them on Saturday, November 4th.
4. **Other Business-** Jackie announced she has sold her house and will be moving from Fairfax in December. She will be greatly missed. PARC will need to fill the vacancy to obtain a quorum for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting will take place on November 13th.