

TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk



DATE: June 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Discussion/Consideration of a proposal for the provision of Youth Services through FOCAS

Recommendation:

Review the proposal from Camille Esposito that was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) at their last meeting and give direction to staff.

Discussion:

Camille has launched a number of successful programs through FOCAS and is working with San Anselmo Recreation through the MOU on a wide variety of programs for our residents. She is successfully growing and expanding the programs offered including organizing another summer camp for children in Fairfax. She is anxious to offer programs to teens and pre-teens and will be working with the Youth Commission on specific events and projects. She is now working out of an office in the Pavilion and has become an essential part of recreation programming in Fairfax. She has proven that she can organize exciting programs and make them work. Her proposal seems like a logical next step and is very much in sync with Councilmember Hartwell-Herrero's commitment to revitalizing the Youth Commission and youth programming in Fairfax.

Fiscal Impact:

If the Council approves the use of the Youth Services Fund for Camille as the Program Coordinator, we will work together on a budget for consideration at the June 5th meeting.

Attachment:

Proposal for Youth Services
Flyer for "Camp Fairfax"
Minutes from PARC

AGENDA ITEM # 14

Fairfax Youth Services Development

Goal - Establish programs that are local to Fairfax utilizing the Women's Club, Pavilion, Youth Center/Community Center and Ball Field. Emphasis on affordability and nurturing the culture that is unique to Fairfax.

Current Youth Services:

Families, Babies

and Toddlers – Provide support to new families as they adjust to life with young children. Connect in moms groups and support thru play groups.

Pre school – provide affordable, creative classes for early education for families that may or may not be enrolled in a preschool program.

Currently offering: Fun and Funky Art
Community Music Class

Summer Activities for school age children

Camp Fairfax – local, affordable, “old school” Summer camp. allows local kids to explore the nature in Fairfax and stay close to home. Less commuting = earth friendly. (Ages 5-10)

Drop in art and photography classes inspired by nature.

Summer Activities for Pre/Teens

Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program for 12-15 year olds

Programs in Development:

Dance – affordable options for children and adults in the Pavilion

CPR Training – Affordable, local training for members of the community

Pre teen and Teen Activities

We would like to work with the Youth Commission to establish more teen activities that are in line with their needs and interests.

CPR training for babysitting

I have been working with the Park and Rec Commission to establish a movie night at the Youth Center for Middle School age children. Parents are willing to chaperone the evenings and we will offer pizza and refreshments.

- purchase a DVD player to connect the large screen TV.

Open Mic – poetry and musical performances at the Community Center

We have already redecorated the interior of the Community/Youth Center and plan to continue to adapt the décor to suit the needs of the programs we are implementing.

Special Events

Establishing clear goals for renting town facilities for events
Adapting the rental application for easy access
Creating a section of the website dedicated to a photo gallery of past events.

Party Packages that will include art classes, Pavilion tumbling using the equipment from the playgroup, and other themes as they become available.

This will allow local families to have parties in town and bring revenue to the town to support our wonderful buildings.

Family Music Concert Series

We successfully hosted a concert with Susan Z last year
This will become a quarterly concert series with different musical artists.

Budget

The Youth Fund is \$18, 000 - I propose the following budget:

\$12,000 Program Coordinator (\$1000 per month)

\$6,000 Operating budget

Signage

Supplies

Subsidizing programs as we launch them

Program Implementation

With the approval of the Park and Recreation Committee and Town Council I propose to claim the Youth Fund for the Fiscal year of 2010 and 2011

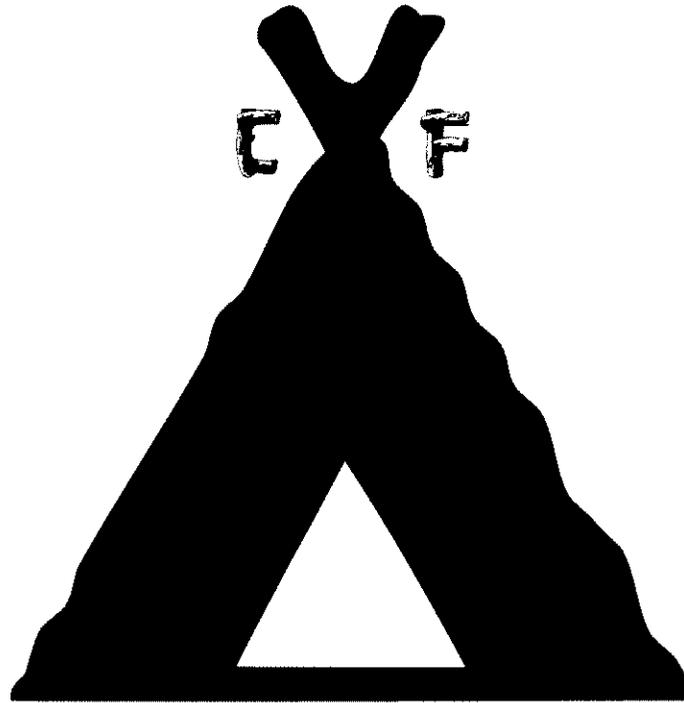
I am open to working with other participants in Town Programs as needed.

I will build programs based on finding qualified instructors and on community feedback.

Summary

Thank you for considering this proposal. I look forward to working with the PARC commission and Town of Fairfax to create a strong program that serves our community on many levels for years to come.

CAMP FAIRFAX



August 2nd - 20th

Fun in your own backyard! Crafts, hikes, water play and more. A simple old-style Summer camp for kids ages 5-10

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