

Town of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Elon Rosenfeld, Chair; Yvonne Roberts, Vice Chair/Historian; Vicki Burns, Treasurer; Richard Pedemonte, Karen Arnold, Maya Meissner, Youth Commissioner, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Artists in Residence, David Smadbeck, Community-at-large representative

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2008
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, David Smadbeck, Yvonne Roberts, Karen Arnold, Vicki Burns, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved with minor revisions.

1. New Business

- **Budget/Funding Projects**-Maria informed the group that a check for \$1,800 was received from the Town of San Anselmo from the revenue generated by the recreational programs offered in Fairfax. A portion of the money will be used to reserve the ice skating rink for next year. Yvonne announced she is working on a grant for hazard mitigation available from OES for seismic retrofit and flood mitigation for the Pavilion. They will use drawings from the Master Plan, including a preliminary engineering design. A matching fund of 25% must be guaranteed to be eligible for the grant.
- **Staff report**-Maria announced a joint creek clean-up with San Anselmo was taking place on Saturday, July 12th from 9-12 noon.
- **Promotional advertising**-Maria stated that there is \$2,000 available in next year's budget that can be applied towards a public outreach mailing. The Volunteer Board and Open Space Committee are also interested in doing a town-wide mailing, so the opportunity to produce a joint newsletter will be explored. Additionally, Yvonne added that Marin Sanitary is offering to put quarterly inserts in the garbage bill advertising recreational programs to all Fairfax residents. It was suggested that David Smadbeck and Scott Valentino work on design concepts.
- **Future events (ice skating)**-Maria has been in contact with BH Skate Park, the company that provided the ice skating rink to PARC in January. The price for the 2 day fundraising package has increased by

\$500, bringing the total to \$2,500. The company is reserving the rink for the Town for January 3rd & 4th, 2009. A deposit of \$1,000 is due by July 31st. **ACTION ITEM: PARC agreed to use a portion of the revenue from the MOU to sponsor the ice skating rink again.** Other options that will be explored include: obtaining a donation; charging skaters a nominal fee (\$5); asking businesses to sponsor.

II. Ongoing Business

- a) **Peri Park Clean-up**-David met with Kathy Wilke to discuss upgrades to Peri Park. He is still looking for the water spigot type feature at various hardware stores.
- b) **Artist in Residence contract renewal**-Shoshana introduced her husband Sam, who will be serving as artist-in-residence partner with her this next year of the contract. Their appointment as a team of artists in residence was approved by the Town Council on June 4, 2008. The Parryscope (kaleidoscope) is up at the Pavilion and attracted a huge crowd at the festival. It will continue to be displayed next to the Pavilion for several months. Sam has some great new inspirational proposals, including an annual Art Fair at the Pavilion in November, Art from the Loft newsletter, a directory of artists in town, an Art Walk Downtown (which will bring business to merchants), a yearly lights parade-either around the holidays or in February, and a cake art competition. PARC is very excited to have Sam on board to continue the exceptional work started by Shoshana!
- c) **Fairfax Festival**-Yvonne organized the kid's activities in the ball field this year, which was a huge success! It provided a great environment for young children to run around and play in an enclosed area.
- d) **Pavilion Building update**-Ecofest may be contributing money towards the building next year. The Pavilion is in need of electrical repairs to support the activities occurring in the building.
- e) **Pavilion Restoration Committee**-next meeting is on July 9th. Karen will prepare an inventory of the building's needs.
- f) **Other announcements**-Next summer Fairfax Players will produce a play in Peri Park. The Ross Valley Senior's Club will host a BBQ at their July 3rd meeting, from 11-2 in Peri Park.
- d. **Next meeting**-scheduled for July 16th at 7:00 p.m. A group called "Calling All Societal Truths" (CAST) is requested to be on the agenda at the next meeting. They will be allotted 10 minutes. Also on the agenda: examine fee schedule of building facilities rentals.

