

Town of Fairfax  
Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Elon Rosenfeld, Chair; Vicki Burns, Treasurer; Richard Pedemonte, Ivy Meissner, Youth Commissioner, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Artists in Residence, David Smadbeck, Community-at-large representative, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, August 12, 2009  
7:00 –9:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Rd. Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Vicki Burns, Richard Pedemonte, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Sisi Parry-Hanson, David Smadbeck  
Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator  
Others in attendance: Patrick Troup, Justin Macri, Chris Lang, Jim Fox

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting were approved. Maria distributed an agenda from the Marin County Open Space Committee.

**1. New Business**

- a) **Tennis courts sign-**Maria announced this item appeared on the consent calendar of the August 5<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. The Council approved the PARC recommendation that a ban be adopted on playing music on the courts. Michael Rock will solicit Police Chief Ken Hughes' input on amending the Town code to determine what penalty will be applied to violators. The item will go before the Town Council once again on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following approval of the adoption of the ban, PARC will develop language and Public Works will place a sign citing the new rule at the entrance to the courts.
- b) **Guidelines for event sponsorship-**Maria distributed a revised form with suggested changes/ additions. The new form requires a time frame, a section on how the community will benefit from the event. There will also be a section added on previous events the requester has sponsored, as well as perhaps references. PARC commissioners will bring any additional comments on the form to the next meeting. It was also suggested PARC request the event sponsor to include a financial report following the event. A checklist may also be prepared for simplicity in filling out the form. PARC would also like to examine risk management issues to make sure these events do not expose the Town to any unnecessary liability issues.

- c) **Jerry Garcia Memorial Project**-Chris Lang announced he is now the contact person for this project. He submitted architectural plans on the proposed garden sculpture with a location request to have the current shrine moved to the corner of Elsie & Winnie Lane. In addition to being more visible and accessible, it will also be ADA compliant. Chris noted that the sculpture could end up being a tourist attraction and might bring more visitors to Fairfax. He stated Public Works has approved the new location. Jim Fox added there will be a solar powered video box. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve the choice of proposed site for the Jerry Garcia Memorial project. Once the design is finished, it will be brought back before PARC and potentially Design Review for final approval.**

## **II. Old Business Reports/Updates**

- a) **Good Festival Update**-David Smadbeck announced this year's Good Festival event was a huge success and went very smoothly, without any issues. The only area in which improvement is needed is the fundraising. Patrick Troup said next year he will begin the fundraising phase earlier in the process. Overall, the Good Festival had excellent feedback from the police department and other authorities. Patrick submitted a new events application to conduct a Halloween pumpkin carving festival on October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11-5. PARC will discuss this item at the September meeting.
- b) **Peri Park Update**-David reported he met with Dean Stuber, owner of a furniture repair shop in town, to discuss the possibility of fixing the playground equipment that is a problem in Peri Park. He will work with Kathy Wilkie of Public Works to contact the playground manufacturer first to guarantee the work will be covered by the warranty.
- c) **Artists-in-Residence** – Sam reported that the play “Relativity” was very successful as an artistic production. Financially, however, it ended up with a \$3,500 deficit. The production received international acclaim from the BBC and there is a request to take it abroad for performances. The next project for the artists is the town-wide picnic on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Shoshana & Sam will be revamping the kaleidoscope so it has a planetary theme. Shoshana's sister Sisi expressed an interest in serving on the PARC Commission. She will submit an application and attend the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Council meeting for consideration.

## **III. Committee Reports**

- a) **Tree Committee**-Richard stated the tree ordinance has been revised by the Town Council. He will get a copy to Vicki Burns since she

serves as alternate to the Tree Committee. Sudden oak death continues to plague trees in Fairfax.

- b) **Fairfax Festival re-cap**-Richard will submit a report at the next meeting.
- c) **Boards & Commissions Training video**-Maria showed the subject video, which was prepared by the County of Marin.

**III. Next meeting**- scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.