

Town of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Elon Rosenfeld, Chair; Vicki Burns, Treasurer; Richard Pedemonte, Karen Arnold, Ivy 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, March 18, 2009
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Rd. Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Vicki Burns, Karen Arnold, Richard Pedemonte, David Smadbeck, Shoshana Parry, Staff in attendance: Maria Baird
Others in attendance: Patrick Troupe, Camille Esposito

The minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting were approved.

1. New Business

- a) **Staff Report**-Maria announced the Volunteers are holding a trail marking event on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to install trail posts at pedestrian pathways.
- b) **Community garden**-Maria relayed that Michael Rock is pursuing the expansion of the current community garden at the Fairfax Library through the County of Marin.
- c) **Easter Egg Hunt**-Maria has purchased supplies for the event on Sat. April 11th at 10:00 a.m. Karen will pick up the bunny costume. Maria has student volunteers that will stuff the eggs. She has asked Ivy to play the Easter bunny once again this year, and enlist the help of her friends to hide the eggs in Bolinas Park. A tutoring center in Corte Madera has offered to come and do free face painting for the kids.
- d) **Update on children's recreational programming**-Camille submitted a proposal (attached) on ideas for increased recreational activities. PARC agreed that a need for more classes in Fairfax is desirable at this point, and it seems unlikely this will occur under the current MOU with San Anselmo. In this respect, Camille is suggesting to start with three concepts: A New Mother's group-run by a nurse or doula; Art classes-which Camille would oversee; and a Swap Meet-whereby families could sell baby items, etc. (scheduled for the Pavilion on April 4th) Fifty percent of the profit generated from the sold items, estimated to be \$200-\$275, would be donated back to PARC.
ACTION ITEM: PARC Commissioners voted to accept the proposal for the Spring Swap. It will be sponsored by Karen

Arnold. Overall, PARC is supportive of Camille establishing new programs in the community. It was suggested she work as a contractor to the Town of Fairfax, as was the case when FOCUS was in place. Camille would like to establish a website for the group, at a monthly cost of \$20. She is proposing using the small office in the Pavilion, and only require the use of a phone. The remaining issue is how payment would be made to the Town. She suggested the following breakdown:

Program Coordinator (Camille) 35%

Instructor/Facilitator 50%

Town of Fairfax 10%

Reinvestment in programs 5%

Camille will work with Michael Rock, Town Manager to set up the overall program format and with Laurie Ireland-Ashley, Finance Director, to set up the finance process for the program.

II. Old Business Reports

- a) **Statement of Economic Interest Form 790-** Maria announced the forms are due to Judy Anderson, Town Clerk no later than April 1st.
- b) **Artist in Residence projects-** Shoshana distributed a proposal for updating the mural at the ball field prior to the Fairfax Festival in June. Her plan is to propose a concept to the Town Council at an upcoming meeting, and with the help of Huda Al Jamal from Revolution 9 enlist youth to paint the wall on Memorial Day weekend. The Artists-in-Residence will provide the painting materials.
- c) **Brewfest Update-** Richard announced the Brewfest was a huge success, selling 1100 tickets. The festival reached maximum occupancy level at the Pavilion prior to the ending time. No incidents were reported. The Chamber will use some of the profit to upgrade Pavilion facilities.

III. Committee Reports

- a) **Tree Committee-** Vicki Burns will serve as an alternate for Richard Pedemonte at the next meeting.
- b) **Peri Park Committee-** David Smadbeck reported another clean-up day will be scheduled soon, this spring. He will follow up on some equipment maintenance issues with Kathy Wilkie, Public Works Director.
- c) **Pavilion Restoration Committee** –Karen Arnold reported she talked with Yvonne Roberts and the Pavilion seismic retrofit grant is still under consideration by FEMA. A grant request was submitted to build a trail in Deer Park. The solar installation will be completed this summer. Measure K approved funds to replace the floor in the Pavilion. FEMA approved for

the pedestrian bridge and tennis courts projects. A green retaining wall will be installed to support the tennis courts. Yvonne will attend the April PARC meeting to update the Commission on projects.

- d) **Fairfax Festival**-Richard reported the theme of this year's festival is "YES WE ARE".
- e) **Next meeting**-scheduled for April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.