

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, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 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. Staff in attendance: Michael Rock, Town Manager, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator
Others in attendance: Jim Fox, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator

Maria announced there was a change to the agenda. Ben Boussina of Positive Youth Reflects has cancelled their dance for May 14th, therefore they will not be presenting at the meeting. The minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting were approved. Maria disseminated a letter from Marin Power & Sail Squadron on safe boating classes.

1. New Business

- a) **Jerry Garcia Memorial**-Jim Fox submitted a mock-up of a proposed sculpture to the Jerry Garcia Memorial that is located at the Pavilion parking lot/entrance to the ball field (attached). He would like to install a guitar sculpture with flowers and artwork by Stanley Mouse. It will require water and electrical hook-ups. He is also looking at alternate locations, such as the magnolia tree in Bolinas Park, or perhaps near the Good Earth. Mark Squire of Good Earth has donated two crawling rose bushes. He is also looking for sponsorship, as the sculpture will cost approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. He will approach private entities for funding. Maria supplied him with the PARC policy for public art. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to support the concept of the Jerry Garcia Memorial with the exploration of new potential sites.** The next step will be to have Public Works approve the project, and then it will go before the Design Review Board. Michael Rock advised Jim to contact Kathy Wilkie, Public Works Director, and then Jim Moore, Planning Director.
- b) **FOCAS Contract**-Camille reported the item was approved at the May 5th Town Council meeting with the addition of fingerprinting requirements of FOCAS instructors. Maria brought copies of the contract to the meeting, which were signed by Camille and Michael

Rock. Camille has initiated a website entitled FairfaxFocus.citymax.com as the domain. The cost will be \$20 per month. It will eventually be linked to the Town's website. She has scheduled an art class entitled "Fun & Funky art class, and will have the following age groups broken down: 2 & 3 year olds, and 4-6 year olds. She is also looking at the 7-10 age bracket. She has recruited Amanda Finn to teach the classes, who has a fine arts background. She is also planning a photography & nature class, which will meet every Tues. beginning June 15th. The children will take pictures of nature scenes with a digital camera, and then meet on Thursdays at the Youth Center to assemble a scrap book of their artwork. The New Mom's group is slated for Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Women's Club. Other ideas that were discussed included babysitting instruction/first aid training for teens; hip hop dance classes for teens, hiking classes for the disabled, and music lessons. These programs will most likely be phased in over time.

- c) **End of school year celebration**-Maria announced Ivy was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but was interested in having a gathering at the ball field on the weekend of June 13th & 14th for high school students.

II. Old Business Reports/Updates

- a) **Peri Park update**- Camille reported the clean-up day went very well with many volunteers helping to spread sand and wood chips. The water feature was installed. One of the on-going issues remains the safety of the play structure in the toddler's area where young children crawl under the play equipment. Another concern is the drop of the slide being too high. Camille will address those with Kathy Wilkie, Public Works Director. Michael Rock added there could be potential to receive grant funding to cover playground improvements.
- b) **Report on meeting with San Anselmo Rec**-Maria announced a sub-committee consisting of Camille, Karen Arnold and Michael Rock had met with Dave Donnelly, new Recreation Director for the Town of San Anselmo. It was a productive meeting, and many on-going issues were discussed. The committee will meet again prior to the MOU expiration to determine the next step.
- c) **Ball field mural**-Shoshana announced the mural concept had been approved at the May 5th Town Council meeting. Maria presented Shoshana with a framed copy of the resolution authorizing the mural. Shoshana reported the painting will take place over Memorial Day weekend, by high school students. The theme is nature/ecology and there will be depictions of the sea, land, air, stars and stellar system. Outdoor acrylic paint will be used; some will be donated by Fairfax Lumber, and Marin Recycling will supply the rest. The area to be

painted is 10 feet long. Vicki will videotape the event. Shoshana also added the kaleidoscope will be re-vamped in time for the Festival with a “Back to Space” theme. Michael Rock asked Shoshana if she would like to serve as Artist-in-Residence for another year, and she replied yes, in partnership with Sam Parry. An amendment to her agreement will be heard at the July 1st Town Council meeting, extending the term for one more year.

- d) **Fairfax Festival Committee update**-Richard announced this year the festival was facing sponsorship challenges with the depressed economy. The Festival Committee started a “Friends of the Festival” category, with a \$100 donation. They also decided to offer Melissa Bradley Real Estate complimentary sponsorship, for their generous donations in past years. However, Bradley Real Estate managed to still contribute \$1,000 in sponsorship. Comparatively, Coldwell Banker and Ghiringhelli’s also contributed \$1,000 each, bringing the total to \$3,000. Richard noted the festival needs a new banner, valued at \$1,000. He also stated there is \$8,000 surplus in the festival budget, but this year the festival may lose money due to the state of the economy. Richard added that \$3,000 less is being spent on music this year, with some of that going towards children& family activities. Advertising costs will remain approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 once again. Michael clarified that all of the monies related to the festival need to run through the Town, including Ecofest activities. The committee will still decide how to spend the money, but funds must be funneled through the Town for accounting purposes.
- e) **Other Business**-Michael reported that he is working on guidelines for how boards and commission should report to the Council, including agendas, minutes, annual reports, and finances. The item will be discussed at the June 3rd Town Council meeting.

III. Next meeting- scheduled for July 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.