

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, February 11, 2009
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Rd. Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Vicki Burns, Karen Arnold, Richard Pedemonte, David Smadbeck, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry; Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Michael Rock
Others in attendance: Patrick Troupe, Susan Shannon

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

1. New Business

- a) **Staff Report**-Maria will e-mail PARC commissioners the draft 2009 goals for their review; goals will be finalized at next meeting.
- b) **Calendar of events**-Maria requested confirmation of PARC sponsored activities for 2009 for the Town Hall calendar. The following dates are confirmed:
 - **March 14 – Brewfest, Pavilion**
 - **April 11 – Easter Egg Hunt, Bolinas Park**
 - **April 19 – Artists in Residence Cake Decorating, Pavilion**
 - **June 13 & 14 – Fairfax Festival, Multi-areas**
 - **August 8 – Good Festival, Bolinas & Peri Park**
 - **October 31 – Halloween event, Bolinas Park**
- c) **Easter Egg Hunt**-Karen will reserve the costume. Ivy will attend the March meeting to coordinate playing the Easter Bunny. Hunt scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Sat., 4/11. Maria will order the candy and organize the egg stuffing through volunteer help.

II. Old Business Reports

- a) **Good Festival update**-David will be the PARC Commissioner sponsoring the Good Festival in 2009. Patrick Troupe and Susan Shannon presented their plan for this year's Good Fest. They submitted a timeline (attached). They addressed issues that had been areas of concern in previous years, including parking enforcement,

clean-up of debris following the event, and communication between the downtown merchants and festival organizers. Patrick will contact the Fairfax Police Department regarding reserving parking areas in June. A map will be provided to the PD. The stage will either be donated or rented. No recycling of e-waste will take place at the event. A town-wide garage sale may be organized, with vendors paying a small fee to participate. Vicki suggested contacting Goodwill to pick up any items left behind. Marin Sanitary may be contacted to provide a debris box for clean-up. The Marin Conservation Corps may also be contacted to provide additional recycling containers. In addition, a Good Fest Olympics may be offered, as a marathon competition to include a race, relays, and other sporting activities. Maria will check with Little League on availability of the ball field. Patrick and Susan will attend the June PARC meeting to keep the Commission up to date on festival developments.

- b) **Artist in Residence projects**-Sam and Shoshana submitted their PARC application electronically via Maria for the cake decorating contest. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to sponsor this event in the Pavilion on April 19th.** They next discussed updating the mural that is painted at the ball field in time for the Fairfax Festival in June. They will work with a group of local artists on design. They submitted the latest version of their monthly newsletter. Additionally, Sam will be producing the Fairfax Players this summer. He submitted dates of performances running from July 31 through August 23rd in the Pavilion. The play is entitled “Relativity-The Musical” (schedule attached). Rehearsals will begin in March. Shoshana and Sam departed from the meeting at the end of their update to attend the Design Review Board meeting at the Women’s Club to propose their newly designed holiday banners.

III. Committee Reports

- a) **Tree Committee**-Vicki served as an alternate for Richard at the January meeting.
- b) **Toddler’s Playgroup**-Karen met with Camille Esposito, Toddler’s Playgroup Supervisor, to discuss additional activities for young children. Camille will report to PARC on potential classes at the March meeting.
- c) **Community Garden**-Elon announced he would like to increase community gardening plots in Town. Currently the community garden at the library is impacted, and there is a waiting list. Elon suggested looking at other plots of land owned by the Town that would lend themselves to community gardening. Expanding the existing community garden site at the library will also be explored. Other areas to be considered: property near Delano’s Market and the spot behind the Youth Center.

- d) **Fairfax Festival**-Richard reported that the Festival Committee has begun meeting. They are seeking nominations for the parade Grand Marshall. Richard submitted a financial report. There is \$8,000 in profit from last year. The Festival Committee may support paving the parking lot below the Pavilion with these funds, if it is feasible.

- e) **Next meeting**-scheduled for March 18th at 7:00 p.m. The following items will be covered at this meeting: update Camille Esposito on new ideas for recreational programming in Fairfax; community garden expansion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.