

Town of Fairfax  
Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Elon Rosenfeld, Chair; Vicki Burns, Treasurer; Richard Pedemonte, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson, 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 Commissions  
Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
7:00 –9:00 p.m.  
16 Park Road  
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Vicki Burns, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson, Richard Pedemonte, Shoshana Parry. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator; David Weinssoff, Council Member. Others in attendance: Robert-Harry Rovin, Efren Alba, David Ziman, Ed Gormes, Rocky Mouldin, Gert Hormes, Diane Dalto, Michelle Simonson, Andy Newhall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the October 13th meeting were approved. The following changes to the agenda were made: Items #1 & #2 Mural project at the Parkade, and Jerry Garcia Memorial, respectively, submitted by Chris Lang, were deferred to the December meeting at the request of the submitter. Other announcements: Maria announced that Hannah Doress submitted a written report, which was distributed. She stated a check for \$500 from the Body & Soul Festival will be submitted to PARC. Hannah will attend the December meeting to make a formal report.

**1. New Business**

- a) **Tennis court hours-adjustment to the current hours due to residential complaints**-Gert Hormes, 52 Park Road, stated currently the tennis courts are open 14 hours a day, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. He stated this is a burden on nearby residents, due to the brightness of the lights late at night, and the surrounding activities that take place in the area (i.e., drinking, smoking, and marijuana use). He brought a poster display board with photographs documenting the liquor bottles and other debris near the tennis courts. Diane Dalto stated that the bright lights are a problem later in the evening, when she is trying to sleep. Rocky Mouldin, avid tennis player, spoke in support of the current situation. He would like to see the current hours remain in operation. David Ziman inquired as to whether both courts would be resurfaced, as part of the Peri Park Improvement Project that is currently underway. Council Member David Weinssoff replied he will look into that, and have Kathy Wilkie, Public Works Director,

respond. Gert Hormes stated ideally, the court lights would shut off at 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. In regards to the alcohol consumption, Sisi mentioned it is illegal to consume alcohol in public parks. Richard inquired as to how the Police Dept. has responded to the complaints. Gert replied they come out, but the problems continue to exist. Commissioner Monty Stephens asked what would be amenable to the neighbors in terms of hours of operation of tennis courts lights. Maria distributed a staff memo with recommendations that included information on what the cost would be to re-install the lights once the construction project is concluded, which could be up to \$7,000. After some discussion of whether the hours should vary from winter to summer months, a motion was made. **ACTION ITEM: PARC recommends that the tennis court lights be turned off by 9:00 p.m. year round, pending the reinstallation of lights following the Peri Park Improvement Project.**

- b) **Homeless creative writing series**-Robert-Harry, a counselor at Mill Street in San Rafael, has been conducting these programs for 7 years. He recently held a three week pilot program at the Youth Center on creative writing for homeless individuals. He stated that between 8-12 attendees, both homeless and those residing in homes, have attended, and there has been a good mutual exchange between the two groups. He submitted an application requesting this program continue, beginning January 15, 2011. It would take place on Saturday evenings, between 7-9 p.m. Monty inquired as to what ages the group catered to; Robert-Harry replied between 40-80 years of age. Camille Esposito offered to be the PARC sponsor for the series. Sisi and Shoshana suggested perhaps the individuals could perform public readings of their writings at the library in the future. Robert-Harry replied he would look into it. **ACTION ITEM: PARC recommends the approval of Robert-Harry Rovin's proposal to host a series of homelessness creative writing workshops at the Youth Center beginning January 15, 2011.**
- c) **Ice skating**-Maria announced she paid a \$500 deposit to BH Skate Park Company to reserve the skating rink for the weekend of Jan. 8 & 9, 2011.

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

- a) **FOCAS Update**-Camille announced she is planning a Crafts Fair in the Pavilion on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Sustainable Fairfax. This event will serve as a fundraiser for FOCAS. She is planning to showcase 50 vendors at this fair, and distributed a poster. Booth fees are very reasonable, at \$40 with no table; \$45 for a table. There is a \$5 flat fee for youth. They will host a bake sale, and sell chili and cornbread as well.

**b) Artists-in-Residence**-Shoshana announced that Sam was approved as the Town's Theater Manager at the November Town Council meeting. They will be hosting the New Year's Eve Ball this year. They have rescheduled the crafts fair from November to Spring to coincide with Open Studios. They have plans to put on two plays next year, which will include the Youth Theater program.

**c) Pavilion Issues** –the Pavilion clean-up was a huge success, due to the hard work of PARC representatives. PARC commissioners and volunteers were recognized at the November Town Council meeting, and acknowledged with a Certificate of Recognition. The following issues still need to be resolved: the fuse ball table remains in the building. Maria indicated Huda of Revolution 9 would like to take it; delivery remains an issue. Maria will also follow up with Public Works on some light fixtures that are still there. Renee Goddard has offered to hold a mug drive to collect mugs that can in turn be used for events at the Pavilion. Camille stated additional shelving has been added in the storage room of the kitchen. Lastly, Camille recommended a meeting be held with Kathy Wilkie, Maria, Shoshana & Sisi on how to re-key the back closet so it is inaccessible to casual users of the building. PARC Commissioners proceeded to do a walkthrough of the building, to determine how the painting contracting project of the stage and benches was going.

**Next Meeting: Scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., to be held at Sleeping Lady Café. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**