

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, May 12, 2010
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
16 Park Road
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Sisi Parry-Hanson, Monty Stephens, Richard Pedemonte, Vicki Burns. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator. Others in attendance: Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, David Smadbeck, Zara Babitzke, Ken Burgess, Celine Axworthy, Jo Philpott, Maria Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Ricci Blumenberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved.

1. New Business

- a) **Summer Pops Festival**-Ken Burgess submitted an application for the Summer Pops Music Festival in Peri Park at the Redwood stage. The proposed dates are the following Sundays: August 22 & 29, September 12 & 19th. The concerts would run from 1-3 p.m.
ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve these dates for the Summer Music Concert series. Ken presented a power point presentation featuring the origin of the group by leader Arlen Philpott. He would like to have the Golden Gate Brass Band headquartered in Fairfax since that was the starting point of the group. Additionally, Ken would like to request a lattice like low level gate surround the stage to enhance it. This would be a temporary structure that could be removed after performances. Ken was instructed he would have to get approval from Public Works.

- b) **Ambassadors of Hope & Opportunity(AHO) Concert Fundraiser for homeless teens**-Zara Babitzke, founder and director of the non profit organization AHO introduced herself and Ricci Blumenberg, AHO Youth Task Force Team Leader. They are the only non-profit in Marin focused on youth homelessness for those aged 16-25. They have assisted 775 youth find permanent housing over the 5 years they

have been in existence. Ricci testified on behalf of the organization and how it has helped her turn her life around. Zara stated that they are not eligible for federal funding since they support youth homeless intervention. They submitted a proposal to conduct a concert in the Pavilion on Saturday, October 2nd, from 7 p.m.- 1:00 a.m. They plan to have one band during the evening. They would also have various booths promoting different instruments, such as guitars, etc. They would like to have an open microphone venue. The event is scheduled to end at midnight, the extra hour is to allow for clean-up. This event will be alcohol-free. They have obtained the necessary insurance required for this type of event. They will pay the \$200 security deposit. Bill Johnson, a local realtor, will be providing security. They will advertise via flyers and posters and on Facebook. They will also hold an auction to raffle off gift certificates donated by local merchants. They inquired about a banner across Sir Francis Drake but were told production cost is about \$800.

ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approved their application and waive the fees for this event.

II. Old Business Reports/Updates

a) **FOCAS Update**-Camille distributed a handout entitled “Fairfax Youth Services Development”. She is proposing holding teen movie & pizza nights in the Youth Center, open mic, birthday party package deals in the Pavilion, as well as dance classes in the Pavilion. The goal is to establish local youth programs using funding that has been allocated to Youth Programs through the passage of Measure I. Camille will go before the Fairfax Town Council on June 2nd to propose using the funding to support and grow the FOCAS program. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve the Fairfax Youth Service Development proposal prepared by Camille for recommendation to the Town Council.**

b) **Artists-in-Residenc**-Sam and Shoshana would like to have an art fair in September. They would also like to open up the kaleidoscope and do a sculpture at the Fairfax Festival. Additionally, they would like to collaborate with FOCAS on providing more art classes to the community. Sam announced he is taking over the role of theatrical producer for the Fairfax Players since Jay Cimo has moved. He and Shoshana submitted a proposed schedule of the play “1001 Dreams”. He would like to propose the concept of the town adopting a Theater Director similar to the Artist-in-Residence position. That topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

c) **Peri Park Clean-up**-This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd at the Peri Park playground. New sand will be distributed, as well as a general sprucing up of the park grounds. Maria disseminated a flyer on the event.

d) Pavilion work party-Camille, Monty, Vicki, Sisi, Shoshana and Maria met prior to the meeting to conduct a walk through of the Pavilion. The group identified odd items that had to be purged in order to provide space for necessary supplies. This will include the fuseball table in the kitchen, a paper mache display in a closet, and the Chamber of Commerce supplies in a closet. Eliminating these items will allow for the storage of tables and chairs so the kitchen can be free for food prep at events. A small team will conduct a clean-up of the building on Saturday, May 22nd following the Peri Park clean-up at 1:00 p.m..

III. Committee Reports:

- a) **Festival Committee**-Richard distributed copies of the poster. David has prepared the first draft of the Program Guide.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for June 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m