

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, September 8, 2010
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
16 Park Road
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson, Richard Pedemonte, Vicki Burns. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator. Others in attendance: Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Artists-in-Residence; Tom Boss, MCBC

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the joint August 18th meeting were approved.

1. New Business

- a) **Biketoberfest**-Tom Boss submitted an application on behalf of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition requesting the use of the Contratti Ball Field to host a film night on Saturday, October 16th. Biketoberfest will take place at the Fair Anselmo Plaza during the day, and include a cycle cross race at White Hill School as a fundraiser. The film to be shown is “Klunkers,” a documentary on the history of mountain biking. The film will be free, and open to the public. Donations will be accepted, and MCBC will donate the proceeds to PARC in exchange for hosting the event. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to support the film night in the Contratti Ball Field on Saturday, October 16th from 7-10 p.m.** Camille inquired as to whether there could be more film nights held during the summer months. Tom said he will pursue this idea.

II. Old Business Reports/Updates

- a) **FOCAS Update**-Camille reported that the summer camp was very successful, selling out during the last week. She will consider adding more weeks during the next summer series. The feedback from the parents and children was extremely positive, in terms of both instructors and activities. She distributed an updated list of FOCAS classes planned

for this fall, which include a New Mother's Group in the Community Center on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and a music class at the Women's Club on Mondays, also at 10:00 a.m. The art class will remain at the Community Center on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. A ceramics class taught by Shoshana will be added for Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5 for kids ages 8-12. It will be held in the Pavilion. It will be an 8 week session.

b) Artists-in-Residence-Sam submitted a detailed budget of the summer play. The play lost \$500. Sam & Shoshana are still awaiting a \$500 grant from Hal Brown that was committed during the play season. That will allow the production cost to break even. Shoshana and Sam are planning to hold another arts & crafts fair, on November 20 & 21st. They are also planning to bring back the New Year's Eve Ball this year. Sam submitted a proposal for the establishment of a Fairfax Town Theater Director that he would like to bring before the Town Council. He has expressed interest in the idea of creating a similar position to the Artists-in-Residence. He believes he can be more successful at fundraising if the Theater Director falls under the purview of the Town's Parks & Recreation Commission. This could also fuel the development of a Youth Theater program with FOCAS. **ACTION ITEM: PARC supports the proposal put forward by Sam Parry to pursue the development of a Theater Director and approves his request to approach the Town Council on the subject. Maria will forward his application to Judy Anderson, Town Clerk for the October Town Council agenda.**

c)Pavilion Work Party—Monty suggested the date be changed to not coincide with the Biketoberfest, as it is currently scheduled. The new date will be Sunday, October 17th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Maria will check with Kathy about available paint. She will contact Fairfax Lumber about supply donations. Richard will update the Chamber of Commerce and see if they are interested in donating financially. Monty will approach frequent users of the Pavilion since their activities are the most impacted.

III. Committee Reports:

- a) **Festival Committee**-Richard announced that the Festival lost money this year. He will host a Festival Committee after-party at his house this Saturday, September 11th as a thank you to those who worked on the event. He added next year a new parade coordinator will be needed, as Carol Buchholz is retiring.
- b) **Tree Committee**-no new updates at this time.
- c) **Peri Park Clean-up Committee**-clean-up will be postponed until late October.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for October 18th. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

