

Town of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Elon Rosenfeld, Chair; Vicki Burns, Treasurer; Richard Pedemonte, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Artists in Residence, David Smadbeck, Community-at-large representative, Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commissions
Monday, February 7, 2011
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
16 Park Road
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Monty Stephens, Richard Pedemonte, Sisi Parry-Hanson, Shoshana Parry. Staff in attendance: Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator. Others in attendance: Susan Brandborg, Fairfax Historical Society, Liliana Ashby, Amara Killen, Hannah Salavary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the December 8th meeting were approved. The agenda was changed to reflect the following correspondence: Temporary lights at Contratti Field- Steve Gallagher was unable to attend due to PARC change of date. The item will be deferred to the March agenda.

Public Forum: Susan Brandborg submitted a PARC special event application on behalf of the Fairfax Historical Society to host a film night at the Women’s Club on Friday, March 18th at 6 p.m. The request will be placed on the March 14th Park & Rec agenda. Susan will attend the next meeting to discuss the proposal.

1. New Business

- a) **White Hill Middle School benefit**-Lilian Ashby, Amara Killen, and Hannah Salavary presented a proposal to host a talent show in the Pavilion sometime in April or May of this year. They are students at White Hill Middle School. The participants will be students from the school. The girls would like the proceeds to benefit “Netting Nations”, an organization that helps eliminate malaria in developing countries through mosquito eradication. Camille Esposito will act as their sponsor. The event will feature free admission, but will include a bake sale to raise money for the donation. They are expecting 75-100 in the audience. **MOTION: PARC motioned to approve this event in theory, pending verification of the date.**
- b) **Brewfest**- Richard submitted an application on behalf of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the Brewfest in the Pavilion on

March 19th from 1-5 p.m. The event is the Chamber's main fundraiser. Monty inquired as to what the profit is from the Brewfest; Richard responded it is between \$6,000-\$8,000. Some discussion ensued on what proceeds should return to PARC in exchange for waiving building fees. **MOTION: PARC recommended that the Town receive either a flat fee of \$500 for sponsoring the event, or 10% of the proceeds of the event, whichever is higher.** Richard will take this information back to the Chamber.

- c) **Goals for 2011**-Elon suggested that each commissioner bring a goal to the next meeting in March, at which point they can be discussed and adopted.

II. Old Business Reports/Updates

a) **FOCAS & MOU Update**- Camille spoke on the topic of the San Anselmo MOU. She has met with Judy Anderson, Michael Rock, and Dave Donery of San Anselmo Recreation. At this point, it seems it would be in the best interest of the Town of Fairfax to terminate the MOU, based on revenue received to the Town by having the MOU in place. The MOU has been in place for five years now, and many of the challenges between the two programs still exist. She has the support of Town management staff, and wanted it bring it before PARC to make a recommendation to terminate the MOU with the Town of San Anselmo. The MOU can be terminated at any time, by either parties, and then must go to each respective Town Council for approval. Camille stated the Town will receive a much greater portion of the money paid in both the summer camps and the FOCAS programs by opting out of this agreement. For example, the summer camp grossed \$8,000, but \$2,500 had to be paid to the Town of San Anselmo, for administrative costs such as on-line registration and fingerprinting. Some of the built in mechanisms that are established in San Anselmo do not necessarily work in Fairfax. The Recreation guide will still be mailed to all households in Fairfax, and FOCAS may purchase the back page for advertising for \$500.

ACTION ITEM: Elon motioned to recommend to dissolve the Recreation MOU with San Anselmo; Monty seconded.

FOCAS update- Camille announced due to State funding cuts, there will be no First Five grant funding available this year. She reported her Sustainable Crafts Fair was very successful, bringing in a profit of \$1300. Camille added she has a volunteer willing to conduct an on-line survey for FOCAS classes that will provide useful information on how to outreach to the community.

b) **Artists-in-Residence**-Shoshana announced the New Year's Eve dance was fun, but had lower attendance this year. A D.J. was brought in for the

music, and the theme was “come as your favorite artist or model”. Shoshana mentioned Sam is still continuing the search for a building to establish a town theater. Some other projects she has on the horizon include a ceramic art installation that may potentially happen at the Fairfax Library.

c) Peri Park clean-up –Camille announced it will be time for a Spring clean-up soon for the park. She would like PARC to host an ice cream social sometime in May to get more parent volunteers on board. She is also interested in David Smadbeck’s idea of recruiting more volunteers for all of the Town & Chamber of Commerce special events.

d) Staff report – Maria mentioned there will be an evening reception for all the Town’s Board & Commission members hosted by the Volunteer Board on Thursday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Women’s Club. The event is a social mixer and will allow representatives from different group to meet and discuss potential joint projects or crossover projects that involve referrals to different committees. Maria also announced a sub-committee of the Volunteer Board will be meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss expanding the volunteer database in town. The meeting will be held at 25 Park Road.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.