

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, September 12, 2011  
7:00 –9:00 p.m.  
16 Park Road  
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Richard Pedemonte, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Monty Stephens, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Artist-in-Residence. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator. Others in attendance: David Smadbeck, Chris Lang, John Naragara DeCaro. Absent with notice: Vicki Burns

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

**1. New Business**

1. **Fairfax Cyclofest event-** Chris Lang submitted a proposal to hold a bicycle race on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, with a request to use the Pavilion for part of the event. The date conflicts with the Holiday Crafts Fair conducted by FOCAS; so he was amenable to changing the date to the following Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The event would run from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The parameters of the bicycle race would be from Park Road, around Bolinas, and culminate behind the Pavilion. Monty Stephens inquired as to how it would be advertised. Chris responded it would be promoted on the web, flyers would be distributed, and local newspapers would advertise the Cyclofest. He would have different age categories such as juniors, novice vs. expert, and costume themed participants. **MOTION: Elon Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the Cyclofest event pending approval by other agencies, such as the Police Department and Public Works. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**
  
2. **Consideration of re-location of Jerry Garcia Memorial-** Chris Lang revisited the proposal he submitted two years ago, of moving the Jerry Garcia Memorial from its existing location below the Pavilion parking lot to the intersection of Elsie Lane and Bolinas Park. The current location has low visibility. His long term plan is to raise money to include a light display and irrigation system that will support a garden. **MOTION: PARC voted unanimously to approve the re-location of the Jerry Garcia Memorial to the proposed location, pending approval by the Planning & Building Department, as well as Public Works.**

3. **Reconsideration of Parkade Mural Art Project Proposal** –Chris Lang had submitted artwork last year to PARC for a mural design for the wall along the parkade parking lot. At that time, PARC had recommended Chris work with the Artists-in-Residence to promote the project, solicit additional art proposals so the process was fair, and then seek approval from the Design Review Board along with the Public Works Department. Chris brought a blank banner which will be imprinted with the following announcement “FUTURE SITE OF PARKADE MURAL”. Maria’s phone number will be listed so the community can provide their input. Sam & Shoshana will work with Chris to develop the banner. **ACTION ITEM: There was a consensus of the Commission to support this project pending the conditions that were previously placed which are referenced above.**
  
4. **Irish Music Festival Sponsorship**-David Smadbeck spoke on behalf of an application submitted by the Chamber of Commerce to conduct an Irish music festival downtown the weekend of October 15-17<sup>th</sup>. The Pavilion would be used on Saturday, from 11-7. The Irish Festival will take place in multiple venues, including Sorella Café, Coffee Roastery, Naves, Gestalt House, 123 Bolinas, Iron Springs Brewery, Sleeping Lady, 19 Broadway, and Peri’s. David has booked nationally acclaimed Irish bands from throughout the world for this event. He has raised \$12,000 so far to cover the bands. He will consider getting a banner made to go across Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Promotions are being handled by a professional marketing firm run by Sandra Evans. Thirty percent of the net revenue from the event will go back to the Town. **MOTION: Elon made a motion to approve sponsorship of the Irish Festival; Monty seconded. Approval was unanimous.**
  
5. **Memorial Skate Park**- John Naragara DeCaro presented on his proposal. He would like to re-invent the skateboarder, and promote a skate park that focuses on non-violence and peace. He would like it to be a memorial skate park dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and women’s rights leaders representing positive social change. He realizes there is a property issue. He will contact the owners of the parking lot at Java Hut and also Manor School as potential sites. He is additionally interested in hosting a skate park day event. Elon suggested he research the topic, and then return to PARC when he has more information.
  
6. **Guidelines for Public Events in Fairfax Parks**- Maria submitted proposed guidelines for PARC to establish in regards to what is permissible in public parks. These rules and regulations would extend

to all uses of the park, not just PARC sponsored events. PARC will review and finalize the recommendations at the next meeting. An additional suggestion was made by Elon: Add notification of the Police Department and Fire Department, if necessary for an event. PARC would also like to be notified of all events scheduled in the park. Maria will update them monthly at each meeting, based on the scheduling calendar.

### **Old Business**

1. **Pavilion Improvement projects-** Camille suggested we look at a way to reimburse Sam & Shoshana for building materials used in the stage preparation. She has an instructor who is a professional painting contractor, and may be willing to paint the lobby area. It was recommended the area be painted white to open the area. She will run it by Public Works and determine if the wood should be painted over, or refinished with a varnish. Additionally, she would like to work with the Historical Society on adding more photos to the lobby. This would greatly improve the lobby, since so many visitors come through.
2. **Artists-in-Residence-** Shoshana will begin teaching a new ceramics class tomorrow. Sam & Shoshana will host a New Year's Eve play in the Pavilion this year.

### **Committee Reports**

1. **FOCAS Update:** Camille reported Camp Fairfax was extremely profitable, grossing \$9,000. Classes included drumming, ceramics, gardening, cooking, and other activities. Camille will be reporting to the Town Council on October 5<sup>th</sup> on the successes of FOCAS, reinforcing the MOU severance with the Town of San Anselmo Recreation Department.
2. **Fairfax Festival update-**Richard announced he will be meeting with Janet Garvin, the town's Accountant, to review Fairfax Festival finances.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.