

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, May 14, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Road
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Richard Pedemonte, Vicki Burns, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson Staff in attendance: Anne Mannes, FOCAS Coordinator; Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator. Others in attendance: Shoshana Parry, Artists-in-Residence; Carl Macki

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes were approved.

1. New Business

1. **100,000 Poets for Change** - Carl Macki presented an application for an event he would like to hold in Peri Park on Saturday, September 29th from 12 noon- 3:00 p.m. It will be a poetry reading and music celebration. He is only expecting 30-50 people to attend. He will advertise this event via social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. He will also promote the event through the Marin Poetry Center. He requested a waiver of the \$200 application fee since he is a student. He will be able to pay the \$75 non-refundable maintenance fee as it gets closer to the event. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to sponsor the 100,000 Poets for Change event and waive the application fee.**

Old Business

1. **Peri Park update-** Anne reported that the Peri Park playground clean-up day was scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. She requested some guidance on the event, since it was the first one she is hosting. She will provide coffee & pastries through a local coffee shop and request a donation. Shoshana offered a coffee donation from Java Hut. Maria will provide the coffee carafes. The event was listed on the Town website. She is hoping David Smadbeck will spearhead the effort. She will spread the word to parents she networks with. Additionally, Maria indicated an e-mail blast will go out to 800 volunteers promoting the event. The bocce ball court area will be painted. Maria will accompany Public Works to purchase the sand that will replenish the playground area. The new tools that were purchased through the KABOOM grant will be available for use.

2. **FOCAS Update** –Anne announced that summer camp registrations are underway and the camps are filling up. She produced a new schedule of summer events. Camp will run from July 23rd through August 17th.
3. **Artists-in-Residence update** - Maria informed the group that the artists contract is coming up for renewal in July. The last contract was a three year contract. The artists will go before the Town Council at the June meeting and make a presentation on their projects over the past few years. Shoshana indicated they are interested in remaining as the artists, as long as there are no objections. They will indicate their interest to the Town Council at the June 6th meeting. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to support the continuation of the Artists-in-Residence for another year, through June 2013, provided there are no objections from other potential artists who are interested in the position.**

Committee Reports

1. **Pavilion Clean-up project** –Sisi suggested postponing the clean-up of the building beyond May 20th. Maria suggested it should coincide with the August remodel of the building lobby area. Anne suggested working with Camille to include photo and poster displays in the lobby in time for the festival in June. Richard has offered to sell the army cots currently stored in the Pavilion on Craig's List. The money will go towards the Pavilion Restoration Fund. Maria will double check with Police Chief Chris Morin to make sure he does not want them, as he has indicated some interest in the cots.
2. **Tree Committee-** Monty & Elon offered to serve as alternates to the Tree Committee when Richard is unavailable. Maria provided them with tree committee applications so they can become familiar with the guidelines and the process.
3. **Fairfax Festival Committee update** –Richard announced the volunteer gatherings at the Sleeping Lady Café have brought in new volunteers to help with the festival. There will be no program guide printed this year. He distributed Festival posters to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. There will be no June meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.