

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, September 17, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Road
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Vicki Burns, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson
Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator; Judy Anderson,
Town Clerk; Anne Mannes, FOCAS. Others in attendance: Carl Macki, Tatiana Jung,
David Smadbeck

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

1. New Business

1. **Fairfax Feis** – David Smadbeck presented an application for request for sponsorship of the 2nd annual Fairfax Feis, an Irish cultural festival of music and dance. He is proposing the event take place in the Pavilion on Friday, October 19th from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, October 20th from noon-6 p.m. Irish dance lessons will be offered in the Women's Club on Saturday. Sunday will be reserved for clean-up. Last year, the event drew over 1,000 attendees. Maria mentioned the application & security deposit fees of \$475 have been paid. She added the application has been approved by Public Works, but is pending at the Police Department until the ABC application is also included. Police Chief Chris Morin has indicated the Chamber of Commerce will be charged \$1,000 for police overtime costs to cover the event. David will submit the ABC permit application to the Town to accompany the PARC application. David stated a publicist is handling the promotion of the event, and distributed a poster. A website is up and running. Maria inquired as to what percentage of the proceeds will go towards Park & Rec; David replied 30%. **ACTION ITEM: PARC recommended the event by approved; all members supported the recommendation.**

2. **100 Thousand Poets for Change** – Carl Macki gave a brief summary on his upcoming event, which was approved at the May PARC meeting. He distributed posters, as well as a press release on the event. Carl has contacted the Marin Independent Journal and the Pacific Sun. He indicated he did not hear back from poets Kay Ryan, and Annie LaMotte, which PARC had recommended he contact to help support his event. He will put up posters downtown and at the

library. The event has an electronic sign up. Sisi suggested he also contact the Patch on-line newsletter.

3. **Musical benefit for Ryder Morford**- Anne stated that she is working with Cathey Cotton to sponsor this event through FOCAS on Saturday, November 3rd at the Pavilion.

Old Business

1. **Peri Park clean-up**- Anne introduced Tatiana Jung, a mother who is interested in spearheading Peri Park clean-up and improvements. Tatiana submitted an inventory of park repairs that are needed. Judy will submit the list to Mark Lockaby of Public Works so he may address any safety violations. David explained that any replacements to the play equipment must be done with manufacturer parts, for liability purposes. The warranty is valid only on equipment purchased through the manufacturer. Tatiana stressed the importance of a self-closing gate, such as the type used on swimming pools. David mentioned the gate gets used so much, that the type of latch would easily become worn out. Currently there is a self-closing gate to the park entrance, but people tend to leave it open. She also added that the chain link fence that faces the creek has an opening, which is a safety issue. The next Peri Park clean-up day is on Saturday, November 3rd. Some of the repairs on the wish list will be completed by volunteers. Maria will notify Anne & Tatiana which projects the volunteers may work on after Judy clears the items with Public Works.
2. **FOCAS Update** –Judy stated the camp was successful, and had approximately the same number of campers and revenue generated as the previous year.
3. **Artists-in-Residence update** - Sisi replied the artists were unable to come to tonight's meeting. She stated the play Loot was a lot of fun, but did not make money. She added Sam is thinking of teaching a self-defense class.

Committee Reports

1. **Pavilion Restoration project** –Maria stated that the lobby renovations will not take place until next year. In the meantime, PARC is interested in making some minor improvements such as painting and hanging historical photos in the lobby.
2. **Tree Committee**- No news to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.