

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, May 13, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road  
Fairfax

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Richard Pedemonte, Monty Stephens, Shoshana Parry. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Anne Mannes, FOCAS Coordinator. Others in attendance: Tatiana Macias-Jung, Matt Tasley

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

1. **New Business**

1. **Summer Play – “Bottoms Up & Puck’s Ploy”**- Shoshana presented on the upcoming play of the Fairfax Theater Group. It is a spin-off of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream, a Shakespeare play. The play dates will run from June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion. Maria has circulated the application through Town officials. Mark Lockaby, Public Works Manager, has indicated he will sign off once the set is built and set-up for inspection. The Police Chief has signed off.
2. **Fairfax Festival Committee update-** Richard announced that Meredith Law is once again organizing the booths and exhibits of the festival. Hannah Doress may do some additional fundraising to receive more sponsorship funding. The poster will be available soon for distribution at Avatar Printing. Ingrid Weiss has been selected as the Grand Marshall of the parade this year.
3. **Artists-in-Residence selection** –Maria introduced Matt Tasley, candidate for the new artist-in-residence opening. Matt was selected as the finalist by an interview panel consisting of Elon, Michele Gardner, Deputy Town Clerk, and Maria. Matt exhibited some of his artwork for the group. Maria gave him a tour of the artists’ loft in the Pavilion. Matt is an accomplished artist who has a Masters in Fine Art from UC Santa Barbara. He has extensive experience in showings at many galleries in San Francisco and beyond. He has taught art classes at Pickleweed Community Center in San Rafael for children, and adults who have been in transition. He is interested in continuing teaching art to kids and adults, producing a mural at the wall on the side of Fairfax Lumber, holding Open Studios, and working with FOCAS on classes for the community. **MOTION: Richard made a motion to support the recommendation of Matt Tasley as the new**

**Artist-in-Residence.** Monty seconded the motion, and Elon also voted in favor of Matt Tasley as the recommended candidate for the Fairfax Artist-in-Residence seat. The next step will be for Matt to appear before the Town Council at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, for official appointment.

### **Old Business**

1. **KaBOOM grant** - Maria announced that KaBOOM has selected Fairfax as a “Playful City” for 2013, but has yet to make the final determination on funding. There will be another step in the grant application process, which will open May 20<sup>th</sup>, and close August 13<sup>th</sup>. The Town is waiting to hear what the next step required in the grant application will be prior to receiving a \$20,000 construction grant to purchase new playground equipment. Anne indicated a parent’s sub-committee will be formed to help select the equipment, pending the Building Department’s approval.

### **Committee Reports**

1. **Peri Park update** – Maria distributed a poster for the clean-up day, scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. Java Hut will donate coffee & pastries. Tatiana suggested the planting be put off to the fall months, since it is beyond the gardening months.
2. **FOCAS update-** Anne announced the new summer FOCAS guide has been released, with an exciting variety of classes. She is working on summer camp, which will be run by the same counselor as last year, Monica Burrowes.
3. **Drake High School Mountain Bike team** – Film Night in the Park – May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Contratti Ball Field. This event is being supported by the Fairfax Town Council, therefore fees will be waived. The proceeds will go to support the high school mountain bike team.

**Next Meeting: set for Monday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m at the Sleeping Lady Café. At this meeting, the Artists-in-Residence Shoshana & Sam Parry will be recognized for their contributions. Topics for this meeting will include another Pavilion clean-up effort, space issues at the Pavilion, and grant updates. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**