

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, November 18, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Monty Stephens, Richard Pedemonte, Claudia Tomaso. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator; Anne Mannes, FOCAS Coordinator. Others in attendance: Tatiana Jung, Hazel Tudryn, Josh Mooney, Matt Tasley, Artist-in-Residence.

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

**1. Mail Correspondence-**

Maria distributed a handout from Dirk Ooijkaas on a proposed gymnastics layout for the Pavilion. (See attached). The group discussed his proposal and how it would fit in with current programming in the building. Anne commented she had spoken with Dirk and offered him a Tuesday morning slot in the Pavilion for a gymnastics class. Currently, it is the only open time frame for a new class. Dirk was envisioning a more comprehensive program, with daily classes and on-site equipment. Given the multi-purpose uses of the building, his request cannot be accommodated at this time. Gymnastics equipment would have to be bolted to the floor, and that would limit the use of the gymnasium for basketball and other sports that are currently played there.

**Announcements-** Maria announced there is federal funding available through the National Endowment for the Arts. She will let Sam Parry of the Fairfax Theater Company know about this funding. The grant requires a 1 to 1 funding match. The grant also requires a local government partner with a non-profit to be eligible. The grant amounts vary from \$25,000 to \$200,000. The deadline is January 13, 2014.

**2. New Business**

**- Welcome Claudio Tomaso-** The group welcomed Claudia to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Claudia lives on Inyo Avenue near the downtown area. She is interested in the parks in town and helping with special events. Claudia inquired as to the recent interest in a year-round Farmer's Market. Some potential areas that were suggested included *The Garage* on Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

**-Ice skating at the Pavilion-**Maria announced that Northgate Mall will once again offer ice skating this year. Last year, the ice skating at the Pavilion was poorly attended, and the event ended up losing money. Maria thought this might be due to the seasonal skating rink in Terra Linda. Prior to that, ice skating had been fairly successful over the past five years. **ACTION ITEM: Richard made**

**a motion to suspend the ice skating activity for one year; Monty seconded the motion. Claudio voted in favor of the motion. The group will re-consider ice skating in the future.**

**3. Old Business**

**-Highlights of Artist-in-Residence exhibit –** Matt announced he had a good turn-out at his art exhibit on November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion. He was disappointed that more Town affiliated spectators did not attend. Council Member Larry Bragman attended; he was the only Town official present. Matt will inquire as to whether his mural can be hung at the Marin County Civic Center.

**4. Committee Reports**

**-Update on sub-committee to oversee Measure A-** Claudia Tomas volunteered to sit on this committee. The Town Council will hear this item at the December meeting. Maria mentioned that the sub-committee will meet following that, later in December. Anne also expressed interest in serving on the sub-committee. She will inquire with Garrett Toy, Town Manager, if this is possible. The group made a list of park improvements they would like to see made with Measure A funds. These include: Peri Park picnic tables, Redwood stage in Peri Park, the garden at the Women’s Club, and re-paving the Pavilion parking lot. Maria added she was not sure if the Pavilion parking lot would qualify.

**-FOCAS update-** Anne announced that the Pavilion playgroup will begin meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. She is looking for playgroup coordinators that can staff the program. The playgroup coordinators are able to keep 70% of the earnings as their stipend.

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**5. -Friends of Peri Park sub-committee to oversee KaBOOM grant funds**  
(At this point, the meeting transitioned to the playground committee group)

Anne debuted a video her husband produced at the recent Peri Park clean-up day on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Using local residents featured at the park, the group called for donations in an effort to raise the \$10,000 matching funds necessary. Anne announced they raised \$1,500 at the event. She has a sponsor whose business will match the funds collected by 50%, thereby bringing the total to \$3,000. This means the group has raised nearly 30% of the required amount. The next outreach effort will be at the holiday crafts fair at the Pavilion on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be Peri Park embellished t-shirts & mugs for sale. The group began viewing catalogs of approved vendors for the playground equipment. The committee narrowed it down to the following two vendors: UPC Parks of Miracle Play Systems, and Playworld Systems. Anne will check with KaBOOM on some details of the vendors. Anne plans to present to the Town Council in February on the groups proposed choices of play equipment.

**Next Meeting: Holiday dinner set for Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Deer Park Villa. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.** The Friends of Peri Park will meet on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. A sales representative from Miracle Play Systems will be invited to this meeting to make a presentation.