

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, November 10, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Richard Pedemonte, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Monty Stephens, Claudia Tamaso; Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator; Anne Mannes. Others in attendance: Jody Timms, Sam Parry, Shoshana Parry

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

1. **Public Forum** – Jody Timms, Marin Commission on Aging Representative, attended the meeting to discuss an “Age Friendly City” application that is being submitted to the World Health Organization (WHO). Marin County has seen a boom in the number of senior citizens in recent years. She stated that Corte Madera and Sausalito have been designated “age friendly cities” by WHO. Novato and Fairfax are considering applying for this designation as well. The advantage is the Marin Community Foundation grant monies may someday be available to develop senior programming in the area. PARC has been assigned to oversee this ad hoc sub-committee, which would research and develop programs that would improve the quality of life for seniors. Sam indicated he would be interested in helping with this effort. The three steps in the application would be: assessment, plan of action, and implementation.

2. **New Business**

**-Performing Arts Festival by Fairfax Theater Company** – Sam Parry attended the meeting to discuss his proposal of conducting a Performing Arts Festival during the summer months. This festival would kick off following the Fairfax Festival, and commence with the summer play production by the Theater Company. There would be multiple venues, including the Pavilion, Women’s Club, and other locations, such as Drake High School, St. Rita’s Church, etc. The Theater Company would form a sub-committee to raise funds to sponsor plays, improve, dances and musicals. Various groups would submit proposals, which the Theater Company would review and approve. **ACTION ITEM: Monty made a motion to approve the notion of a Performing Arts Festival. All PARC Commissioners voted in support of the motion.** Maria indicated that the Town-owned buildings could be used if there are no other activities or rentals taking place in them. Sam also requested use of Bolinas Park on the evening of Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to hold a Shakespeare performance. It will be a free event to the public. He will get an application to Maria for approval.

3. **Gymnastics Program at Pavilion-** This item was on the consent calendar at the recent Town Council meeting, and was approved. The classes will begin in January 2015. Programming will run from September through May, and will break during June, July & August, when the Pavilion is used for the Fairfax Festival, Theater Company play, and summer camp, respectively. Dirk Ooijkaas will run the program on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays, from 3:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. He will purchase the equipment, and store it in the bar area when available. In the case of events in the Pavilion, he will move the equipment to the underground storage area of the Pavilion. Dirk has met with Mark Lockaby, Building Inspector and received approval for the storage.
  
4. **Winter Tea Party event in Women's Club-** Anne stated she has advertised this event in the winter FOCAS guide. It will be held on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. at the Women's Club. A sub-committee consisting of Anne, Claudia, Sisi, Sam, Shoshana and Maria will meet on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon at Claudia's house. The tea will be an English tea, with an Alice in Wonderland theme. There will be sandwiches, cakes, scones, and of course tea on the menu. Price will be \$20 for adults, \$15 for children. Tickets will be sold in advance by Maria. Round tables will be rented, tea pots & other props will be provided by Claudia, Sam & Shoshana.

### **Old Business**

1. **Peri Park clean-up-** Anne stated there was a fair turnout for the event, which was on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the day after Halloween. For future park clean-up, the group will consider obtaining green compost bins for the leaves that are raked.
  
2. **Bolinas Park benches –** Maria noted that two donations of \$1,100 were received this past month through the Friends of Nancy Helmers Memorial Fund. This enabled the renovation of two benches at Bolinas Park that were slated for improvement. They were retrofitted using salvaged redwood by Dean Stubbings of Madera Furniture, at a cost of \$1,000. Maria indicated there are two remaining benches that need to be refurbished. An additional goal of \$2,000 in fundraising efforts remain that will complete this project.
  
3. **Next meeting –** The annual PARC holiday dinner meeting will occur on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Sorella Café at 7:00 p.m.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**