

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, March 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Richard Pedemonte, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Claudia Tamaso; Alexis Ardito, Youth Commissioner. Staff in attendance: Garrett Toy, Town Manager, Anne Mannes, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in attendance: Jody Timms, Marin Commissioner on Aging; Mimi Newton, Open Space Committee.

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

Public Forum – Jody Timms gave an update on the “Age Friendly City” status. Fairfax has now officially been declared an “Age Friendly City” by the World Health Organization (WHO). A resolution has been received in honor of that accomplishment, which will be presented before the Town Council in May. Jody has also set up a website for the “Age Friendly City” designation. The task force is down to 9 members from its original 12. The group will meet again on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**1. New Business**

**-Request for sponsorship of the Eleven** – Mimi Newton of the Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC) attended the meeting to request sponsorship of a concert fundraiser for the FOOSC. The band is a Grateful Dead tribute band, the Eleven. She is proposing holding the concert in Peri Park on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The concert is free to the public. This is the third year this event is being held. Mimi has submitted her application to Maria, who has in turn routed it to the Public Works Department and Police Department. Both departments have approved the event. **ACTION ITEM: Claudia made a motion to approve the Eleven concert fundraiser for Open Space: Sisi seconded; all voted in favor.**

- 2. Formation of Recreation & Community Services Department**- Garrett reported the creation of a Recreation Department is currently underway. The purpose of this reorganization is to make the programs more efficient and maximize resources. The department would absorb the FOCAS program and the Community Resources program. The department would consist of Camille, Anne & Maria. Their positions would be respectively: Recreation & Community Services Manager- Marketing; Recreation & Community Services Manager- Programming; and Recreation & Community Services Manager – Events. This reorganization has been approved by the Town Council. The department will evolve as necessary over time. Anne added that the FOCAS website has been

renamed [www.fairfaxrec.com](http://www.fairfaxrec.com). Garrett added that he views the role of the Parks & Recreation Commission as a policy setting body, and suggested they come up with a 3 year plan and even 5 year plan. He suggested PARC may want to come up with a wish list for improving capital facilities. He added that Measure A funding will once again be available in April or May of this year. The total amount allocated is \$45,000. This money will be split between PARC, the Fairfax Volunteers, and Fairfax Open Space Committee. Garrett announced the paving of the Pavilion parking lot will occur next week, beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>. He added if there is money leftover, it could go toward refurbishing the stage at Peri Park, and the picnic tables & benches, which are in need of an upgrade.

3. **Goals for 2015-** The following goals were listed as priorities for this year:
  - I. Recruit new member.
  - II. Improve picnic benches and tables at Peri Park.
  - III. Continue hosting one major fundraiser per year, such as the English tea.
  - IV. Offer new courses if there is community interest and support.
  - V. Beautify garden in front of the Youth Center.
  - VI. Host series of wine & cheese pairing classes.

The group will re-visit these goals at the next meeting, so that all PARC Commissioners have an opportunity to participate.

4. **Spring egg hunt** – Maria announced this is scheduled for Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Bolinas Park. Maria asked Alexis if she would be willing to play the Easter bunny if she cannot get Michaela Sicroff to do it. Alexis will consider it.

### **Old Business-**

1. **FOCAS update-** Anne announced the gymnastics classes are going strong, with 50 participants. Anne reported the Seniors Chair Yoga class will be extended through June as it is going very well. Anne added that Sawyer Rose, Artist-in-Residence, will be hosting an Open Studios exhibit at the library in May. She will also be conducting an art class for seniors at the June or July meeting of the Ross Valley Seniors Club.
2. **General updates-** Alexis reminded the group that her term as Youth Commissioner will be ending when she graduates in June. Her cousin, Michael Ardito, has offered to make the announcement for a new PARC youth commissioner at an upcoming Drake Leadership class. Maria will forward him a cover letter from PARC, since no reps can be present for the class.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting set for Monday, April 6th.**