

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, October 12, 2015
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Youth Center
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Richard Pedemonte, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Sam Parry, Lisa Taylor Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in attendance: Kelsi Anderson

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

1. **New Business**

Public Forum - items not on the agenda. Maria announced she has been approached by Kelley Pullman to sponsor a benefit for Lokita Carter, the widow of Steve Carter, who was recently murdered on a trail in Fairfax. Kelley phoned into the meeting via conference call since she is currently residing in Las Vegas. She would like to offer a Community Yoga fundraising event, to benefit Lokita Carter, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She would like to hold this event in Bolinas Park on Sunday, October 18th from 2-4:30 p.m. She will advertise the event via social media- Facebook, etc. Maria has e-mailed her a PARC event application, which Kelley will complete and return via e-mail. Maria will then seek approval from Public Works and the Policed Department. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve the subject event, and waive all fees.**

-Community Earth Art Mural project –Kelsi Anderson, an Ecological Regenerative artist, attended the meeting to request a temporary mural project at the Youth Center. Kelsi uses natural minerals and soils from the land to create paintings. She would like to have youth create a mandala art project on masonite boards that could be mounted and hung on the side of the Youth Center for 1-3 months. She presented a design using local flora and fauna from the area. Maria stated she would run this by the Public Works Department for approval. Since it is a temporary art installation, it would not have to go through the Public Art approval process. Kelsi would like to use the patio area of the Youth Center on Sunday, November 15th from 1-4 to have the youth design the mandala. Kelsi is working with Brinkley Hutchins, and has coordinated with Zach Laurie of Roots2Branches.

ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve the activity and display of the proposed community earth mandala art, pending Town authorization.

2. **Jerry Garcia Memorial garden-** Jim Fox, who had requested this item be on the agenda, was not present at the meeting. However, PARC Commissioners decided to discuss his request, which is to route water to the Jerry Garcia Memorial garden, at the bottom of the Pavilion parking lot. Given the watering restrictions imposed by the Marin Municipal Water District due to the drought, PARC felt it is not feasible to run a water feature to the garden. **ACTION ITEM: Sam suggested perhaps placing artificial flowers or some memorabilia that does not require water at the site.**

3. **Memorial bench in Peri Park for former Mayor Carol Sherman-** once again, the applicant was not present at the meeting. Maria mentioned all the benches in Bolinas Park have now been retrofitted. The bench in front of Town Hall is worn. PARC Commissioners voted to approve the dedication of a memorial bench in the front of Town Hall to honor former Mayor Carol Sherman, if her daughter, Ellie White, is willing to incur the costs of upgrading the bench. A plaque with an inscription could be affixed to the bench. **ACTION ITEM: PARC supports the upgrade of the bench in front of Town Hall to honor former Mayor Carol Sherman.**

4. **Halloween parade** – Richard Pedemonte announced the Chamber of Commerce is leading the Halloween parade on Saturday, October 31st. There will be a haunted grove in Bolinas Park, which will be decorated by Terry Ciafrei.

Old Business-

1. **Recreation Programming Update-** the wine & cheese pairing held on September 18th was well attended, with 20 participants. A total of \$510 was received, of which Sisi & Sam will receive 70% of the proceeds since they led the class.

2. **Peri Park clean-up Saturday, November 14th** -Maria stated Anne would like volunteers for the event. Lisa offered to help. Maria will order the sand and wood chips for the park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Fradelizio's. There will not be a November meeting.