

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, September 14, 2015  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Richard Pedemonte, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hansen, Sam Parry, Lisa Taylor, David Smadbeck. Staff in attendance: Anne Mannes, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in attendance: Sid Jamotte, Vakil Kuner, Joseph Jacques, Heather Bennett

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

1. **New Business**

- Request for sponsorship of Pavilion for Jim Hansen retirement party –**  
Sid Jamotte of the Ross Valley Fire Department attended the meeting on behalf of a sponsorship request to host Jim Hansen’s retirement party at the Pavilion on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Jim is a Battalion Chief who has served with the Ross Valley Fire Department for 31 years. **ACTION ITEM: Richard made a motion to approve the event; all remaining PARC Commissioners voted in favor of approving the event.** All fees will be waived for this event.
2. **Bicycling event**-request to use Doc Edgar Park as staging area for bicycle event on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – this item was pulled from the agenda at the request of the sponsor, Terry Curley. The group will now use the Meadow Club as their staging area.
3. **Public Art Proposal in Fairfax-** request to configure bench made from demolition materials of the Bay Bridge; request to install rotating public art display. This item was presented by Vakil Kuner, a new resident in Fairfax. The proposal is two-fold. The initial proposal is to build a bench using rivets from the Bay Bridge. PARC Commissioners stated the benches in Bolinas Park are made of redwood, to blend in with the natural environment of the park. Maria recommended in a staff report that perhaps this proposed bench could be installed in the Claus Circle neighborhood, where an “age friendly” bench with handrails on either side is desired. Vakil is amenable to building and installing a bench in that area. Anne suggested he speak with Age Friendly Committee representative Jody Timms & Council Member David Weinsoff, who are working on this project. The second aspect of Vakil’s proposal involves having a space whereby local artists could install an exhibit, which would rotate every three months or so. Sam weighed in that this request has been made in the past, the issue is with

where such an installation could be exhibited. Maria suggested perhaps the public library may have some space where such an exhibit could be set up. Vakil will contact Margaret Miles, Fairfax Branch Manager for the County of Marin Public Library. **ACTION ITEM: PARC supports the concept of the bench proposal by Vakil Kuner, pending approval by the Department of Public Works. PARC also supports the concept of an outdoor exhibit site with art installations which would rotate every quarter.**

4. **Piano Installation in Bolinas Park**- Joseph Jacques attended the meeting because he is interested in placing a piano in a public area whereby residents could play using a code to access the keys. Maria stated it would not be feasible to put a piano in Bolinas Park, due to weather issues, noise issues, and interference with park maintenance if such a structure was in place. Richard suggested Joseph speak with some of the local bar owners, including Nave's, Peri's, and 19 Broadway to see if they could house Joseph's piano, and allow the public to play. Joseph will follow up with the pub owners of the three bars in town.
5. **Irish Feis-Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Women's Club** – David Smadbeck submitted an application to host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Irish Festival in town. David's application has been approved by the Police Department and the Department of Public Works. The music is all acoustical, no amplified music. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. It is a free event to the public. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve the Irish Feis, and charge a \$75 non-refundable maintenance fee.**
6. **Memorial bench in Peri Park for former Mayor Carol Sherman**-this item was carried over to the October agenda, since the requester, Ellie White, was out of town.
7. **Manor School PTA request to sponsor picnics in Peri Park**- Heather Bennett attended the meeting to request use of Peri Park on the following consecutive Sundays: September 20<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup> & October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck picnic on each date for grades 1-5. There will be approximately 30 kids & accompanying adults at each event. These events have been approved by the Public Works Department and the Police Department. A one-time maintenance fee of \$75 will be charged. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to approve the requested picnic dates in Peri Park for the Manor School PTA.**

### **Old Business-**

1. **Recreation Programming Update-** Anne announced that Camp Fairfax was again very successful in the final week. The wine & cheese pairing class will be held on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. and hosted by Sisi and the Fairfax Theater Company. Maria will work registration at the event. Anne is working on the upcoming Senior Fair in the Women's Club on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The next Peri Park clean-up date is scheduled for Saturday,

November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Anne stated that more sand and wood chips would be needed for that event.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**