

Town of Fairfax

Minutes of  
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monday, August 8, 2016  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Women's Club  
46 Park Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Richard Pedemonte, Monty Stephens, Sisi Parry-Hanson, Lisa Taylor. Staff in attendance: Garrett Toy, Town Manager, Anne Mannes, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Programming, Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Events. Others in attendance: Peaceman, Emile Mulholland, Cindy Swift, K. Keilty, D. Perdue, S. Simon, Marie Dunn, MK Bowen, Diane Dalto, Merrell Maschino, Brian Popplewell, Paul Fitzgerald, Dawn Zellers, Sophie Pugazzotte, Raven Smith, Issac Morgan, Liam Van Voorhees, Bryan Harrell, Jacob Harrell, Michele Simonson, Sierra Salin, Davy Jay, Wendy Lee, Tim Ezekiel, Andy Newall, Dave Sims, Kay Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The July minutes were approved. Anne announced that as part of the Age Friendly City Program, Jody Timms is continuing the Safe Routes for Seniors Program.

**New Business**

1. **Public Art Exhibit at Parkade**-Peaceman attended the meeting to give an update on his exhibit at the Parkade. He offered four different options for future art displays: 1) He could take down the structure entirely; 2) He could take down the figures, but leave the structure, and advertise for future art displays with signage; 3) He could put up a sundial, a new art display in the existing spot; and 4) He could leave up the platform, and install a blank side structure, that would allow artists to build displays. He indicated that he was contacted by various artists who were interested, but they did not follow through. Maria indicated several people have contacted her through Town Hall asking that the display come down, since it had been up for three months, longer than originally intended. Anne indicated that she thought having the sundial would keep the idea of public art alive.  
**MOTION: Monty Stephens made a motion to remove the existing structure in 7 days, and approve the installation of a three sided kiosk for the purpose of promoting art in the area (Option 4). Approved art would then go up for a 3 month period, with the potential for an extension. Lisa seconded the motion, all remaining Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. The promotion will also be advertised on the Recreation website.**
2. **Memorial Bench Policy** –Maria distributed a memorial bench request form and map she developed. **MOTION: Richard made a motion to approve the memorial bench form; all Commissioners voted in favor.** Anne suggested a better version of the map be developed, and perhaps Camille could prepare it.

Maria will send Camille the PDF of the map to streamline. Maria will then put the form and the map on the Town's website.

- 3. Pump Track Proposal near Peri Park -** Monty made a presentation on what a bicycle pump track is, and the proposal that is being considered by PARC. He stated that the bike pump track is designed for young children, ages 5-10. The projected size is 120 by 70 feet, so it is small in nature. Lisa distributed the rendering among the audience that had gathered to hear the pump track item. Cindy Swift inquired as to the cost of the pump track. Monty replied it is in a range of \$15,000-\$18,000. Dave Simms stated he is in support of the bike pump track. Davy Jay stated there are many organized sports in Town, and he is in favor of the pump track. Kay Brown stated she is not in favor, because there is already a basketball court and tennis courts in that area. She is worried the bocce ball courts will be negatively impacted by the pump track. Marie Dern of 58 Park Rd. stated she is against it. Emil Mulholland stated there is a track at San Domenico School, and there have been zero injuries on the track.

Merrell Maschino stated she has two young boys, in first and third grade, and they have outgrown the Peri Park playground, so she supports the bike pump track concept. Merrell is also concerned that the area is currently a gathering spot for people doing drugs and drinking, and perhaps the pump track will eliminate that. She also added that the need for a downtown location of the pump track is a key factor, so families do not have to drive out of the area to get there, minimizing additional traffic. Richard inquired how often seniors play bocce ball in the area. Marie responded she and her friend play every Wednesday. Bryan Herrell of Fairfax Cyclery suggested perhaps moving the bocce ball court to the ball field. Maria responded there are no plans to move the bocce ball court. He has an 11 year old son who is an avid rider. He added that now kids have to ride in parking lots, which is not safe.

Diane Perdue learned about the project on nextdoor.com. She is not in favor of the bike pump. She fears it would add a frantic element to the park, which is already busy with young children. She would like to keep the serene background of the Peri Park grove area. Kris Kelty of Scenic has lived in Fairfax for 45 years. She is not in favor of the bike pump track. She feels there are not many activities directed at seniors in town, but many for young children. Diane Dalto is not in support of the bike pump track. She is worried it will bring additional traffic and noise to the area. She is concerned people will come from other towns to use the pump track, as they do when visiting Peri Park. Sierra Salin is not in favor of the pump track, but not because of concerns with safety or kids injuring themselves. He thinks it is not a good fit for the area. He also raised the issue of dirt run-off and sediment in the creek. He feels kids can ride their bikes to Deer Park. Michele Simonson is concerned about the noise and parking in the area, which is already limited at times. Bryan Herrell of Fairfax Cyclery stated he would donate \$5,000 towards the building of the bike pump track, which is the remaining amount needed. Maria added that the Town has committed \$6,000, and Julia Violich has indicated she will donate \$5,000. Issac Morgan is in full support of the bike pump track. Andy Newall of 51 Park Road, doesn't think this is the

right area for a bike pump track. He added the neighbors often have to call the police because of noise levels and problems in the park. Tim Ezekial of 51 Sequoia said he has lived here his whole life. He is in favor of the pump track. He thinks it would be a great place for kids to learn to ride and develop their bicycling skills. He volunteered to help with the build. He also brought up the point that if the pump track becomes problematic, it could be removed easily. Wendy Lee, Tim's wife, added they have raised their three children in this town, who are now in their twenties. She stated that if you go to other communities, such as Santa Cruz, or San Luis Obispo, there are pump tracks available. Paul Fitzgerald stated he is 100% in support of the pump track.

Cindy Swift inquired when the building was scheduled to start. Garrett replied it would be going before the Town Council before finalizing the plan to build. The question came up as to whether the project is exempt from CEQA. The Town will do additional research to answer these questions. Most likely it is exempt, since it is not a structure. Garrett added we may have to do soil compaction tests, and find out more about the erosion control polymer.

**ACTION ITEM: PARC agreed to mark the designated area so the public can see the exact size and location of the proposed pump track. Additional research will be done by the Town to determine the impact to the environment. The project will go before the Town Council. Maria will develop a one page fact sheet on the project, including commonly asked questions & answers. Maria added she will notify all those who signed in of upcoming meetings and developments with the project.**

4. **Artists-in-Residence contract-** Maria gave an update on the timeframe for the new AIR contract. She has developed an RFP, which she distributed to the group. The RFP will be released on August 15<sup>th</sup>, advertised for a month. Interviews will be conducted in early October. The top candidates will go before the Town Council in November, for final interview and selection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>.