City of Alexandria, Virginia PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting

Patrick Henry Recreation Center ~ 4653 Taney Ave Wednesday, November 16, 2023 7p.m.

P&RC Members

Present: Dana Colarulli, Chair (Acting) (District II); Katy Matthews, Secretary (District III); Jeffrey Miller (District I); Geoffrey Goode (District II); Phillip Voorhees (District III); Rania Shuster (student member); Tookie Organek (student member)

Absent: Steve Beggs, Chair (District II); Stuart Fox (District I); David Brennan (District III);

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, RPCA Director, Tiffany Marbury, Executive Assistant; Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Services; Laura Durham, Deputy Director, Recreation Services; Beth Znidersic, Division Chief, Park Services.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dana Colarulli, Acting Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

III. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Review Commissioner SAP & Development Assignments

Commission members expressed interest in a variety of community projects. A list of assignments will be reviewed and finalized during the January Commission meeting.

DISTRICT I: Stuart Fox was not in attendance. **Jeffrey Miller** stated that 1.5 miles of walking paths have been added to Potomac Greens Park over the past few weeks. Invasive plants and species have been cleared away, and there is a boardwalk that connects many of the spaces.

DISTRICT II: Dana Colarulli gave an update on the condition of Steve Beggs. He has moved from Houston to Atlanta for treatment and seems to be getting better. **Stephen Beggs** was not in attendance. **Geoffrey Goode** did not have an update.

DISTRICT III: Katy Matthews stated that Minnie Howard remains to be on schedule. **Phillip Voorhees** did not have an update. **David Brennan** was not in attendance.

STUDENT MEMBERS: Tookie Organek and Rania Shuster did not have an update.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - October 25

ACTION: FY24.11.16.23A

Motion: Katy Matthews moved, and Dana Colarulli seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Staff Reports - Commissioner Questions

Division updates (staff reports) are posted at:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/prc_combinedreport_11.16.23.pdf

b. Recreation Services Budget History

This discussion included the following presentations:

- Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Update -https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/Resource Allocation PRC 11 16 23 0.pdf
- Resource Allocation Philosophy https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/Resource%20Allocation%20Philosophy 0.pdf
- Fee Assistance Policy https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/FinancialAssistancePolicy PRC 11 16 23.pdf

c. Capital Projects Updates

Beth Znidersic introduced Mitch Dillon of Planning and Zoning. He gave an update on the Simpson Park Renovations. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-

11/Resource Allocation PRC 11 16 23.pdf

Beth Znidersic and Jack Browand gave an update on Capital Projects. The presentation can be found here: https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/CIPProjectsUpdate PRC11 16 2023.pdf

VI. NEXT MEETING

December – No Meeting

January 18, 2024 – Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility ~ 3210 King St.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: FY24.11.16.23B

Motion: Jeffery Miller moved, and Dana Colarulli seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:03pm. The motion passed by unanimous vote.