

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 16, 2022

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Courthouse Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Jay Rucker.

***SILENT ROLL CALL***

| <u>Members</u>               | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent<br/>Reported</u> | <u>Absent<br/>Not Reported</u> | <u>Staff</u>    | <u>Guests</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Vincent Applewhite</b>    |                |                            | <b>A</b>                       | Brion Southall  |               |
| <b>David Carpenter</b>       | <b>P</b>       |                            |                                | Judy Sokolowski |               |
| <b>Eric Futrell</b>          | <b>P</b>       |                            |                                |                 |               |
| <b>David Osborne</b>         |                |                            | <b>A</b>                       |                 |               |
| <b>Christopher (CW) Reed</b> | <b>P</b>       |                            |                                |                 |               |
| <b>Jay Rucker</b>            | <b>P</b>       |                            |                                |                 |               |
| <i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>   | <i>P</i>       |                            |                                |                 |               |
| <i>Alyssa Halstead, SB</i>   | <i>P</i>       |                            |                                |                 |               |

Voting members in **bold**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- The minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved, as amended, with the addition of the election of new Vice-chair, Eric Futrell.

***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

- None.

***NEW BUSINESS***

- None.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

- Trail Improvements (Jay Rucker)  
CW Reed said the gentleman who spoke at the previous meeting (Will King) left his job and became a consultant. Mr. King's trail group linked with a regional group; therefore, Mr. Reid requested this item be removed from the agenda.
- Fields for Pakhtun Cricket Club  
Eric Futrell asked if this group would be coming back to the Commission? Staff reported Mr. Garnet Lalputan had neither contacted staff nor provided information regarding his proposal for cricket fields/programs in Stafford. Eric Futrell said he had researched Cricket and found there is little interest in this sport in Virginia and the US as a whole. Since PRCF has a number of underfunded programs, which are already popular, he believes youth are better served playing in existing programs.

After discussion, Eric Futrell motioned, and C.W. Reed seconded, to remove Cricket from the

agenda and consider the matter resolved, unless it is re-introduced by the public or a Commission member. Motion carried unanimously.

### ***LIAISON REPORTS***

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez)
  - No comments.
  
- School Board Liaison (Alyssa Halstead)
  - The School Board has new property for schools and is asking how these properties could be used by PRCF before schools are built? Brion Southall said there is too much cost involved in temporary use of property: access, parking, grass, etc.; however, there is still a need for passive trails.
  - Is there a cross-reference program in place between SCPS and PRCF regarding concussions in children? Mr. Southall said it is parents' responsibility to notify schools regarding concussions.

### ***COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS***

- *Jay Rucker: Thanks to Brion Southall and congratulations on his promotion to PRCF Director; went to Duff Park and talked with staff—they're doing a great job; didn't know this park had a race car track; soft boards need to be replaced on the deck that overlooks the river*

### ***STAFF REPORTS***

- No questions

### ***DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)***

- Busy time: pools open, camps in full swing, expecting parks full of kids
- Still have lots of hiring to do; need 18 more people for accepting payment for parking at Historic Port of Falmouth, which begins 7/22/22
- Recent Brooks Park skate park meeting was well attended; received great input; website survey meeting in July; will soon have rendering of the skate park

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

- The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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**Minutes approved 7/21/22**