

Minutes
Parks & Recreation Committee
March 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Manassas Museum – Multi-Purpose Room

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Kisha Wilson-Sogunro at 7:00 p.m.

Determination of a Quorum:

A majority of the board is present.

Committee Members in Attendance: Mike Freeland, Robert Keller, Clara Meagher, Mark Rabatin, Malcolm Richards, Lawrence Smith, Crystal Wilson

Alternate Committee Members in Attendance: Paul Dresler, Lynn Forkell

Committee Members Absent: Ivan Soto, Christina VandenBosche

City Council Member Liaison: To Be Appointed

Museum Staff in Attendance: Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, Division Manager; Jean Griffith, Administrative Associate; Christen Fox, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor

Others in Attendance: Teresa Acquah, Hand and Stone Spa; Ken Johnson, Planning Commission Liaison; Pam Sebesky, City Council Member

Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2018:

Bob Keller moved to approve the minutes as written, and Crystal Wilson seconded the motion. The chairman opened the floor for discussion, and there was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Welcome and Introductions

Kisha Wilson-Sogunro welcomed everyone and reported that the recent Volunteer Orientation was well attended. A new volunteer began work and is interested in volunteering for parks. Ms. Wilson-Sogunro distributed the flyer for the senior computer skills program that will be offered in early April, and is still looking for volunteers to help with this event.

Council Member: Pam Sebesky introduced her interest in certifying Manassas as a “Heal Community” to promote healthy living in the City. Council Member Sebesky thought that the Parks and Recreation Committee would be a natural partner to help promote the importance of parks and healthy living events. Teresa Acquah from Hand and Stone Spa attended in support of the “Heal Community” initiative. The first meeting to explore “Heal Community” certification is scheduled for 10 a.m. on March 23 at the Museum.

Bob Keller made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Committee support the “Heal Community” initiative and Paul Dresler seconded the motion. The chairman opened the floor for discussion and there was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Resources Board Liason:

Robert Keller informed the Committee about the Virginia special license plate project that he has spearheaded with the support of the Historic Resources Board. He gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposal that he will present to a City Council work session.

Mike Freeland made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Committee endorse the Virginia special license plate proposal in principal to City Council, and Larry Smith seconded the motion. The chairman opened the floor for discussion, and there was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keller also shared information on the Jennie Dean Memorial project that was presented to the Historic Resources Board’s last meeting. The project includes a Jennie Dean statue and a landscape master plan. He also invited the Committee to attend the March 18 ribbon cutting for the Museum’s new permanent exhibit “Annie’s Porch.”

New Business – Parks Review:

Christen Fox presented a PowerPoint overview of all the parks in the City of Manassas. In addition, she will schedule a field trip to each of the parks. The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

Close of Business:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Clara Meagher motioned to adjourn the meeting and Paul Dresler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.



Kisha Wilson-Sogunro
Division Manager

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