

**Minutes  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
January 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
Manassas Museum – Multi-Purpose Room**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Lawrence Smith at 7:00 p.m.

**Determination of a Quorum:**

A majority of the board is present.

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members in Attendance:** Lynn Forkell, Mike Freeland, Robert Keller, Clara Meagher, Malcolm Richards, Lawrence Smith, Christen VanderBosche

**Alternate Parks and Recreation Committee Members in Attendance:** Paul Dresler, Lillian Orlich

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members Absent:** Mark Rabatin, Ivan Soto

**Alternate Parks and Recreation Committee Members Absent:** None

**City Council Member Liaisons:** Councilmember Michelle Davis-Younger – Present

**Museum Staff in Attendance:** Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, Division Manager; Jean Griffith, Administrative Associate

**Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2018 and December 12, 2018:**

Mike Freeland moved to approve the minutes for November 14 as written, and Lillian Orlich seconded the motion. The acting chair opened the floor for discussion, and there was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Keller moved to approve the minutes for December 12 with the amendment to show Paul Dresler as not present, and Malcom Richards seconded the motion. The acting chair opened the floor for discussion, and there was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Chairs' Comments and Announcements:**

Lawrence Smith introduced Councilmember Michelle Davis-Younger as the committee's new liaison. Mr. Smith also reminded everyone that the new date for the presentation of the Annual Report to City Council is January 14.

**Council Members:** Councilmember Davis-Younger was pleased to be the appointed liaison and hopes to make as many of the meetings as her schedule allows.

**Manager's Report:**

Kisha Wilson-Sogunro reported that the computer class for seniors has been moved to the Senior Center and will begin soon. Interest in the class has been strong, and another class will be offered after the summer to fulfill the needs of those that are interested.

**HEAL Subcommittee Report:**

Malcolm Richards reminded everyone to bring new initiatives to the subcommittee before implementation. Lynn Forkell reported that she reached out to the schools and will be on the agenda to speak at their meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Annaburg Manor Update**

Bob Keller reported that the Historic Resources Board had discussed Annaburg Manor at its January meeting. It will be both a historic site as well as part of the park system if it is acquired by the City.

**Jennie Dean Update**

Limited fundraising has started and has been received favorably. The project will be featured during an event on Martin Luther King Day as well as during the City Council Black History Month Proclamation on January 28. Bob Keller said the Jennie Dean Fundraising Committee is also seeking to make more presentations about the project to service clubs and other groups in the area, and asked members to suggest possible venues.

**New Business:**

**Tour of Annaburg Manor**

Larry Smith discussed requesting a joint Historic Resources Board and Parks & Recreation Committee joint tour of Annaburg if the purchase is completed.

**Combined Projects with Historic Resources Board**

Larry Smith requested that the committee think of possible projects to collaborate on with the Historic Resources Board and suggested that Annaburg Manor would be one to consider.

**Looking Forward to 2019-2020**


Larry Smith opened the floor for discussion about potential projects for the committee. Malcolm Richards suggested that members use their connections to get out information about the city's parks. Larry Smith suggested that the committee could work with the staff to achieve a gold medal award for city parks and will bring information about these opportunities to the next meeting. Mike Freeland suggested continuing educational efforts to publicize greenspaces, trails, and other resources to let the public know about the city's recreational assets. Paul Dresler suggested taking an inventory of the connectivity of the city's trails and promoting that.

**Close of Business:**

Lawrence Smith asked for any other business. No further business was brought forward. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Malcolm Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Christina VanderBosche seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

  
Lawrence Smith  
Chair

2/13/2019  
Date