

Town of Colonial Beach
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)



Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Town Center, 22 Washington Ave, Colonial Beach, VA

Members Present: Karen Grisevich
Mike Munnis
Eileen Heath
Inesha Thompson
Lisa Okes

Council Liaison: Kenny Allison

Staff: Robert Duke

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

2) Roll Call of Members/Announcements

Ms. Grisevich took attendance. Ms. Heath requested to be taken off programming on the agenda. Mr. Munnis had no announcements. Chair, Ms. Grisevich, announced the Parks & Rec partnered Farmer's market starts the first Thursday in April at Colonial Buzz from 8:30am-11:30am. It will run April through October. Ms. Thompson had no announcements. Ms. Okes had no announcements. Councilman Allison had no announcements.

3) Additions to the Agenda

10.a. "Programming (Ms. Heath)" was removed from the agenda.

4) Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Munnis made a motion to approve the agenda "as amended". Ms. Thompson seconded the motion to approve. *The agenda was approved as amended.*

5) Approval of Minutes

There was some confusion concerning the Minutes from February as the date for the meeting was incorrectly listed in the Minutes document. Mr. Munnis moved to approve the Minutes after correcting the date and Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. *The motion to approve the minutes was passed.*

6) Introductions/Citizen Input (3-minute time limit)

No citizen input.

7) Council Report

Council member Kenneth Allison announced the Master Plan report would be available toward the end of March. Ms. Heath asked Mr. Allison if he was referring to the survey. He acknowledged the Parks and Rec Master Plan group (BerryDunn) would be reporting back to the Town on the initial findings of the survey, focus groups, and interviews. Mr. Allison also reported that the new mulch for some of the playgrounds would be poured in late March as well.

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8) Director's Report

Ms. Grisevich asked if anyone had questions or comments concerning the Director's written report. Ms. Adams was unavailable for the meeting. There were no questions.

9) Committee Reports

a. Accessibility Advocates - Debbie Stachkunas

Ms. Stachkunas started by announcing the written report would be available the following day. Accessibility Advocates has had three meetings at the Community Center. Meetings are the third Friday of the month at noon. A Medicaid Waiver event was held on February 2, 2023. Two non-committee members attended the special meeting. The Medicaid Waiver meeting was recorded and posted on social media. It now has over 100 views. Accessibility Advocates would like to host another workshop featuring a speaker to help people understand how to take advantage of the benefits of being in the system for assistance. This is a collaborative program with MomsInMotion and Neighbor2Neighbor to hold a community workshop. The Fancy Coffee Walk happened on February 17. It was rained out and rescheduled for Friday, March 17. The ShamROCK event on March 18 from 3-5 is a rock painting event for all ages and abilities. Future events include additional walks. An art and leisure event in June would feature adaptable arts activities at the Community Center. This would be an inside/outside event with adaptive recreational activities. The Facebook group @letsexploreaccessibilityincolonialbeach now includes information about Accessibility Advocates and Parks & Rec activities. Beach mats are being discussed. An adult changing table for a main bathroom off the boardwalk has also been discussed. The price for a sturdy, non-movable table is around \$400.

b. Colonial Beach Youth Athletics Association

Sally was not available to give this report.

10) Agenda Items

a. ~~Programming (Ms. Heath)~~

b. By-laws

After a lengthy discussion (notes and audio are available upon request), Ms. Heath made a motion to approve the Bylaws as presented. Ms. Okes seconded the motion. The motion to present the Bylaws to the Town Council was passed.

11) Council Recommendations

Councilman Allison will present the Bylaws after they are reviewed by the Town Attorney. Any feedback will be provided to the PRAC. Ms. Grisevich requested a quick turnaround. Mr. Duke mentioned that the Town Attorney may not review the Bylaws before they are due to be placed on the Agenda for the March Town Council meeting. Ms. Heath asked if the Town Council could support the PRAC with increasing the pool of people available to serve on the Commission. Ms. Grisevich suggested that positions be advertised even if they are not empty. Ms. Okes suggested Ms. Adams could advertise positions through the Parks Department Facebook page.

12) Adjournment

Ms. Grisevich adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.