

Town of Colonial Beach
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM (late start)
CB Town Center, 22 Washington Avenue



Members Present: Karen Grisevich
Mike Munnis
Lisa Okes
Absent: Inesha Thompson
Council Liaison: Kenny Allison
Staff: Sally Adams

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Mr. Munnis had no announcements.

Ms. Grisevich announced the opening of CB Farmers' Markets and thanked Colonial Buzz for hosting the markets. Ms. Grisevich also recognized the service of Ms. Eileen Heath.

Ms. Okes had no announcements.

Mr. Allison had no announcements.

Sally Adams had no announcements.

3) Additions to the Agenda

Ms. Grisevich asked for additions to the agenda. None were suggested.

4) Approval of the Agenda

With no additions, the agenda was approved as written.

5) Approval of Minutes

Ms. Grisevich asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed with a unanimous vote of members present.

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

Ms. Grisevich requested Citizen Input in three-minute intervals according to the by-laws. There were no requests from attendees to make any comments.

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7) Council Report

Council member Kenny Allison reported there was an upcoming Town Council meeting. Ms. Grisevich asked Mr. Allison to report on the work being done on the beaches. Mr. Allison reported beefing up of the breakpoints with additional rocks and adding sand to help with erosion issues during storm season. The improvements are a phased approach that will work toward replenishing all the beaches over time. Ms. Grisevich asked if anyone was addressing the unsafe behavior by beach goers in the work areas. Mr. Allison said the Town Manager is aware of the issue.

8) Director's Report

- Calendar included Mahjong for Grown Up Game Night
- Planning a Family Flag Night for Game Night
- Eleanor Park Community Meeting coming up
- Over 400 Eleanor Park surveys were returned and will be reviewed at the BerryDunn meeting on May 15
- Ms. Heath is planning tennis/pickleball events this summer
- Beaches may be folded into Parks, Recreation, and Events (PRE)
- Director requested a policies meeting regarding park rentals, and alcohol use in parks
- A summer family camp out is in the works for July
- Ms. Adams was invited to speak as a special guest at The Alliance

Ms. Grisevich asked for a bullet-point list for activities for Parks and Rec. Mr. Munnis suggested quarterly reports. He also suggested more activities at Eleanor Park. Ms. Grisevich asked for trashcans and picnic tables be temporarily moved from Town Hill to Eleanor Park. Ms. Grisevich asked about ordering a new volleyball net.

9) Committee Reports

A. CB Explorers

Ms. Stachkunas, Chair of Colonial Beach Explorers (formerly Accessibility Advocates), spoke on the group's name change among other things:

- March Coffee Walk
- ShamROCK painting (weekend activity - March 18)
- Walk to Sunrise (April 15)
- Coffee Walks will now happen on 2nd Fridays
- Inclusion Intermission meeting (May 12)
- Literacy-based walks in collaboration with the library
- National Rock Day (July 13) will be outside rock painting
- July Oyster Treasure Hunt

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Ms. Grisevich asked whether PRE is helping with the cost of supplies and Ms. Stachkunas answered affirmatively.

B. CBYAA

Ms. Adams confirmed that a meeting was being planned for a new version of CBYAA. Mr. Allison elaborated on the value of CBYAA and his commitment to the program.

Ms. Adams mentioned members of the school administration and school board were supportive of reinvigorated CBYAA

Ms. Grisevich asked whether there was balance regarding activities involving PRE and that PRE could not fully run CBYAA but might act as a facilitator in small ways.

Mr. Allison suggested the meeting of volunteers would be exploratory

10) Agenda Items:

A. Meeting with Mayor - Mr. Munnis mentioned a meeting held with the mayor and the Chair and Vice chair of PRAC. The outcome included waiting on the Master Plan to determine what role PRAC should play.

B. Social Media Posting Schedule - Ms. Adams mentioned her role in social media posting schedule was discussed at a recent Communications meeting. Sally will handle all PRE postings and Town communications that are time sensitive that Maurisa cannot get to. In handling communications for PRE, Sally uses the PRE FB page, the CBPS Dojo, social media sharing, Town FB for major events, email, WWER, and physical flyers.

C. Students Serving on PRAC - Students from the community can be part of PRAC

11) Council Recommendations

Ms. Grisevich recommended a new PRAC member be sought through posting online.

Ms. Grisevich also recommended moving tables and trashcans to Eleanor Park temporarily.

Mr. Allison agreed to ask the Town Manager about taking on this task.

12) Adjournment

Ms. Grisevich thanked members of the community for attending the meeting. She then adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.