

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of February 27, 2019**

The February meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center.

Commissioners Present: Mr. David Dorsey, Dr. Tim Duffy, Mr. Cameron John, Mr. Brandon McVade, Mrs. Sharon Null, Dr. John Russ, Mrs. Sue Sargeant, Dr. Marcus Tepaske, Absent: Mr. James Bailey
Also in attendance: Director Jane Shelhorse, Mr. Doug Fawcett, Mrs. Janice Lasker

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of January 17, 2019 were approved.
- II. **Update on Small Area Plan Process** - Mike Craig and Susanna Finn from the City Planning Department presented a portion of the City’s plan for Area 7, which includes the core of downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. The City has been consulting with Streetsense and will have a public presentation on the findings and concepts on March 5, 2019 at 7:30pm at the Old Planters Bank Building.
- III. **Opportunity for Public Comment – none**
- IV. **Communications from Director:**
 - A. **Financial Report** – Director Shelhorse shared the financial reports through January 2019. Director Shelhorse was not able to explain why program revenue is down from FY2018.
 - B. **Leisure Report** – Director Shelhorse noted that the Father/Daughter dance had 220 people. The Department has hired Zachary Naegele as the new Nature Program Supervisor, and he will be starting in late March. We have held several nature programs in spite of Motts Reservoir being saturated.
 - C. **Special Events** – Director Shelhorse reviewed our new time line for submitting Special Event applications, and the Department has been working with Main Street to be able to better inform the business owners of events in the downtown area.

D. Sports and Parks – Registration has closed for both soccer and field hockey, and baseball registration is underway. Fred Trails is beginning work on the last two miles of trails at Motts Reservoir, which will complete the loop around the reservoir.

V. Noteworthy Dates – Director Shelhorse reviewed upcoming dates including the Fine Art show and camp registration. She invited all Commissioners to attend the artist/VIP reception on March 14.

VI. Old Business:

A. Rock the Red – The bids are higher than we anticipated, so we are working with the low bidder to see what we can do to reduce costs.

B. Riverfront Park - Progress is being made, but we do not have any dates yet for the start of construction.

C. Strategic Plan for Parks - Director Shelhorse noted that RFPs have been put out, and we have received four proposals. Two companies have been chosen to be interviewed in March.

D. City Branding Project – no update

E. Director's Fund – no update

VII. New Business:

A. Director Shelhorse shared the Guidelines for Events on Trails, which with the increasing popularity of the trails, are being implemented to help with safety concerns.

B. Memorial Park Restroom – Additional money has been appropriated in this year's CIP fund for the restrooms. The project will be started in the spring.

VIII. Directors/Commission Concerns and Topics – Commissioner Duffy attended the baseball stadium open house and was thrilled with the attendance and excitement of the attendees. The Silbers reported that all the boxes have been sold and that 1300 people have committed to season tickets.

Commissioner Dorsey is concerned about the quantity of cigarette butts in our parks, particularly Hurkamp Park, and feels it is time to enforce No Smoking in our parks. He stated there is a need for signs on our mountain bike trails to alert walkers that for safety reasons, they should

