

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of March 18, 2021**

The March meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held electronically on March 18, 2021 by GoToMeeting pursuant to City Council ordinance 20-05, an ordinance to address continuance of City government during the tendency of pandemic disaster.

Commissioners Present: Mr. DaCorey Carter, Ms. Quincy Crecelius Click, Mr. David Dorsey, Mr. Eric Keeler, Mr. Brandon McVade, Mrs. Sue Sargeant Absent: Dr. Tim Duffy, Dr. Matt Eberhardt, Mrs. Sharon Null Also in attendance: Director Jane Shelhorse, Mrs. Janice Lasker

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – The February 18, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

- II. **Opportunity for Public Comment** – none; Members of the public who wish to submit public comment may send their comments in writing by (1) dropping them in the Deposit Box at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, (2) U.S. Mail, (3) email to fprpf@fredericksburgva.gov. Comments must be received at least four hours in advance of the meeting – so, for example, by 2:30p.m. for a 6:30p.m. meeting.

- III. **Communications from the Director** –
 - A. **Department Update** – Director Shelhorse made note of the Spring Break camps that are currently happening, as well as, several upcoming events and programs included in our new catalog. Notable activities in the months ahead include our Dog Egg Hunt, several Nature Programs, one being a concert by canoe at Motts Reservoir, Summer Camps, and more. The annual Fine Art Show was a success with about 30 paintings sold and roughly 550 attendees. The parks have had a surge of graffiti, which the Department and Public Works have worked together to remove promptly. There will be a Community Work Day at Cossey Park this Saturday, March 20. According to Guy Mussey, Master Gardeners are not able to work with the Department on maintaining Cossey until their funding is restored. Tree Stewards will participate in the community work day. We are hoping to be able to keep the April 1 opening of Motts Reservoir. A local fencing company, Cochrane Fence, will donate fencing for the Snowden Community Garden. Three new memorial benches are being installed in City parks.

IV. Old Business:

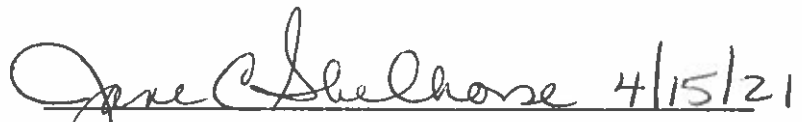
- A. Riverfront Park** – Director Shelhorse will send drone photos of the park to the commissioners. Construction should wrap up in May, and some sections of the park may open before grass has been established.
- B. Strategic Plan for Parks** – Director Shelhorse has sent the corrections to Lose Consulting for final draft of the plan.
- C. Cossey Park Sub-Committee** – Commissioner Dorsey reiterated that the Department needs to think about long term plans for the park. He noted that the volunteer system is critical to helping our parks, and he would like the Department to take the lead on establishing the volunteer system.
- D. Doris E. Buffett Pool** – Director Shelhorse shared that the Sunshine Lady Foundation had agreed to the proposal for raising pool admission rates for 2021, with the stipulation that it be a one-time increase. The Department will need to seek approval for rate changes beyond the 2021 year.

V. New Business: none

VI. Directors/Commission Concerns and Topics –

After having been with the City for 35 years, Director Shelhorse announced her retirement effective June 30, 2021. She plans to remain in the City and will continue to volunteer. All commissioners present expressed their congratulations and their sorrow at seeing her leave the position. Commissioner McVade shared that 40 people have registered for the inaugural season of roller hockey at this time. Commissioner Dorsey referred to an earlier letter from Beverly Cutler regarding the creation of a children’s memorial. He asked Commissioner Sargeant if she would take the lead on pursuing a memorial walkway. She agreed to oversee the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.


Jane C. Shelhorse 4/15/21
Director Date

The next meeting will be held virtually at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 15th, 2021.