

**FREDERICKSBURG  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of August 13, 2019**

The August meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center.

Commissioners Present: Mr. Brandon McVade, Mr. David Dorsey, Mrs. Sharon Null, Mrs. Sue Sargeant, Mr. Cameron John, Mr. Eric Keeler Absent: Dr. Tim Duffy, Dr. John Russ, Mr. DaCorey Carter Also in attendance: Director Jane Shelhorse, Mrs. Janice Lasker

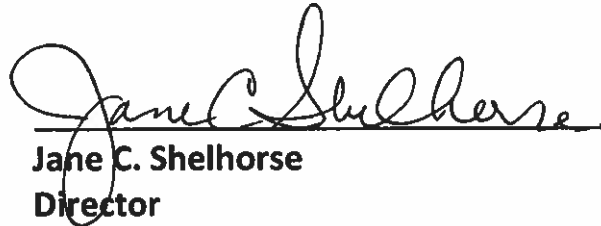
- I. **Introduction of New Members** – Due to the passing of James Bailey, there is an open position which will be filled by DaCorey Carter. Eric Keeler will replace Marcus Tepaske, whose term has expired. Eric Keeler has been involved with Parks and Rec as a coach and as a parent whose children played sports and attended camps. His goal while in the position is to build a closer relationship between the City schools and the Department.
- II. **Election of Officers** – David Dorsey was elected to chair the Commission and Cameron John was voted in as Vice Chairman.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of June 20, 2019 were approved.
- IV. **Opportunity for Public Comment** – none
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Rock the Red Project** – The dasher boards are up, and the rink surface will be completed by September. We are waiting on the Capitals to give us a date to hold the Ribbon Cutting. The Department is offering learn to play clinics in September to both children and adults to give them exposure to deck hockey and to generate excitement. Brandon McVade’s non-profit is raising money to secure lights for the rink. He has reached out to a non-profit in Silver Spring, Level the Playing Field, who will support the program by donating as much equipment as we can transport.

- B. Riverfront Park** – The project has gone out to bid, and the City is hoping construction will start early in 2020.
- C. Strategic Plan for Parks** – The Department is very happy with Lose Design and the work they have done to date. The next step in the process is for Lose to survey residents. The survey will be available in both English and Spanish.
- D. City Branding Project** – The City is not pleased with the logos presented by the consulting firm, so it may be next year before a final decision is made on the new brand.
- E. Director's Fund** – The fund has been announced and is on the back of the Fall 2019 catalog of activities. Any contributions to the fund before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be put toward replacing the playground at Alum Spring Park.
- F. Memorial Park Restroom** – The design had to be revised for ADA accessibility, and the company has given us a September start date.

**VI. New Business** – Due to the timing of this meeting, we are waiting until the September meeting to discuss new business.

**VII. Director/Commission Concerns and Topics** – Director Shelhorse noted that due to school having started, the pool hours have been revised for the remainder of the summer. Commissioner Keeler asked if it was appropriate to put the school/Department partnership on the agenda as a regular item. Director Shelhorse stated that she had discussed the relationship with City Manager, Tim Barody, and he would like us to wait before pursuing the partnership since there is a cooperative agreement between the two groups that has been in place since 1985. Commissioner Dorsey would like the Commission to take advantage of sub-committees to help the Department on special projects. He believes there are opportunities for other pathways to acquire land along the river through easements. Commissioner McVade complimented the Department on the brochure and thanked the commissioners for dealing with him as chairman. Commissioner Null shared positive comments on Survivor Camp, which her grandson attended. She did suggest that we give more notice when camp is cancelled to help parents make other arrangements ahead of time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

 9/19/18  
Jane C. Shelhorse Date  
Director

**Next Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Dorothy  
Hart Community Center**