

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 21, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Courthouse Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM by Jay Rucker.

SILENT ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent Reported</u>	<u>Absent Not Reported</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Vincent Applewhite			A	Brion Southall	Rachel Johnston
Matthew Cavalier	P			Judy Sokolowski	Franco Abud
Stephanie DeMarco		A			London Vaughan
Eric Futrell	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker	P				
James Tully			A		
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>		A			
<i>Dr. Elizabeth Warner, SB</i>		A			
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the February 18, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Smoke-Free Parks (VA Dept. of Health Youth)
Courtland High School students, Franco Abud and London Vaughan, presented the “Share the Air” campaign, which promotes no smoking (tobacco and e-cigarettes) in parks.
- Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts (Brion Southall)
The Autumn Ridge HOA wants to donate their tennis courts and half basketball court to the County. After discussion, C. W. Reed motioned, and Matthew Cavalier seconded, for the County to pursue the acquisition of the Autumn Ridge HOA’s tennis courts and half basketball court for the county. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez) - None
- School Board Liaison (Dr. Elizabeth Warner) - None

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- C.W. Reed
 - Thanked high school students for giving a great presentation, “Share the Air”
 - Staff is doing a great job
 - Enjoyed gymnastics pictures in staff report; Make-A-Wish reporting was good
 - Good maintenance work by staff
- Matthew Cavalier
 - Thanked students for presentation; looks forward to possibly bringing the “Share the Air” program to Colonial Forge High School
- Eric Futrell
 - Appreciated students coming from Spotsylvania to give “Share the Air” presentation; program means more coming from young people than adults
 - Son, Nicholas Futrell, who played in the Stafford Parks and Recreation volleyball league last year, is now playing volleyball at Randolph Macon College
- Jay Rucker
 - Apologized for the late hour in starting the meeting due to the sports awards
 - Will work to get Board of Supervisors’ approval for smoke-free parks

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)

- Reminded members to RSVP meetings timely; cannot have a meeting without a quorum
- Spring is here; all programs are beyond capacities and have increased from last year
- Our recent job fair attracted 60 people, who applied and were interviewed onsite; we may exceed the number of people we need for summer staff
- The Florence Helms and Red Fines Sportsmanship Award Ceremony was a great event! Our Gymnastics program also hosts awards
- Picture on the last page of the staff reports shows graduates who volunteer to work in our parks and facilities

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Minutes approved 4/18/24.