



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
February 20, 2025**

**George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center
1300 Courthouse Road
Conference Room 275 (2nd Floor)**

Call to Order	7:00 pm
Silent Roll Call	7:00 pm
Approval of Minutes January 16, 2025	7:01 pm
Public Comments (3 minutes each)	7:05 pm
Unfinished Business Route 17 Property (<i>C.W. Reed</i>)	7:15 pm
New Business New Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director (<i>Chris Edwards</i>)	7:30 pm
Liaison Reports - Planning Commission Liaison - School Board Liaison	7:40 pm
Commission Member Comments	7:45 pm
Director's Report	7:50 pm
Adjournment	8:00 pm

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 16, 2025

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, January 16, 2025, at The George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Brion Southall.

SILENT ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
		<u>Reported</u>	<u>Not Reported</u>		
Vincent Applewhite	P			Brion Southall	Abigail Reed
Matthew Cavalier	P			Robert Wild	
Stephanie DeMarco	P			Chris Edwards	
Eric Futrell	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker	P				
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>			A		
<i>Dr. Susan Randall, SB</i>	P				
Voting members in bold					

ORGANIZATION

- Chairman Election
Jay Rucker was unanimously elected as Chair
- Vice Chairman Election
Eric Futrell was unanimously elected as Vice Chair
- Review/Revise Bylaws
There were no changes to the Bylaws

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Abigail Reed commented about the upcoming Gymnastics meet schedule. They have seven coming up in the coming weeks. Good luck to all the participants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts {Brion Southall}
The Homeowners' Association has obtained all signatures required for donating the tennis courts and associated property to the County. The letter has been submitted to the County Administrator and it will be on the agenda for the February Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- Route 17 Property {C.W. Reed}
The motion to move forward has been submitted to the Board, and copied to the CIP. The Commission would like to see this move forward as soon as possible. Brion injected that the citizens ultimately decide how quickly a project on the CIP gets funded. A new Gymnastics Center has been on the CIP for a while,

thus it will be updated with this proposed partnership. Stephanie asked if there is anything that can be done while waiting on funding. Brion said that Budget and Finance can run projections regarding revenue, property values, etc to show the financial benefits of the project. Once it gets to the Board, public comments will be the most important thing to get the project funded.

NEW BUSINESS

- Search for Brion's Replacement {Brion Southall}

The County hired Baker Tilly for recruitment and 9 candidates were selected. Out of those 9, 5 were interviewed. Brion was a part of those interviews. After this first round of interviews, there will be two additional rounds, with mid-March the projection of when a selection will be made. The final round of interviews will be with the County Administrator. All of the candidates are from outside the county, but inside Virginia. Brion's last date is January 28th. Chris Edwards will be Acting Director until a replacement is chosen.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez): *NIA*
- School Board Liaison (Dr. Susan Randall): *Dr. Daniel W. Smith is the new Superintendent. He is making Community Connections a priority. He held his first one on January 20th. He will be presenting his budget on January 28th, and work on that budget starts on February 4th. There is a breakfast on January 24th to discuss the CIP. Currently the building of 3 new schools is on time and under budget. Susan visited schools in Maryland during the design phase of these schools. One goal is to keep the option of having these be multi school plots available. Susan asked for Brion's input of what he would like to see incorporated in these designs. Brion said he would touch base with his team and email over their ideas. He suggested restrooms with outdoor access. Also to make sure the gyms are proper size. Also, if the gym can be locked down or separated from access to the rest of the school.*

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Matt Cavalier
 - Excited for another year on the Commission.
 - Thank you, Brion, for your years of service and enjoy retirement.
- Vince Applewhite
 - Echoes the well wished for Brion.
 - Great job with the snow removal from the storms that hit the area.
- Stephanie DeMarco
 - Thank you for everything, Brion
- C. W. Reed
 - Good luck to the Royals on January 25th at 7:30am at College Park, MD.
 - Congratulated Brion on his upcoming retirement
 - Great to see so many activities for the Parks and Rec programs, especially Gymnastics
- Eric Futrell
 - Thank you, Brion, for your decades of services to Stafford County. Let us know how retirement is.
- Jay Rucker
 - Also congratulated Brion on his retirement, you will be missed. Don't forget we have some great 55+ programs.
 - Welcome back, Susan, to the Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)

- Mountain View Dog Park
 - Still moving forward, but has been slowed due to the weather.
- Brook's Park Skate Park
 - About 90% of the way there, but ran out of coloring for the concrete. They are 8 yards short.
- Pratt Park

- o Wanted to have a ribbon cutting for the new Agility Park, but has been pushed back due to the weather.
- Make-A-Wish Gymnastics Tournament
 - o Hosted by the parents' group, in Fredericksburg.
 - o Besides money for Make-A-Wish, it also helps provide funding for travel expenses for the coaches to gymnastics tournaments.
 - o Hopefully with a possible new gymnastics center this can be hosted in Stafford some day soon.
- Tourism
 - o Tourism hired a consultant to look at sports tourism for Stafford County. They will look at what tournaments would be good fits for the county to host, along with what changes could be made to our facilities to help increase tourism. There will be a meeting January 23rd to review their findings.
- Chichester Park
 - o Will host the 2026 10 year olds World Series, with Stafford Baseball League.
 - o Also in 2027 will host the Babe Ruth World Series for 9 year olds
- Chris Edwards
 - o He will be taking over Mike Morse's role with the County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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January 2025 Staff Report
For February 20, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics-January 2025

55+ Bingo

55+ Bunco

55+ Card Sharks

55+ Health Series

Aging in Place

55+ Monthly Book Club

Book Club -January 2025 ROW Jan 7-Jan 29, 1pm-2pm

55+ No Fall Aikido

January 2025 Jan 8-Jan 29, 6pm-7pm We Age: 55+

55+ Senior Lounge

55+ Tuesday Movies

55+ Weekly Lunch

Acrylic Painting

Acrylic Dot Art Painting on Rocks, Pendant & ROW Jan 21-Jan 28

Art Extravaganza

Clay Creations

Sculpture: Air Dry Clay Animal Magnets (16+) ROW Jan 4-Jan 11

Crochet

Crocheted Artisan Yarn

Crochet

Fit 4 Life 55+

Fitness Fusion

Fitness Fusion Gym

Functional Fitness

Monday -January 2025 ROW Jan 6-Jan 27, 9:15am-10:15am

Memoir Writing: Moments to Remember

16+ Memoir Writing Winter 2024/2025 ROW Jan 8-Jan 29, 6pm-8pm

New River Dance: Beginner Ballet/Tap

January 2025 (2X-T/TH) Gym Jan 2-Jan 30, 5:15pm-6:30pm Tu/Th

New River Dance: Beginning Ballet

January 2025 Gym Jan 8-Jan 29, 5:30pm-6:30pm We Age: 6-8

New River Dance: Jazz/Tap

January 2025 Gym Jan 7-Jan 28, 6:30pm-7:30pm Tu Age: 9-17

New River Dance: Pointe

January- Pointe Gym Jan 2-Jan 30, 7:30pm-8:15pm Th Age: 10-18

New River Dance: Intermediate/Advanced Ballet

January 2025 (2X per week) Gym Jan 2-Jan 30, Tu 7:30-8:30/Th

New River Dance: Intermediate/Advanced Ballet

January 2025 Wednesday Gym Jan 8-Jan 29, 6:30pm-7:30pm

New River Dance: Pre Ballet/Tap

January 2025 Gym Jan 2-Jan 30, 4:30pm-5:15pm Th

New River Dance: Teen/Adult Ballet

January 2025 Gym Jan 8-Jan 29, 7:30pm-8:15pm We

Open Art Studio

January 13, 2025 (16+) ROW Jan 13, 6pm-8pm Mo

Pilates - Beginner

Jan 2025 Gym Jan 7-Jan 28, 9am-10am Tu Age: 18+

Sensory Play Day

Sports Club

Yoga - Basics

Yoga - Gentle

Yoga/Pilates

Zumba-Evening at Gymnastics Center

Zumba/Adapted Zumba

At the Gymnastics Center in January 2025

- 8 Birthday Parties were held
- 15 Tot Open Gym Sessions were held
- Session #5 of gymnastics school age classes 12/8-1/19
- Session #5 of gymnastics preschool classes 12/8-1/19
- Session #5 of Ninja Classes 12/8-1/19
- Session #6 of gymnastics school age classes 1/20-2/16
- Session #6 of gymnastics preschool classes 1/20-2/16
- Session #6 of Ninja Classes 1/20-2/16
- Adult Gymnastics Drop-In was held January 4
- Ninja Free Play was held January 2 & 4
- Gymnastics Free Play was held January 2
- New Parent/Child Ninja Challenge was held January 2
- Four Stafford County High School Gymnastics Teams practiced at the Gymnastics Center (November-February)
- Competitive Team Women and Men's monthly practice
- Women's competitive team competed in Landover, MD and Fredericksburg, VA
- Men's competitive team competed in Doswell, VA and Fredericksburg, VA
- The Stafford Royals Parents Association in conjunction with Stafford Gymnastics and Recreation Center hosted their annual Stafford Royals Invitational to benefit Make-A-Wish of Greater Virginia at the Fredericksburg Convention Center. This year's competition features over 1000 athletes from Virginia and Maryland.



A panoramic view of this year's Make-A-Wish meet set up featuring three full competition gyms.



The Royals Gold Team show their love for this year's Make-A-Wish Meet.

At the Gymnastics Center in February 2025

- 12 Birthday Parties are scheduled
- 12 Tot Open Gym Sessions are scheduled
- Session #6 of gymnastics school age classes 1/20-2/16
- Session #6 of gymnastics preschool classes 1/20-2/16
- Session #6 of Ninja Classes 1/20-2/16
- Session #7 of gymnastics school age classes 2/17-3/15
- Session #7 of gymnastics preschool classes 2/17-3/15
- Session #7 of Ninja Classes 2/17-3/15
- Adult Gymnastics Drop-In scheduled for 2/1

- Ninja Free Play scheduled for 2/14
- Gymnastics Free Play scheduled for 2/14
- Parent/Child Ninja Challenge scheduled for 2/1
- I heart Gymnastics Preschool party scheduled for 2/13
- Three Community Recreation Fitness classes are scheduled weekly at the Gymnastics Center (Zumba, Pilates, Fitness Fusion)
- New River Dance Studio classes are scheduled weekly
- Four Stafford County High School Gymnastics Teams practiced at the Gymnastics Center (November-February)
- Competitive Team Women and Men's monthly practice
- Women's competitive team will compete in Nashville, TN and Manassas, VA

Men's competitive team will compete in Mechanicsville, VA and Ashland, VA

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Snow removal
 - Make-A-Wish meet setup
 - Equipment maintenance
 - Office renovation at Pratt
 - Jackson St organization and cleanup
 - Brooks skate park-final stage
 - Painting shop at Brooks
 - Repair potholes along maintenance trail at Pratt
- Chichester Park District
 - Maintain park buildings and pavilion
 - Daily playground inspection
 - Removed loose litter from park areas
 - Deep cleaned all restrooms
 - Snow removal
 - Snow removal equipment maintenance
 - Maintenance ship improvements
 - Setup and takedown of Make-A-Wish event
 - Transported supplies for Make-A-Wish event
- Curtis Park District
 - Litter control at Lake Mooney, Gateways, Lake Curtis and Lake Abel
 - Open, close and clean bathrooms at Lake Mooney and Curtis Park
 - Regularly maintained park building and restrooms
 - Performed equipment maintenance and repairs
 - Tree removal along trails
 - Continued adding insulation to Willowmere shop
 - Completed graveling parking lot at Lake Mooney for more parking and moved boulders to limit access to areas
 - Completed touch up painting to the shelter rest rooms
 - Assisted with the Make a Wish Gymnastics event
 - Snow event prep 1/5-6, 1/10 and 1/19
 - Started to extend Hole 7 long basket
 - Repaired bridge on Hole 6

- Repaired entrance fence
- Started placing new post for bags and signage on disc golf course
- Added back racks to vehicles
- Duff Park District
 - Snow removal
 - Replaced broken fence posts
 - Painted storage containers
 - Helped with Make-A-Wish event
 - Sanded and prepped Barn
 - Worked on straightening trails for safety personnel
 - Trimmed trees
 - Painted Shed
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Touch up paint in restrooms
 - Snow removal at animal shelter, library and park
 - Assembled new field hockey goals
 - Removed old broken goals and took to landfill
 - Replaced parking lot lights
 - Organized shop yard and tool shed
 - Checked nets on goals and repaired/replaced as needed
 - Power washed trailer boards
 - Painted trailers
 - Kaivac bathrooms
 - Washed work trucks, cleaned out sander and lubricated
 - Pruned bushes and trees at Woodlands Pool and Autumn Ridge
- Smith Lake Park District
 - Groom and maintain synthetic fields
 - Repaired Government Island bridge
 - Snow removal and deiced sidewalks
 - Took tractor to Dickerson's for repairs
 - Helped with Make-A-Wish event
 - Cut fallen trees up at Patawomeck Park trails
 - Fixed split rail fence after trees fell and broke it
- Willowmere Park District
 - Snow removal
 - Finished green insulation boards in ship