

**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**April 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Manassas Museum – Multi-Purpose Room**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Kisha Wilson-Sogunro at 7:00 p.m.

**Determination of a Quorum:**

A majority of the board is present.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Mike Freeland, Robert Keller, Clara Meagher, Mark Rabatin, Malcolm Richards, Lawrence Smith, Ivan Soto, Christina VandenBosche, Crystal Wilson

**Alternate Committee Members in Attendance:** Paul Dresler, Lynn Forkell

**Committee Members Absent:** None absent

**City Council Member Liaison:** To Be Appointed

**Museum Staff in Attendance:** Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, Division Manager; Jean Griffith, Administrative Associate

**Others in Attendance:** Mark Olsen, Chair Beautification Committee; Monica Boehringer, Refuse and Recycling Coordinator, City of Manassas and Keep Manassas Beautiful Committee; Rev. Ramon Dominguez, Don Bosco Center Program Director

**Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2018:**

Malcolm Richards moved to approve the minutes as written, and Mike Freeland seconded the motion. The chairman opened the floor for discussion, and there was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kisha Wilson-Sogunro welcomed everyone and reminded the committee of the two museum exhibit openings on Friday evening. She also handed out an invitation for the Kinsley Park Planning event.

**Council Member: None Present**

**Historic Resources Board Liason:**

Robert Keller reported that City Council members are selecting two designs for the license plate project. Once the two selections are made, the Historic Resources Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee will work together to continue the project. Mr. Keller also remarked on the large attendance for the Annie's Porch exhibit opening and asked the members to try and attend the upcoming exhibit openings.

**Old Business – Heal Community Resolution:**

Kisha Wilson-Sogunro presented on behalf of Councilwoman Pam Sebesky on the City’s possible designation as a Heal Community. Mrs. Sebesky spearheaded a meeting with the Heal Community Committee to compile application materials, and a resolution has been drafted for City Council. Copies of the draft resolution were handed out for review by the Committee. The floor was open for discussion. There were some suggestions and questions from the members to include in the resolution. The resolution and background information will be sent to all members, and action on the resolution will be tabled until the May meeting.

**New Business:**

**Greenspace – Mark Olsen:**

Mark Olsen gave a PowerPoint presentation of some City-owned property that could be used for park space. He presented three possible areas, and asked that the Parks and Recreation Committee work with the Beautification Committee to designate a Greenleaf Drive parcel as a small park area. The floor was opened for discussion and questions. The Committee will set up a date and time to meet Mr. Olsen and view the property and discuss the proposal at the next meeting in May. Mr. Olsen reminded the Committee that the City’s Arbor Day celebration will be at Kinsley Mill Park on April 20 at 10 a.m., and will include tree planting.

**Keep Manassas Beautiful – Monica Boehringer:**

Monica Boehringer, the City’s Recycling Coordinator, handed out information on the Keep Manassas Beautiful Committee and its purpose. She gave an overview of the committee’s work and opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Ms. Boehringer asked the Parks and Recreation Committee for two liaisons to the Keep Manassas Beautiful Committee. Malcolm Richards and Lynn Forkel volunteered to be the liaisons.

**Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center Report – Larry Smith:**

Larry Smith, an advisory board member for the Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center, reported on news of interest to the committee, and answered questions. Mr. Smith will continue to report back after the board’s quarterly meetings.

**Close of Business:**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Malcom Richards motioned to adjourn the meeting and Crystal Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

  
Kisha Wilson-Sogunro  
Division Manager

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Date