

Town of Fairfax
Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Elon Rosenfeld, Chair; Vicki Burns, Treasurer; Richard Pedemonte, Karen Arnold, Ivy Meissner, Youth Commissioner, Shoshana Parry, Sam Parry, Artists in Residence, David Smadbeck, Community-at-large representative

Minutes of
Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2008
7:00 –9:00 p.m.
Sorella Cafe
107 Bolinas Road

PARC Commissioners in attendance: Elon Rosenfeld, Vicki Burns, Karen Arnold, David Smadbeck;. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Yvonne Roberts
Others in attendance: Wendi Kallins, Safe Routes to School, Patrick Troupe, Susan Shannon, San Geronimo Valley Community Center

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

1. New Business

- **Staff Report**-Maria announced the Volunteers annual holiday caroling/potluck/wreathmaking event is being held December 14th at the Women's Club from 3-7 p.m.
- **Cyclovia Project**)-Wendy Kallins of Safe Routes to School announced Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) would like to sponsor a "car free" day in 2009, when a local street will be closed off to automobile traffic. This concept is modeled after similar programs in Columbia, South America; Portland, San Francisco, New York, and other U.S. cities. Tom Boss of MCBC will be the organizer of this event. They will work with the Police Department and Public Works to coordinate street closures. A preference has been indicated for closing Center Blvd. from Fairfax to San Anselmo on a Sunday morning from 8 a.m.-12 noon to vehicles (possibly during Bike to Work Week). This would allow residents to enjoy riding their bikes, skating, skateboarding, etc. Other residential streets may be considered as well. **ACTION ITEM: PARC voted to support the concept.**
- **Good Festival**-Susan Shannon indicated she may be partnering with Patrick Troupe to conduct the Good Festival next year. They are still in the coordination stages. Elon addressed several issues that have occurred with previous Good Festivals that have become red flags for the Town, including incidents with the Police Dept. and parking, and

other concerns. Patrick replied that he was on a learning curve with the Festival, and will ensure not to make the same mistakes in 2009.

- **New Year's event**-Maria brought sample artwork for a banner across Sir Francis Drake that will advertise the New Year's Ball as well as the ice skating event at the Pavilion. PARC commissioners commented on the design. Maria will incorporate revisions and submit banner to the sign company. Banner will be hung from December 22nd through January 5th.
- **Ice skating event (Jan. 3 & 4, '09)**-Maria will distribute flyers to the downtown shops. Vicki will approach Peet's Coffee and Safeway for donations of coffee & cookies. Hot chocolate will be sold, as well as other snacks. Maria will purchase tickets from Craig's Warehouse to distribute to the skaters for the various time slots. She will contact BH Skate Park about brining more skates this year. A sign up sheet was circulated for coverage of the event.

II. Ongoing Business

- a) **Peri Park update**-David announced the faucet has been purchased for the park. It will most likely be installed next year.
- b) **Artist in Residence projects**-Sam and Shoshana have been distributing posters of the New Year's Eve Ball throughout Town. The theme is Enchanted Ball-and will run from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Pavilion.
- c) **Outcome of San Anselmo MOU/Joint Meeting November 18**-David reported that he, Karen, Maria and Michael Rock had attended the joint meeting in San Anselmo. The MOU will be continued with the agreed upon revisions for an additional 8 months (from January through August 2009) on a trial basis. During this time, Fairfax is free to conduct its own recreational classes independent of the MOU if deemed necessary.
- d) **Next meeting**-scheduled for January 14th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.