

**MINUTES**  
Town of San Anselmo  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
**Tuesday, November 18, 2008**

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners present: Donery, Childs, Young, Sullivan, Logwood, McInerney, Coleman, Kelly  
Fairfax commissioners present: Smadbeck, Arnold  
Staff present: Long, Baird (Fairfax)

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes dated October 21, 2008.

M/s, Donery/Kelly Ayes all, minutes approved

**Open Time for Public Expression:** None

**Joint discussion with the Town of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Commission:** Commissioners from both Towns discussed the MOU to jointly offer recreation programs. Fairfax expressed concerns that there were not enough programs being offered and encouraged staff to continue to promote new programs. Staff stated that although it has been difficult to secure facilities for new programs, there has been improved communications which has created the opportunity for additional classes and activities.

Michael Rock, Fairfax Town Manager, stated that he considered the MOU to be a great way to continue to partner in offering recreation programs and he encouraged the San Anselmo Parks & Recreation Commission to recommend to Town Council to approve the agreement.

There was a brief discussion about alternative funding sources for recreation programs. Long reported that if a special district was created for the purpose of supporting recreation programs, it could generate approximately \$500,000. However, Long emphasized that during the difficult economic times that the State and Town are currently facing, it is unlikely that voters will pass a parcel tax at this time.

Sullivan asked if fees have been adjusted to generate more revenue. Long responded that fees have been raised and, in addition, staff has taken a critical look at all revenue and expenditures to determine how to increase revenue.

Michael Rock commented on the feasibility of the Town and Country Club property being used as a community center. Rock indicated that the potential was relatively remote in that of the 28 acres only 10 would be available for developing a community center; moreover, there are a host of restrictions that limit development.

Coleman asked about the status of the former Albertson's market. Rock reported that there is an offer to purchase the property and open up a store.

**Recommend to Town Council to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to offer jointly sponsored programs with the Town of Fairfax.**

M/s, Childs/Coleman Ayes all

**Appoint three commissioners to serve on ad hoc dog park rules committee:** A brief discussion ensued about the role of the ad hoc committee and how they would work in cooperation with the Red Hill Dog Park Alliance.

Teri Rockas, representing the Red Hill Dog Park Alliance, emphasized the importance of developing rules that would address the various concerns of dog owners using the dog park. She expressed the desire to have the dog park a destination park where dog owners would feel comfortable bringing their dogs.

Motion was made to appoint Commissioners Childs, Logwood, and Kelly to serve on ad hoc committee with Childs serving as chairperson.

M/s Donery/Coleman Ayes all

**Revenue & Expenditure Report:** Long reported that revenue and expenditures were on track with projections.

**Staff Update:** Long provided a brief overview on the following items:

1. The Goblin Parade was an overwhelming success drawing in excess of 450 people. Long thanked Kay Coleman for her outstanding contribution towards making this a successful event.
2. Breakfast with Santa has been scheduled for December 21, 2008 in the American Legion Log Cabin.
3. The winter Recreation Guide has been mailed to all San Anselmo and Fairfax residents. The winter session of classes will begin in early January.

**Future agenda items:**

Recreation Fund Report

Memorial Park Tennis Courts

Red Hill Park Update

Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee Report

**Motion to Adjourn:** M/s Donery/Childs Ayes all

**Adjournment:** 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Long , Community Services Director