



**PARK & RECREATION MEETING
Minutes of November 2, 2011**

The Park and Recreation Board met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Karen Minshall, Chair	Present
Pam Proctor	Present
Cathy Combs	Present
Jeremy Toy	Present
Rebecca Reese	Present

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cathy Combs made a motion to approve the October 5, 2011 minutes, seconded by Pam Proctor. All in favor, the motion passed with a 4-0 vote (Jeremy arrived following this motion).

VISITORS & GUESTS:

- Shari Hennekes, representing Alexandria businesses
- Melinda Grizzell, Alexandria Police Department, 635-4126
- Bill Rachford, Mayor of Alexandria

OLD BUSINESS:

Comments from the Mayor:

- The Haunted walk parking was a problem. Consider satellite parking next year and raise the fee to cover this cost.
- The Mayor would like the board to submit a five-year plan.
- The public works department will take fill from grinding wood around the city and use it to create a base layer in the area where we want to expand the parking lot in the upper area of the park.

Comments from Melinda:

- Their auxiliary will cover the snacks provided the student volunteers at the Haunted Walk this year.
- There was a problem with the restroom water pressure affecting the concession stand water pressure.

Comments from Shari:

- The Haunted Walk was a great success; the community businesses that participated were very pleased.

General comments concerning this year's Haunted Walk:

- Karen distributed a list she prepared of things that did and did not work at this year's walk.
- Pam noted that the high school groups really want canned goods donated; it is a way of involving the community in service.
- The board will give \$200 to each student club that sent volunteers. Pam will email Karen Barto, requesting that she cut checks, drawing from the Haunted Walk proceeds for this
- Student "scary" scenes—make it mandatory that the students do NOT touch the people.
- Have student volunteers arrive at 6:00 PM, so there is time to train and go over the rules.

- Light up the scary scenes, so people on the walk can see what the students are enacting.
- Discussion took place about having a "jumpy house" but then decided that the park has a playground, keep the focus on that.
- Consider having "nice" characters walking around in costume
- The DJ was a big hit
- Next year space out the business booths, so they are not so jammed together
- The concession stand was very, very busy
- Try to get Youth Groups to do a friendly walk from 5:30 – 7:00 PM, possibly in the lower shelter or back by the maintenance garage.
- Start adult walk at 7:00 PM

Christmas 2012

- Melinda said Denny Robinson is planning a large community Christmas event at the Alexandria Fairgrounds in 2012. She suggested someone from the park board may want to attend the planning meeting for this.

2011 Lunch with Santa

- It was confirmed that the Community Center is reserved for this year's event.
- Pam proposed that we not do the Lunch this year for two reasons. First, the attendance last year was very low. Secondly, the board just finished the Haunted Walk, a huge event. Doing back to back events is challenging. The board discussed this option, but also didn't want to let the community down if they are counting on it. Karen will speak with the mayor about this and notify the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Agenda items for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Jeremy Toy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Proctor. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Attested to and submitted by:

Pam Proctor, Secretary

Karen Minshall

Karen Minshall, Chairperson

Dated _____

Dated 12-7-11