

The Parks and Recreation Committee

September 8, 2025

Minutes

The September 8, 2025, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, held at Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Karen MacDowell, Committee Chair.

Members Attending: Karen MacDowell, Ken Walsh, Holley Owings, Ruth Owens, Frank Gardner

Board Liaisons: DJ Nelli

Members Absent: Shiva Ramadoss

Staff Attending: Jennifer Burke

Guests Attending: Jill DeLorenzo – South Riding Resident; William Perry – South Riding Resident; Gary Thompson – Lakeside Resident.

Resident Comments: Jill DeLorenzo commented that she was in favor of the “blue playground.” She would like to have swings and a merry-go-round at the SRC playground. William Perry also commented that he was in favor of the “blue playground” and would like to have swings there. Gary Thompson wanted to know what was going to be done to control the noise level at the SR Pickleball Courts. Frank Gardner discussed the possibility of leading a volunteer pond cleanup in SR. Mr. Gardner detailed his Bluebird initiative. He also encouraged residents to attend upcoming Loudoun Invasive Removal Alliance (LIRA) meetings. More information can be found at www.loudouninvasives.com. Holley Owings requested either a new street name sign for Riding Center/Unicorn Rd or for reflectors to be added to the existing sign.

Approval of the Minutes: Mr. Gardner **moved**, and Mrs. Owings **seconded** to approve the August 11, 2025, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes. **The motion passed** (3-0-2).

Reports: Chair Report: Karen MacDowell
None

Board Report: DJ Nelli

The Board of Directors discussed details of the 2026 Celebrate South Riding.

Recreation Report:

Operations Department: Operations Board report provided to P&R Committee for review.

Pools: All pools were closed for the Labor Day weekend. The Glow Back to School pool party was held on August 19th with over 350 participating residents. Bids are being requested for additional sunshades at the Hyland Hills pool. The annual South Riding Dog Swim was held on September 6th, with a total of 67 dog participants and their humans attending.

Courts: The pickleball court rules sign has been installed. The basketball court rules sign is scheduled for installation. The remote for the Elk Lick Park court lights is scheduled to be installed in September. The basketball court repairs have been completed, and the court is now open. Both the Murrey tennis court and the Town Hall tennis court have new message boards installed.

Parks/Playgrounds: Staff discussed suggestions from the Parks and Recreation Committee for the new plan, which will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee at the October meeting.

Community: A quote has been requested to repair the floating dock at Priesters Pond.

Discussion Items:

- The Board of Directors has asked for a redesign of the South Riding Center Playground. Staff has discussed suggestions from the Parks and Recreation Committee for the new plan, which will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee at the October meeting.
- Staff requested that the Parks and Recreation Committee submit name suggestions for the new Soccer Field on South Riding Boulevard.

Decision Items:

- None
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Meeting adjourned: Mrs. Owens **moved**, and Mrs. Owings **seconded to adjourn the meeting**
The motion passed (5-0-0).

Next meeting date, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm. ***Town Hall.***