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COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 1, 2012
MEETING NOTES

Present: Rose Alvarez, James Krzyminski, Paul Lofgren, David Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, George Schlapo, Don Shulman, Michael Waters, Felecia Wilson, James Zepp.

Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Steve Beach [CUPF], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Mary Bradford [Parks], Christine Brett [Parks], Morton Davis [Commission on Aging], Ursula Hermann [MCPS], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Acting Lt. Bill Kellogg [Park Police] and Robin Riley [Rec]

Absent: Erik Johnson, Ron MacNab, Clara Pribluda, Sean Thomas Smith, Mike Riley [Parks], Kamran Rasul [Commission on Disabilities].

Chair Report – Chris Richardson

- Chair Richardson welcomed everyone and introduced our new MCPS members, Ursula A. Hermann, PhD
- September 10, 2012 Meeting Notes were unanimously approved.

Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- Went before CountyStat to present on Positive Youth Development, including gang initiatives, weeding out gangs – and the prevention, intervention and suppression of same. Will forward the Powerpoint presentation.
- Excel Beyond the Bell – a cooperative program created by Montgomery County Recreation, MCPS, and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council to provide afterschool activities and homework support to school children at five middle schools four days per week with transportation home and a hot meal. The program recently won an award from the National Association of Counties.
- Montgomery County Recreation hosted the Audacity of Hoops, 3-on-3 basketball, with Councilmember Valerie Ervin in downtown Silver Spring. Next year futsal will be included.
- Successfully brought onboard a plan to market more aggressively to seniors, including focus groups. Anyone from the Countywide Recreation Advisory Board who is interested in participating, pls let staff know.
- Four of our facilities will be used for early voting. Recommends voting early.

Jeff Bourne

- Reutilization for the roller rink at the Potomac Community Recreation Center – a community meeting is planned to get input and explore a vision for future reuse...possibly a therapeutic field with a special surface.
- Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center – planning is moving along. Been through feasibility study.
- Looking at the renovation of the Western Outdoor Pool – in facility planning. Projected for FY15.
- Clarksburg will move less quickly.

Robin Riley

- Octoberfest is this Saturday
- Department in final stages of hiring for new positions

Parks Update – Mary Bradford

- Working with Planning Board for corporate naming and private funding of facilities. Pls call her with any questions.
- As Montgomery County urbanizes, problems rise up. Kids need playgrounds and dogs need a place for walking, so parks become backyards. They are exploring the definition of urban parks and will keep Board informed.
- Under discussion is the cost associated with the naming of a park or facility – the civic activist rate will be 10 percent of the corporate rate.

Christine Brett

- Thank you to staff for Burtonsville Day
- Tennis is growing in Montgomery County – 200 more kids
- The Haunted Train will be available at either Cabin John Regional or Wheaton Regional.

Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – Burtonsville Day was a great success. A knowledgeable person is required at events to inform the public on Montgomery County Recreation programs. Club Fridays experienced a big rate increase. In the future would like a heads up. Their meetings are the third Monday of the month.
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – will meet in two weeks. Asked a question re the Down County Board representation. Discussion ensued. Their meetings are the first Thursday of the month.

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Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Steve Beach – making changes to how requests are processed in hopes of moving to a more efficient process. Parks and MCPS will be putting up two more sites each for use. Board member Rose Alvarez will represent the Countywide Recreation Advisory Board with the Community Use of Public Facilities transition. Their offices are moving to 255 Hungerford in November.
- MCPS, Ursula Hermann – looking closely at the creation of a Department of Student Services.
- M-NCPPC Police – participated in the Police Equestrian Competition – will send the report. They received six major awards.

Old/New Business

- Meeting Schedule/Frequency – Chair Richardson raised the issue of moving the November meeting from Montgomery County Recreation. Mary Bradford offered Parks HQ and would check to see if it was available for November. A further discussion ensued regarding the scheduling of meetings and the moving them around the County. It was observed that meetings in January and March were critical, due to budget issues. Parks needs input in December.
- Staff will send bylaws to Board on October 2.
- In response to an inquiry, Maryland Senior Olympics games are completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.