

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
MEETING NOTES

Present:, Paul Lofgren, Mark Pharaoh, Michael Waters, Felecia Wilson, Gabe Alborno [Rec], Steve Beach [CUPF], Mary Bradford [Parks], Christine Brett [Parks], Morton Davis [Commission on Aging], Ursula Hermann [MCPS], Susan Hoffmann [Rec].

Absent: Rose Alvarez, Erik Johnson, James Krzyminski, Ron MacNab, David Magill, Chris Richardson, George Schlapo, Sean Thomas Smith, James Zepp, Jeff Bourne [Rec], Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Kamran Rasul [Commission on Disabilities].

Guests: Officer Linus Louketis [Park Police]

Chair Report – in Chris Richardson’s absence, Mark Pharoah presided

- Mr. Pharoah welcomed everyone and introduced guests.
- Review of June 3 Meeting Notes was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Rec Update – Gabe Alborno

- Montgomery County Recreation, Montgomery County Parks, and Community Use of Public Facilities plan to move to a single portal for improved ease of use by the public. A user will only need one ID to sign in for any of the three agencies. The system is ActiveNet. It is important for there to be support for the change as we educate the community as to the benefits when the system is brought online.
- Report on the Silver Spring Jazz Festival held September 7.
- Report on the Miracle League – events are coming up

Parks Update – Mary Bradford

- The comment period on the final Environmental Impact Statement for the Purple Line will extend for 30 days from last Friday.
- The Parks Half Marathon was held on September 8.

Enterprise Fund – Christine Brett

- Summer Report
 - 84 summer camps – 1700 participants – 20% increase
 - Two tennis play days in Wheaton – growing
 - Splash Park – bringing funding
 - Classes starting now for ice rinks – changing curriculum to match Olympics
 - Cabin John – new flooring, benches, locker room improvements
 - Rockwood manor – nine weekend retreats
 - Woodlawn – revenue down a bit
 - October 11 – Haunted Halloween

Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – no meeting

- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – Historic Preservation Commission may recommend designating the Wheaton Community Recreation Center as historic. The next meeting is on September 24.
- Upper County – Vernard McBeth – absent

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Steve Beach – wrapping up a challenging summer with a number of staff absences. The window for applications for use is open and there have been a heavy number of requests.
- Commission on Aging, Morton Davis – attended a meeting this morning on communication – not all seniors know about the Senior Commission and Montgomery County Recreation. Barbara Mulitz is TV contact
- MCPS, Ursula Hermann – the Back to School fair was great. The school year is off to a good start. The kids are back and the parents are happy.
- M-NCPPC Police, Chief Tony DeVaul – absent

Old/New Business

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.