

**Minutes**  
Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board  
Monday, Oct. 10, 2022

Welcome and General Announcements – Gary Burnett

- Meeting started at 6:36 pm
- Gary welcomed the board

Attendance (establish quorum) - Janet Dixon

- No quorum to vote on board items

Review and Approve Agenda

- No quorum to vote

Review and Approve June and September minutes

- No quorum to vote

Member input/updates on Community Happenings and Events

Ex-Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Ramona Bell Pearson
  - No Report
- Commission on Aging – Kendell Matthews
  - New Draft Pedestrian Safety Master Plan
  - Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program – Senior Program
  - Present COA priorities to the HHS Committee of County Council
- Community Action Board – Myriam Paul
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- Montgomery County Public Schools – Greg Kellner
  - Registration for student-athletes for winter athletics using ParentVue started today at noon.
  - The Safety and Risk Management division will require groups to provide additional information to MCP along with MCPS light policy.
  - A COI must be provided before light towers can be used with training from the program director.
  - After training, all will sign a waiver and train the other adults.
  - If groups cannot follow protocol, they will lose the lights' privileges.
- Commission on People with Disabilities – *Tonya Gilchrist*
  - Working on budget proposals
  - Addressing incomplete sidewalk designs in established communities to ensure safe passage for people with disabilities.
  - Commission will write a letter of recommendation to the County Executive and County Council that a Development Disabilities Advisory Council be established similar to the Mental Health Advisory Council.

- Employment

#### Parks Report – Gary Burnett

- A variety of events on Montgomery Parks' website
- Darren Flusche presented the 2022 PROS Plan to the board
  - Physical Activity (Parks and Recreation)
  - Social Connections & Civic Engagement
  - Natural Resources & Environmental Stewardship
  - Land Conservation and Management
  - Implementation
- Report submitted electronically
- Dave Pullen requested pickleball data

#### Recreation Report – Robin Riley

- Diwali Celebration, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Senior Center
- Hispanic Heritage Dance, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 11 pm, Long Branch Community Recreation Center
- Chevy Chase Fall Festival, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 pm at Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
- Mid-County Fall Family Paint and Sip, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm at Mid-County Fall Family Paint and Sip; other special events are on the website.
- MCRD and MCPS will offer Kids Day Out when kids are out of school early. The program will take place at Club Adventure from 1:30 to 6:30 pm at Damascus Community Recreation Center, Good Hope Neighborhood, Mid-County Community Recreation Center, North Potomac Community Recreation Center, Plum Gar Community Center, Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, Upper County Community Recreation Center, and White Oak
- Added new pickleball courts and hiring new instructors
- Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 8<sup>th</sup>
- HalloWheaton, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 pm, Marian Fryer Town Plaza, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD
- Long Branch Youth Basketball Extended Hours on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 11 pm
- MCRD will invite the community for a public forum on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Silver Spring Civic Center Building
- MCRD will host a Place Making this month

#### Follow-up on MCPS Field Lights Decision – Board

- Greg: discussion with Gary, Robin, and Cliff Drives on this issue
- Study to get a better understanding of the equity issues
  - Sports/Gender Equity
- Light towers are a major issue; keeping them locked
  - Making the light towers available in all districts

- Providing opportunities in certain areas and not others is a major concern
  - East County and Up County

#### Action Items

8:00 pm      Adjourn