

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

2425 Reddie Drive – 3rd Floor

Monday, February 12, 2024

February Minutes

Board Members: Aravind Banda, Amy Beal, Yolanda Goettsch, Ryan, Holeywell, Ann Horton, Hannah Hutton, Ed Krauze, Duncan Mullis, John Plate, Melanie Stickle, Robin Sparer, Gislene Tasayco, Keli Hudson, and Robera Tasissa

Staff: Gary Burnett, Sandra Samuel, Henry Coppola, Robin Riley, Janet Dixon, Jason Fasteau, Adriane Clutter, Carmen Berrios,

Ex-Officio: Kendell Matthews, Derek Ross, and Greg Kellner

Absence: Gustavo Delgado, Michael Ricci, Tonya Gilchrist, Myriam Paul

Welcome and General Announcements – Melanie Stickle

- The meeting started at 6:34 pm, quorum reached.
- Melanie welcomed board members and staff,
- Introductions of new member(s)

Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion made by John Plate and seconded by Gislene Tasayco. Approved

Review and Approve June, September, October, December minutes.

- Motion made by Aravind Banda and seconded by Yolanda Goettsch.

Officer Elections – CWRPAB Nominating Committee

- Motion made to close nominations – John Plate and seconded by Robin S.
- Motion made to start vote by Ann and seconded by John Plate
- Chair – Melanie Stickle – the only board member for this position
- Vice Chair – Aravind and Hannah Hutton – Hannah won the vote.
- Executive Committee
 - Aravind Banda, Yolanda Goettsch, Gislene Tasayco
 - Robin Sparer and Ann Horton declined.
 - Amy Beal was not selected.

Ex-Officio Reports

- Commission on Aging – Kendell Matthews
 - Montgomery County's Third Summit on Aging took place on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Silver Spring Civic Center
 - Seniors want better coordination for transportation, affordable housing, and recreation.

- Gislene – What part of transportation needs improvement?
 - Mobility: the drivers need to be trained to be friendly.
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Tonya Gilchrist
 - No Report
- Community Action Board – Myriam Paul
 - No Report
- Community Use of Public Facilities – Derek Ross
 - He thanked the board for Saturday’s retreat.
 - Working on doing a better job housing information, enhancing website, accessibility, blogger, house information in one location, deleting old links
 - Working with the IT team
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Greg Kellner
 - Spring sports starting March 1, 2024
 - Turfs replaced at Paint Branch and Gaithersburg
 - Permit Feasibility Study – Get rid of the adopt -a- field program.
 - Robin Sparer – How long did they last?
 - Maybe 10 years
- Role of Staff Liaison
 - Melanie Stickle mentioned Ryan Holeywell will be taking minutes moving forward.
 - Jason present the PowerPoint Slides on Administrative Items
 - Role of Staff Liaisons
 - Attendance Policy
 - Online Trainings
 - Volunteer Form

Recreation Report – Robin Riley

- Present our budget to Council Executive for FY24.
- Swim Meeting on Friday-Saturday
- The Operating Budget will be released on March 15.
- Praisner's Project Prom Dress Distribution on Saturday, April 13, 2024.
 - Collection Dates: Saturday, March 2, 11 – 2pm at Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
 - Saturday, March 9, 11 – 2pm at Germantown Community Recreation

Parks Report – Gary Burnett

- Montgomery Parks will host a series of Acoustics, Ales, and Tails at North Four Corner Local Park starting on March 9, from 11 am to 2 pm.
- Montgomery Parks will host Sligo Creek Fest on May 4, from 11 to 3 pm, at Sligo Creek Open Parkway, between Dennis Avenue and University Boulevard.

- Prepping athletic fields for the spring

Other Items

- Ann will speak on behalf of the board on Saturday, February 24th, in place of Melanie Stickle at Silver Spring Recreation and Aquatic Center. Hannah Hutton will be the backup.
- Working on Google Classroom, calendar to be more visible as a board.
- Operating Budget Discussion, public testimonies for Parks and Rec on March 11th.
- Motion made by Melanie Stickle to move the March 11th meeting to March 18th and seconded by Robin Sparer. Approved.
- Motion made by John P and seconded by Melanie Stickle to adjourn.