

County-wide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, October 14, 2019

Meeting Notes

Present: Board: Carl Blake, Karen Kincer, Chris Richardson, Melanie Stickle, Felecia Wilson, Mark Pharaoh, Howard Goldberg, Safiatou Barry. Ex-officio: Jeff Sullivan, Stephanie Edelstein. Staff: Sandra Samuel, Trish Walsh, Amanda DeFilippo, John Nissel, Doug Ludwig, Adriane Clutter

Absent: Benjamin DuGoff, Rodrigue Vital, Robin Riley, Lyle Ganz, Bradley Ryan Michael Shimoff, Jefferey Szuchman, Mike Riley, Kizzy Chambers, Melanie Sasse, Traci Anderson

Meeting called to order by Karen Kincer at 6:37 p.m.

- ☐ Quorum six (6) present by 6:37 p.m.

Welcome – Chair

- ☐ Trish Walsh is joining the team to replace Amanda DeFilippo
- ☐ Stephanie Edelstein is the new Acting Commission on Aging rep

Review of Agenda

- ☐ Reviewed and approved October's agenda
- ☐ Motion made by Carl Blake and seconded by Howard Goldberg. Approved.

Review and approval of June and September minutes

- ☐ Reviewed and approved June's minutes
- ☐ Motion made by Chris Richardson and seconded by Melanie Stickle. Approved.
- ☐ Reviewed and approved September minutes
- ☐ Motion made Carl Blake seconded by Chris Richardson. Approved with minor adjustments

Community Announcements

- ☐ Burtonsville Placemaking Event
- ☐ Karen met with Race Directors – Budget and Finance Forum in DC
 - o Race for Discovery, Addiction and Recovery
- ☐ Carl mentions Patterson Park in Baltimore
 - o Good volunteer opportunities

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
 - o No Report
- Commission on Aging – Stephanie Edelstein
 - o Vice Chair with Commission on Aging
 - o Supporting funding for rec programs for seniors
 - o Senior Center Plus, early stage memory loss
 - o Grants (check website)
 - o Rec. dept needs access to school facilities
- Community Action Board – Vacant
 - o No Report
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan
 - o Student athlete leadership council (1st mtg. in September)
 - Leadership, culture, vision
 - o Met with MCRD 9/17 (Joint opportunities)
 - o Increased collaboration
 - o Parks great ally to athletic programs
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
 - o No Report

Recreation – Adrienne Clutter

- County budget process changing
 - o Line item – outcomes budget
- Program areas not departments – MCRD had seven (7)
- How does your program area support CE priorities?
 - o Believe will take a while to figure out
- Considering 2-year budget cycle
- Advocacy will be very important
- Dept. performance measures and action plan
 - o Hybrid in the future?
- CIP considering “fresh” model due to new construction constraints equity lens
- Working with COA – listening opportunities for seniors/staff
- Future ballfield renovations w/Parks?
- MCRD develop feeder programs for H.S. sports
- Two community unfocused/unserved
 - o Poolesville

- ☐ Invite community member to the talk to the board
 - o Lytonsville
- ☐ Historic trees

Parks – John Nissel

- ☐ Submitted report electronically
- ☐ Reps at C.E. Budget Forums
- ☐ Advocacy through Parks Foundations
- ☐ Programs Enhancement to the Planning Board for approval 10/24
 - o Requesting increase of 8/1%
 - o 1.8 percentage above
- ☐ Hearing about 2-year budget cycle
- ☐ Budget team to come and present to the board after the October Planning board session
- ☐ NRPA
 - o Over 8,000 attendees
 - o 33% of staff retiring the next 5 years
 - o Recruit future staff
- ☐ New Parks Foundation Executive Director
 - o Katie Rictor
- ☐ Trolley Museum
 - o 50th Anniversary
 - o Mike Riley will be receiving an award
- ☐ New Trail Section Leader
 - o Darren Flusche
 - o Focus on repairs of hard surface trails
- ☐ South Germantown Cricket field Opened
 - o Booming
 - o Very Demanding
- ☐ Ridge Road Inline Hockey Improvements (Capitals)
 - o Capitals supporting school w/equipment and training
- ☐ Friendship Picnic at Wheaton Regional Park
- ☐ Long Branch Placemaking Festival successful
 - o Partner w/MCRD amongst others
- ☐ Harvest Festival
- ☐ Seneca Store Celebration and Ribbon-cutting on Saturday, October 19th

- ☐ Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens
 - o Complimentary tickets to the board
- ☐ Ideas for attracting new staff
 - o Housing, transportation, pay

Website Feedback/Question Form

- ☐ Website feedback form needs to be simplified, continue forward
- ☐ Simply the language
- ☐ Resend all comments directly to Karen Kincer

Recognition/Awards for Recreation and Parks Staff – Chris Richardson

- ☐ Parks have five (5) nominations
 - o Four (4) full-time
 - o One (1) part-time
- ☐ Adrienne Clutter will have her nominations before the next meeting
- ☐ Deadline is November 15th
- ☐ Parks will be hosting the event at Seneca Lodge on December 9th ☐ Doug Ludwig will email Parks nomination to Chris Richardson and Mark Pharaoh.

Outreach to Regional Board – Carl Blake

- ☐ Karen email Carl's letter right before the meeting
- ☐ Review and email comments to Karen
- ☐ Communication by emails
 - o Google classroom
 - o Amanda will resend google classroom link
- o Budget areas info from Adrienne and John will be added to google classroom

8:07pm ADJOURN