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
  - Race for Discovery, Addiction and Recovery
- Carl mentions Patterson Park in Baltimore
  - 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
  o 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
  - Complimentary tickets to the board

Ideas for attracting new staff
  - 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
    - Four (4) full-time
    - One (1) part-time
  - Adrianne 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
    - Google classroom
    - Amanda will resend google classroom link
  - Budget areas info from Adrianne and John will be added to google classroom

8:07pm ADJOURN