

# Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, December 10, 2018

## Meeting Notes

**Present: Board:** Brian Banks, Safiatou Barry, Carl Blake, Lyle Ganz, Howard Goldberg, Karen Kincer, Carol Petrucci, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, Bradley Ryan, Michael Shimoff, Melanie Stickle, Jeffrey Szuchman, Rasheda Vereen and Felecia Wilson. **Ex-Officio:** Benjamin DuGoff, Gail Gunod-Green and Rodrigue Vital. **Staff:** Robin Riley, Adriane Clutter, Amanda DeFilippo, John Nissel, and Doug Ludwig

**Absent:** Morton Davis, Matthew Lee, and Danielle Suskind

*Meeting called to order by Carol Petrucci at 6:30p.m.*

- *Quorum fifteen (15) present*

### Welcome - Chair

- Carol Petrucci welcomed board members, ex-officio members and staff

### Announcements

- Carol Petrucci announced that County Council has approved the addition of new members and the re-appointment of past members
- Present new members were introduced
  - Resheda Vereen
  - Brian Banks
  - Melanie Stickle
  - Lyle Ganz
- Carol Petrucci provided an update on the status of the letter endorsing Robin Riley. Letter was not sent due to County Executive Elrich announcing Robin Riley as his nominee for the Director of Recreation.
  - Robin Riley announced that her interview with County Council would take place Tuesday, December 11 and if all goes well she would be sworn in by noon.
- County Executive Elrich Listening Sessions Update
  - Rodrigue Vital provided feedback about the East County and Takoma Park sessions. Well attended, great response from the community with lots of questions.
  - Carol Petrucci attended the Olney listening session on November 29 with approximately 200 people in attendance.
  - Adriane Clutter announced new Listening Session dates and times. List will be sent out to the Board.

### Review of Agenda

- Karen Kincer suggested adding an item under Special Orders regarding subcommittees. Item added.

- Carl Blake suggested correction to Meeting Schedule, changing April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. Correction made.
- Review and Approval of November 19, 2018 Minutes
  - Motion made by Jeffrey Szuchman to approved minutes with corrections, seconded by Carl Blake. Approved.

#### Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities
  - Interagency Coordinating Board (ICB) is now fully staffed with the addition of Derek Ross as a new member.
- Commission on Aging
  - Looking for New Rep
- Community Action Board
  - Reviewed Submitted Report
- Montgomery County Public Schools
  - No Report
- Commission on People with Disabilities
  - No Report

#### Parks Report – John Nissel

- Introductions – John Nissel, Deputy Director and Doug Ludwig, Northern Region
- Thanksgiving Parade – 40 people and Woody the Tree. Extended invitation to the Board to attend next year
- Opening and Naming of the Neal Potter Plaza at the Capital Crescent Trail
- Veterans Celebration
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trees Matter Symposium at the Civic Building in partnership with Casey's Tree. Next year will be held in Washington D.C.
- Champion Trees of Montgomery County
- Green Matters Symposium will be held on February 22, 2019 at the Civic Building
- Maryland Emancipation Day Celebration
- Parks Speaker Series
- Pop Up Miniature Parks in Urban Settings – turning vacant lots in to pop up parks
- Brookside Gardens
  - Festival of Lights – switched over to mostly LED lights
  - Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in January
  - Planted 50,000 daffodils for Spring
- Received a letter from County Executive Elrich implementing an immediate 1.5% budget savings. Will have an impact on services and will present those impacts at January meeting.

#### Recreation Update - Robin Riley & Adriane Clutter

- Received same letter regarding 1.5% savings plan, approximately \$600,000. Will have more information to report further into 2019.

- Pending Savings Plan for FY 20
- Special thank you to Mark Pharaoh for being Santa at Long Branch. Will be at East County and Praisner events this upcoming weekend.
- Several vacant positions to be filled, including Countywide Manager as Vicki Kane is retiring.
  - Praised Ms. Kane for all her hard work and dedication over the years.
    - Manages Basketball Program with over 900 teams which serves approximately 10,000 community members.
- Currently in our holiday season with several special events happening around the county. Handout provided with upcoming events.
- Finalizing Summer Camp Guide which will launch in January.
- Camp Fair will be on January 26, 2019 at North Potomac Community Recreation Center.
- Spring Guide
- Solicited feedback for programs and services.
- Futsal is being expanded to Long Branch and Plum Gar.
  - Approximately 400 players and spectators, looking to add community partners to provide services to spectators.
- Senior Transportation is a hot button issue.
- Aquatics
  - Conducting a Water Study of facilities.
    - Varying uses combined with high demand has everyone competing for water time.
    - Community feedback paired with data collection.
  - Will make adjustments to find creative solutions, such as, multi-use lap lanes.

#### Unfinished Business

- Elrich Letter – update provided in announcement section.
- Google Classroom
  - Requested members to verify contact information on Contact List
  - Invites will be re-sent
  - See Amanda DeFilippo if help is needed
  - Suggested adding a document for members to document community announcements
- Senior Transportation
  - Gail Gunod-Green will bring the issue up to the Community Action Board (CAB)
  - Carol Petrucci will reach out with Robin's help to the Commission on Aging

#### New Business

- Deep Dive Topics
  - 10-15 minutes for hot topics
  - Invite speakers
  - Suggested Topics
    - Feedback from Listening Session regarding Parks and Recreation
    - Transportation
    - Energy Issues
    - Housing
    - Police and Safety
    - Students

- Re-purposing of Facilities
    - Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plans will be provided by Recreation and Parks
  - Other Recreation and Parks staff from varying levels
  - Commissions (Asian American, African American, etc.)
  - Regional Service Center Directors and Advisory Board Chairs
- Community Involvement – Carl Blake
  - Two Aspects – Community presentations at our meeting and going into the community
  - Add an item to agenda under Announcements for members to bring community announcements
    - Formal and informal
    - 2-minute time limit
    - Scope limited to Recreation and Parks topics
  - Surveys
    - How do we use the data?
    - Add Recreation to Parks and CUPF Annual Surveys
  - Community Feedback will drive action items and topics
- Regions
  - List of Region Assignments will be distributed when available. Assignments come from the County Executive.
  - Dates and times of regional meetings will be distributed.
- Subcommittees
  - List will be distributed then discussed at January meeting.

*Motion* by Carl Blake to review the list of regional assignments to determine the board has adequate coverage of areas; seconded by Melanie Stickle and passed.

8:05pm Adjourn

Action Items	Start Date	Complete Date	Assigned To
Provide board with upcoming listening sessions and put on google calendar	12/10/18	12/12/18	Amanda
Provide board with 1.5% budget reduction impacts	12/10/18		Recreation & Parks
Add a document on google classroom for members to document community announcements	12/10/18		Amanda will work with Carol
Add an item to agenda under Announcements for members to bring formal and informal community announcements			Carol
Connect Carol with Commission on Aging	12/10/18		Robin will work with Carol
Deep dive topics for upcoming meetings	12/10/18		
Current Capital Improvement Project Plans	12/10/18		Recreation & Parks
List of region assignments	12/10/18		
Upcoming Regional Meetings list	12/10/18		
Provide Board with list of previous subcommittees	12/10/18		