

County-Wide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2018

ATTENDEES: Chris Richardson, Susan Hoffmann, Doug Ludwig, Robin Riley, Benjamin DuGoff, Sandra Samuel, Gail Gunod-Green, Carol Petrucci, Seto Adeyefa, Jeff Bourne, Karen Kincer, Jeff Szuchman, Mark Pharoah, Paul Lofgren, Bradley Ryan, Carl Blake, and Phyllis Rand

DIAL-IN: Safiatou Barry, Felicia Wilson, and Onyel Bhol-Gibson

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:37p.m. at MLK, Jr. Swim Center.

WELCOME - Chris Richardson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/Notes

The minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS

- **Pop Up Parks**
 - Have process for Community request
- **Park for Senior**
 - Check w/planners on site selection study
- **Participate in CIP hearings – Does the Board what to support a presentation?**
 - Voted not to participate (Too late to prepare)
- **County Executive Budget Recommendation in March 15th – Wait to have the next Advisory Board Meeting**
 - Motion to move March 5th meeting to March 19th - Passed
- **Futsal – Long Branch Community Recreation Center and Plum Gar Neighborhood Recreation Center**
 - Working w/ gang members
- **Pickleball – Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center**
 - Expand to other facilities
 - Needs and Specialties to develop the market
 - Competitive versus non-focused

EX OFFICIO REPORTS

CUPF – Ron Maxson

- No Update

Commission on Aging (COA) – Phyllis Rand

- The COA elected a new chairperson, Isabelle Schoenfeld
- Outgoing chair, Noelle Heyman, will continue to remain active with the commission
- A COA Delegation met with Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner about key issues

Community Action Board – Gail Gunod-Green

- Community Action Board hosted a Press Event to express appreciation to the County for funding the expansion of 10 part-day Heard Start classes to full day programs
- County Council and County Executive's Office made a Joint Proclamation in honor of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) awareness, January 30th.
- The Community Action Board hosted an event to introduce a new interactive self-sufficiency standard tool.
- Free Tax Help! To learn more, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/CASHBACK

Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff

- No Update

Montgomery County Public Schools – Jonathan Brice, PhD

- No Update

RECREATION UPDATE – Robin Riley

Therapeutic Recreation

- **TGIF** – “Totally Great Inclusive Fun!” – This is a partnership program with UpCounty Community Resources and Montgomery County Recreation. First Friday each month 6:30pm – 8:30pm: ZamDance, healthy snacks, and other social activities. Ages 15 and up. \$ 10 per person. Norbeck-Muncaster Mill Park Activity Building.
- **Rock Terrace Afterschool program pilot** – TR staff met with Rock Terrace School staff to begin working on an afterschool program. We will meet with and survey PTA parents to tie down best days and times for the students. Tentatively looking at 2 days per week until 5:30 or 6pm. Planning to work with Steve Whiting of Special Olympics and/or other providers to offer physical activity and sports programs.

Summer Fun Centers

- 12/24 locations are currently full with wait lists
- Looking to hire approximately 100 teachers, college students, young people as summer program counselors

Camp Fair

- January 20th – North Potomac CRC, about 500 people came to check out summer program providers and employment fair.
- February 17th – East County CRC 12 noon – 3pm

Countywide Classes

- Working with MCPS PTSA to assist with afterschool programming. Partner with existing PTA programs or bring in providers in sites with little or no afterschool activities.

Sports

WINTER PROGRAMS

- **Youth BASKETBALL** - Basketball (kindergarten through 12th grade) - 7278 individuals, Basketball (Rising Star) - 138 teams (15 players per team = 2070 individuals), and More than 850 coaches through all leagues
- **ADULT BASKETBALL** - offered at 3 locations on Sundays (and Wednesdays (18+), Mondays (60+) and Sundays women's drop in at Bauer CC., and currently 26 teams of adults on various days and 18 women for the drop-in program
- **BASKETBALL (Jump Start)** - Instructional Contracts, Little Hoop Stars Pre-K – Darnestown (33 kids / 6 weeks), Little Hoop Stars Pre-K – North Bethesda (40 kids / 6 weeks), and Little Hoop Starts Pre-K – Rockville (38 kids / 6 weeks)
- **Pickle ball – Adults** - This winter was the first pickle ball tournament for 50+ individuals through Montgomery County Recreation. We hosted for 3 days (Dec. 27-29, 2017) at the East County Community Center., Individual participants over the 3 days, 20 on the 27th - men's doubles, 23 on the 28th - 19 women's double / 7 men's singles, and 22 on the 29th - mixed doubles
- This has sparked the creation of a Pickle Ball League to begin this spring;
 - North Potomac CRC Sundays 4pm to 7:30pm
 - Germantown CRC Sundays 6pm to 9:00pm
 - White Oak CRC Sundays 6pm to 9:00pm
 - Plum Gar CRC Wednesdays 6pm to 9:00pm
- Sunday leagues begin March 18, 2018 and the Wednesday league will begin March 21, 2018. All locations will include team registration for \$40 and individual registrations for \$20. This will be a doubles league; however, we are welcoming all individuals interested in forming a team.
- **Ultimate Frisbee League – Adults** - Wisconsin Place Community Center has been the place for a least 5 years. Each year we are at capacity of 104 individuals. 72 men and 32 women.
- **VOLLEYBALL (Jump Start)** - Introductory Volleyball – Longwood CRC (24 kids and 7 waitlisted / 6 weeks)

SPRING PROGRAMS:

- **SOCCER (Jump Start)** - Hummingbirds Soccer for 3-4-year olds, Hummingbirds Soccer for 5-6-year olds, and Recreational Soccer for 7-8-year olds

*Pipeline program – each season we have been adding an age group and offering in 3 different locations throughout the county

- **BASEBALL (Jump Start)** - T-Birds T-Ball for 3-4-year olds, Rookie League for 5-7 year olds, and Minor League for 8-9 year olds
- **ULTIMATE FRISBEE (American Ultimate Academy)** - Middle School Ultimate Clinic Series (6 weeks) and High School Ultimate Clinic Series (6 weeks)

- **RUGBY (MARFI)** - Middle School Girls' Rugby Program (6 weeks)
- **BASKETBALL** - Train Like a Pro (Fit2Believe) – 6 weeks in 2 locations
- **SPRING BREAK CAMP** – brand new sports spring break camp - Jump Start Sports Spring Break Camp – North Potomac CC

PARKS UPDATE – Doug Ludwig

Pepco Trail Groundbreaking

- PEPCO has agreed to the construction of an ultimate 13-mile trail within its power line corridor.

The Olympics are coming!

- Wheaton Ice Arena and Cabin John Ice Rink have big plans to celebrate the Olympics!

Washington Parent Magazine Camp and Summer Fun Expo

On Thursday, February 1st, NBC 4 Washington previewed the Washington Parent Magazine Camp and Summer Fun Expo, reported by Molette Green.

County Executive FY 2019 Operating Budget Forums

- We were pleased to have several advocates speak on the Parks Department's half at the January 24th forum.
- Additional Forums:
 - Monday, January 29th, 7pm. at the BlackRock Center
 - Tuesday, January 30th, 7pm at the Silver Civic Building
 - Wednesday, January 31st, 7pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
 - Tuesday, February 6th, 7pm at the Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Service Center

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Update

- Recently, we reported that the County Executive identified \$26m in undesignated cuts by revenue
- Current Revenue (cash) in FY18 -- \$1.18m
- M-NCPPC Parks Bond -- \$10.9m, this affects Local Parks projects
- County General Obligation Bonds (G.O. Bonds) -- \$15.5m, this affects County-wide projects
- Next steps for the CIP include the following dates:
 - CIP Public Hearing – February 6 and 7
 - Council Committee Review: Planning Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) – February 12th
 - Full Council review – Late February
 - Final Council Resolutions and budget adoption – May

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

- Since April 2015, over 3,700 ash trees have been removed in 91 parks spanning all 10 management areas. These hazardous ash trees have been removed by staff from both Northern and Southern Area Parks, HFEE Arboriculture staff, four tree care contractors, and Facilities Management staff.

Cabin John Miniature Train

- The Cabin John Miniature Train facility is eagerly awaiting the delivery of five new coach cars custom-made by Chance Rides in Wichita, KS. They are due to arrive in February. To make room, the Enterprise Division auctioned off our 1964 train cars on Govdeals.com. The winning bidder paid \$36,000 and is transporting them to Texas!

NEW BUSINESS

- Germantown – two existing rec. centers (east / west)
 - Citizens say not enough programs up-county
 - How to make programs affordable?
 - Senior Citizen Transportation
 - Positive activities for teens
- Boards wants to figure out how they can be more effective and gather community input and advocate for citizens; gaining better access to program and activities

MEETING ADJORNED at 8:06pm

NEXT MEETING – March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Green Farm Maintenance, 8301 Turkey Thicket Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879