

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 11, 2019
Meeting Notes

Present: Board: Safiatou Barry, Carl Blake, Lyle Ganz, Matthew Lee, Carol Petrucci, Mark Pharaoh, Bradley Ryan, Michael Shimoff, Melanie Stickle, Jeffrey Szuchman, Rasheda Vereen, and Felecia Wilson **Ex-Officio:** N/A. **Staff:** Robin Riley, Adriane Clutter, Amanda DeFilippo, and John Nissel

Absent: Brian Banks, Morton Davis, Howard Goldberg, Karen Kincer, and Chris Richardson

Quorum reached and meeting called to order by Carol Petrucci at 6:30 p.m.

- *Quorum twelve (12) present*

Welcome - Chair

- Carol Petrucci welcomed board members and staff

Review of Agenda

- Review and approve March's agenda
- Motion made by Bradley Ryan and seconded by Michael Shimoff. Approved.

Review and approval of February 19, 2019 minutes

- Reviewed and approved February's minutes
- Motion made by Bradley Ryan and seconded by Michael Shimoff. Approved

Community Announcements

- Carol Petrucci announced the Interactive Budget Workshop gave appreciation for difficulties of the process.
- Carol Petrucci mentioned the Council celebrated Black History Month on February 26th.
 - The theme "Honoring Black History and Empowering Racial Equity", featured a panel discussion on African American History with African American women speakers.
- Carol Petrucci mentioned concerns about Purple Line - Sligo Creek.
 - Facebook Post
 - Plan of attack for the temporary barriers.
 - How long is the plan of attack?
 - Is this being address?

Review of Action Items

- Updated Contact List.

- Required staff training.

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
 - Retiring – Finance Manager Liz Habermann.
- Commission on Aging – Vacant
 - No update
- Community Action Board – Gail Gunod-Green
 - No update
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Danielle Susskind
 - No update
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
 - No Update

Recreation Update - Robin Riley

- Submitted report electronically.
- Commission on Aging Forum.
- Racial Equity Forum – Downtown Silver Spring
- County Executives' 7 priority areas.
 - Where do we fit?
- County Executive and County Council – Early Childhood – Press Release
 - 600 children this year, 7000 children over the next 4 years.
- Move to Wheaton Headquarters
 - Recreation, Parks, Planning, and CUPF
 - Logistical challenges
- Repurposing buildings that each group is leaving.
 - Parkside, MRO and Roundhouse
- Swimming Program Conversation
 - Supply doesn't meet demand
- Over next four (4) years will be working w/performance measures to determine where more resources are needed (Per County Executive's Request)
- Summer Camp
 - MCPS
 - Waiting on Permit from MCPS
- New Wheaton Library-Recreation Center Complex is scheduled to open late October 2019.
- Montgomery County Recreation partners with Holy Cross Health to offer seniors certified instructor-led program.
- Montgomery Summer Programs for the Community
 - Camps fill up quickly.
 - Budget Issues
 - Summer Fun Program
 - Affordable for the communities
 - Need more program – may be able to get more resources
 - Adriane Clutter and Melanie Stickle will do research and report back to the board.

Parks – Mike Riley

- Submitted report electronically

Corrected 4/22/19

- Wheaton Headquarters Part of Revitalization – Summer 2020
 - Wheaton Building – 750 employees
- Montgomery Parks Staff, Jamie Kuhn, publishes Rev. Josiah Henson Biography
 - The book is the culmination of more than 1-0 years of research for the future Josiah Henson Park Museum & Education Center.
- 2019 Green Matters Symposium
 - A sold-out crowd of 375 attendees enjoyed “Garden by Design: Creative Approaches to Diverse Landscapes” at the Silver Spring Civic Building.
 - The keynote speaker, Dr. Doug Tallamy, Professor of Entomology at the University of Delaware and author of “Brining Nature Home”, spoke about decimation of our insect habitat and populations, and the dire consequences for humanity if the trend continues.
- Parks Speaker Series
 - Park Series is recorded.
 - Links on <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/speakerseries/>
- Kites over Clarksburg Event at Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park
 - Scheduled for March 30th
- Light It Up Blue Autism Awareness & Acceptance Event at History Farm Park
 - Scheduled for April 6th
- 5th Annual Montgomery County Greenfest at Brookside
 - Scheduled for April 28th
- Budget – Revenues are down
 - Being ready advocate for restoration
 - Ballfield Initiatives
 - 5 elementary and middle schools
 - Maintenance Program
- Legislative Bond Initiative (LBI) hearings for Montgomery Parks, Saturday, March 9th
 - 5 bills presented for state funding for Parks CIP projects

Presentation: Dog Park Site Suitability Study – Montgomery County Parks Staff - Susanne Paul and Hyjung Garland

- Why Dog Parks?
 - Trends
 - Dog parks are one of the fastest-growing segments of city parks nationally
 - Approximately 40% of U.S. households own at least one dog
 - More pet-owning in households
 - Policy Framework
 - Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan
- Project Status
 - Defining Terms
 - Analysis
 - Public Outreach
 - Participate with Open townhall
- Determining Need
 - PROS 2017: Deliver the facilities in proportion to County population
 - First calculate demand based on County population
 - Then factor in existing M-NCPPC facilities to calculate the need
- Methodology and Analysis

- Bethesda-Chevy Chase/North
- Bethesda Service Area
 - Most requests
- Initial Criteria
 - Urban and Urbanizing areas
- Defining Initial Criteria
 - Initial list of parks that are within a half-mile of urban and urbanizing area
- Apply Resource Atlas Map
- Evaluation Criteria
- Reviewing Refined List Sites
 - Refined List of Parks reviewed by numerous staff
- Candidate List
- Public Outreach, Next Steps, and Recommendations
 - Countywide
 - Go to the website for feedback
 - Data driven analysis
 - More household with dogs than children
 - Jeffrey Szuchman mentioned reading an article on City Lab website.
 - <https://www.citylab.com/equity/2019/02/chicago-dog-park-lincoln-yards-gentrification-racial-divide/581086/>

New Business

- Elrich's Budget
 - Budget will be released on March 15th.
 - County Council will have public hearings and approve by May 15th.
 - Same for Parks and Recreations.
 - Sign up for Public Hearings
 - Testify at an upcoming public hearing
 - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html#signup>
 - Parks
 - Montgomery County Parks
 - <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/about/budget/>
 - Recreation
 - Montgomery County Council
 - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/budgetsummary/index.html>
 - Question: Any data to compare last year budget with this year budget?
 - Answer: Not really. Robin referred to council website.
- John Nissel will send the following information to Amanda.
 - Budget dates.
 - Provide speaking points for the hearing.

8:00pm Adjourn

Action Items	Start Date	Complete Date	Assigned To/Notes
Connect Carol with Commission on Aging.	12/10/18	Still Pending	Robin will work with Carol
Deep dive topics for upcoming meetings, list in December 2018 Minutes	12/10/18		Carol
Current Capital Improvement Project Plans.	12/10/18		Recreation & Parks
Updated contact list with region assignments, subcommittee assignments and board training.	12/10/18	4/8/19	Recreation
Upcoming Regional Meetings list.	12/10/18	4/8/19	Amanda
Provide Board with list of previous subcommittees.	12/10/18		Amanda
See if Recreation and Parks can be added to CUPF Annual Surveys.	2/19/19		
Completed			
Provide board with budget reduction impacts.	12/10/18	4/4/19	Recreation & Parks
Provide board with upcoming listening sessions and put on google calendar.	12/10/18	12/12/18	Amanda
Add a document on google classroom for members to document community announcements.	12/10/18	2/1/19	Added a Community Announcement Feed.
Add an item to agenda under Announcements for members to bring formal and informal community announcements.	12/10/18	2/1/19	Introduced on February Agenda