

Montgomery County, MD  
COUNTYWIDE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2020  
Meeting Notes

- *Quorum seven (7) present by 6:48*
- *Started at 6:36*

Welcome and Announcements – Vice Chair

- Mark Pharaoh welcomed board in Karen's absence

Review of Agenda

- Approved by Carl Blake and seconded by Howard Goldberg

Review and approval of February minutes

- Approved Carl Blake and Dave Pullen seconded

Community announcements

- Lyle Ganz is resigning, Moving to New York
- Karen said CIP testimony went well

Reports

Officers and Committee Reports

Ex Officio Reports

Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital

- No Report

Commission on Aging – Stephanie Edelstein

- Following legislation in Annapolis
- Down several members
- Public Forum next week, Gaithersburg
- Diversity and Social Justice
- Getting ready to testify for the budget

Community Action Board – \_\_\_\_\_

- Vacant

Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan

- No Report

Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff

- Working on issues related to bike lanes

Recreation Report - Robin Riley

- Operating Budget Public Hearings 4/13-15
- Sign up to testify about budget
- Working on Coronavirus Emergency Mgmt./Public Communication
  - Numbers dropping off (especially seniors)
  - Suspended some programs through March
  - Tai Chi at Potomac has been suspended due to the virus
  - Conference Call Every Friday for County Agencies
- Still in the planning stages to Wheaton HQ, 205 days

- Basketball programs ends this weekend
- Ramping up for summer camps
- Still working on Public schools on moves, Camps may more depending on MCPS due to summer school
- Fashion boot camp –
  - Some participants who have attached the program for year are graduating.
  - Partnering with Blake students to design the clothes.
- Meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> with Poolesville access team: programs, instructional soccer, etc.
- Serve on “Age Friendly” committee – AARP April 22<sup>nd</sup>, will attend CE
- CIP before Full Council tomorrow
  - Most fund are out until 2024
  - Used to improve buildings
  - Slide at pools are getting inspected to be brought up to standards

#### Parks Report - John Nissel

- Thanked all that testified for CIP
- Full Council, tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Hope to hear some news on operating budget
- Press conference on March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Biggest Advocacy showing for Parks this year (PHED), impressed
- Coronavirus – Protocol in place
  - Will work on messaging for coronavirus
- MCGEO – Wage negotiations with the union for FY 21 – bargain to the end of April
- Local Park Fields starts 3/15
- Organic pilot at Laytonia Started in Fall
- Camps 90% full, some on waitlist
- Inspections on all our bleachers
  - Will remove those that are non-compliance
  - Hiring a third-party contractor to inspect the bleachers
- Testing for lead for all potable water (Buildings & Fountains)
- Partnership with Leisure World - Will use our milled lumber
  - They have a big wood working shop/program
  - Parks will make trinkets to sell at Brookside from Leisure World
- Mark requested a report on Enterprise Facilities
- Mark requested a report on Trial use/counters, hard surface and natural surface
- New ice rink at Ridge Road in upcoming CIP, design phrase, 2021/2022

#### Nominating Committee for 2020-21 Board Year

- Chair – Melody Stickle
- Co-Chair Howard

Retro Approval of minutes and agenda, approved

#### Other Business

- Robin asked about June’s picnic since the awards & dinner was held in December
  - Keep Awards in December
  - Have picnic without awards in June (Hold Elections)

- Testimony for Operating Budget
- Parks will forward message to board after 3/16
- Howard suggest moving the next meeting from 4/13 to 4/6
- Parks, Nancy Steen, will come to next meeting to present

7:21 AJOURN Howard and Marked Seconded