

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
White Oak Recreation Center
1700 April Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904
Nov. 10, 2025

Attendance:

Members Present (In-person and remote)

- Bentley
- Delgado
- Flores
- Goettsch
- Holeywell
- Hutton
- Krauze
- Mullis
- Ricci
- Sparer
- Zarubin

Members Not Present

- Banda
- Hudson
- Jacknis
- Royster
- Ryan
- Tondo

A quorum was established at the meeting

Staff Present

- Berrios
- Burnett
- Clutter
- Fasteau

Ex Officio members present

- Gilchrist

Ricci called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Bentley provided an intro to the White Oak Recreation Center, focusing on its role in the community. Ricci mentioned that Gabe Alborno will be the new director of the recreation department, returning to a role he once had. Ricci said Alborno will be invited to join a board meeting once he officially takes on his new role.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda

Ricci shared the October 2025 minutes and the November 2025 agenda. Board members voted to approve both.

Agenda Items

1. General updates
 - a. Staff recognition - The staff appreciation event will be held on Dec. 8, 2025.
 - b. MCPS Permitting - Krauze reiterated concerns about consistency of availability of MCPS facilities and ongoing challenges of schools revoking/cancelling community use with little notice. He said he has requested information from CUPF on instances in which MCPS has rescinded community use availability in hopes of identifying trends but has not received it. Hutton suggested that the board consider re-engagement with MCPS on the topic.
2. Parks Report - Included information on the Garden of Lights at Brookside Gardens.
3. Recreation Report - Included information on basketball registration, which historically has over 6,000 participants.
4. Member Time
 - a. Hutton shared the "Rec Check" concept, in which members are encouraged to share their feedback and experiences with the parks and recreation departments via the new "Rec Check" [form](#).
 - b. Staff shared that Montgomery Parks is conducting a study on priority use of ballfields that's nearing completion, with the goal to balance historic use with the opportunity for newer leagues to have access.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Jan. 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.