

Countywide Recreation and Parks  
Advisory Board  
Monday, September 9, 2019  
Meeting Notes

**Present: Board:** Howard Goldberg, Michael Shimoff, Carl Blake, Adriane Clutter, Safiatous Barry, Karen Kincer, Chris Richardson, Mark Pharoah, and Melanie Sasse **Ex-Officio:** Benjamin DuGoff, Rodrigue Vital **Staff:** Robin Riley, John Nissel, Doug Ludwig and Sandra Samuel **Guest:** Tracey Anderson

**Absent:** Jeff Sullivan, Morton Davis, Lyle Ganz, Felecia Wilson, Matthew Lee

*Meeting called to order by Karen Kincer 6:30 p.m.*

- *Quorum eight (8) present by 6:41 p.m.*
- *Quorum nine (9) present by 7:11 p.m.*

**Welcome – Chair**

- Karen Kincer welcomed board members and staff

**Review of Agenda**

- Reviewed and approved September's agenda
- Motion made by Carl Blake and seconded by Chris Richardson. Approved.

**Review and approval of June 10, 2019 minutes**

- Not available, Will review and approve at the October meeting

**Community Announcement**

- Karen Kincer thanked John Nissel for Parks Half Marathon run yesterday
- Karen Kincer thanked Robin Riley for the opening of Wheaton Library
  - 3500 to 4000 people

**Ex Officio Reports**

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
  - No Update – Interagency Board meeting next Wednesday, 9/18
  - Meet quarterly
  - Submit dates
- Commission on Aging – Vacant
  - Next meeting will have someone at the next meeting
- Community Action Board – Vacant
  - No Update
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan
  - Could not attend
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
  - The first meeting is this Wednesday

**Recreation - Robin Riley**

- Amanda DeFilippo will no longer be involved with the Board
  - Robin Riley is looking for her replacement
- Two new Division Chiefs
  - Adriane Clutter, Office of Director
  - Traci Anderson, Office of Director
- MLK Pool closed all summer – mechanical issues, reopened after Labor Day
  - Operating more efficiently
- Robin met with Commission on Aging Chief today
  - Interested in recreation programs/opportunities
  - Village concept for support geographically across county
  - Senior living in Olney – better lifestyle

- Burtonsville Day, September 21<sup>st</sup>
- New Dept. performance measures, will be held accountable
- Looking at the 2-year budget
  - Impacts to advocacy
- New Community grant process
  - Overcome measurement
- Looking for space for programs in Clarksburg, Poolesville, etc.
- Over 10,000 young people served this year (Camps and volunteer opportunities)
- New Aquatic Facility coming in downtown Silver Spring (Similar to Germantown) 3-4 years
- Youth basketball – September 16th, serving 9000 to 10,000 youths
- Piloting – 6 locations, day passes, \$5
  - New Wheaton Center

#### **Parks – John Nissel**

- Submitted report electronically
- Planning Board back in session, New Board Member
  - Partap Verma
- Pesticide Legislation – Check our web page (35 new pesticide-free parks)
  - Foam stream machines (substitute for Glyphosate)
  - Presentation on Pesticide
  - Athletic Field Pilot Program
- Accelerated Ballfield Plan for MCPS, Elementary and Middle School
  - Renovation
  - Maintenance
- Ballfield pilot program
  - Studied starts on September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Renovation
- Prepping for FY21 Budget
  - Will give more details in October
- Cabin John Rink
  - Will Reopen on October 4<sup>th</sup>
- New Foundation Director starts October 7<sup>th</sup>
- New Maydale Nature Center (classroom)
  - Ribbon cutting in September
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – Ridge Road Inline Rink opening
- Study outdoor tennis court
  - Pickleball and Futsal demand
- E-bikes Pilot ends in December
- Wrapping up Dog Park Study
- NRPA 2019 Conference – Baltimore, MD
  - 8000 estimated
  - PG and Montgomery County – Recruitment
- Special thank you to Robin Riley for the Wheaton Library Opening
- Is there opportunity to use the school field near the Park? (Carl)
  - Walter Johnson School District
  - Contact CUPF regarding the use of artificial turf fields.

## **New Business – Karen Kincer**

- **Review Process for Reappointment**
  - Still waiting on reappointments and new appointments
  - Robin will send information tomorrow morning
  - Applications scanned to Karen
    - Reviewing applications need help
      - Howard Goldberg and Mark Pharoah will assist with application process
  - 6 current board members
    - Need to submit new resumes for reappointment
  - Conduct interview
- **Ice Breaker**
  - One word to description you
  - What are your interest and hobbies when you are not working?
- **Recognition/Awards for Recreation and Parks Staff**
  - Need the Process for Recognition/Awards
    - Do MCRD & Parks have group opportunities instead of at the CWRPAB meeting?
  - Need nominations from MCRD & Parks
  - Institute the current process on the calendar
  - Is there another opportunity to say thank you for your groups?
    - (Robin) MCRD All staff meeting – Wheaton Library
      - Maybe in the Spring
    - (John) Management Meeting
      - Montgomery County Parks Climb Meeting
- **Nominations by the End of October**
  - Mark Pharoah and Chris Richardson will assist with this process
    - Process, outcomes, responses
  - Staff, seasonal, and part-time
- **Outreach to Regional Boards**
  - How do people currently reach us?
  - Send a letter from CWRPAB with our ideas/concerns
    - **Action:** Carl Blake will draft a letter
- **Website Feedback/Question Form**
  - The link is on Parks website to solicit feedback
  - Have something on MCRD Site
    - **Action:** Michael Shimoff will create a draft template, the CWRPAB email and send a test email before the next meeting
- Motion made by Mark Pharoah and seconded by Chris Richardson to Adjourn. Approved.

8:05 pm Adjourn