

Sports Advisory Committee - Minutes

Wheaton Community Recreation Center, Art Room (2nd Floor)
11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring
Thursday, December 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: Mary Kate Crawford, Rick James, Tina Won Sherman, Samantha Griffin, Thomas Cove, Princess Clemente,, Doug Remer, Trish Heffelfinger, Tony Korson, Chris Wajda, Ryan Denner, David Schardt, Amy Lopez, Doug Schuessler, Max Levitt

Absent Board Members: Ben Corb, Dustin Jeter

Ex-Officio: Steve Solomon, Rebecca Frece, Nancy Petzold-Earp, Yuling Mei, Darren Flusche, Ryan Denner

Staff: Jason Fasteau

Guests:

Montgomery County Parks:

Carl Weber - Athletic Field Coordinator, Park Planning and Stewardship

Montgomery County Recreation

Adriane Clutter - Division Chief, Programs

Derrick Felton, Recreation Supervisor, Countywide Programs

M-NCPPC - Prince George's County Parks & Recreation

Byron Thompson

6:10 p.m. Tom Cove - Call to order – Welcome, General Announcements, Welcome guests

6:05 p.m. Review and Approve Agenda - Trish moved to approve, unanimous approval

6:10 p.m. Review and Approve November Minutes, Tina/Rick moved to approve, Unanimous approval.

6:15 p.m. Review of Committee Mandate:

- Jason: comments on the annual report that will be submitted at the end of December. The update will be primarily focused on how the committee is carrying out work and the “state of the committee”
- Discussion of County budget calendar ensued

6:20pm Review of our charge Committee – Responsibilities.

Discussion of committee’s mandate ensued.

6:25pm Recognition Committee Chair (David Schardt): reminder of Councilmember Gabe Albornoz's request to start with high school athletes for all 3 seasons this year.

- Two challenges:
 - recognition of high school teams - these teams have been accounted for and will be published on the website
 - Unsung hero awards - this is how we can recognize the under-recognized and underserved sport participants
 - Who will manage the recognition event
- Discussion of MCPS and Rec and the perception of silos
- A discussion ensued regarding the definition of "Sports Participation"

7:30pm A discussion of the recommendations unused. Chair Cove asked that committee narrow the recommendations to the following and agree to present them at the January meeting:

1. Case Study
 - a. Mary Kate confirmed that the case study proposal will be ready to present at the January meeting.
2. Community Liaison
 - a. Amy agreed to formally present the idea for the liaisons and include in her presentation how they may help combat the silo issue
3. Prior/Historical Use
4. Directory
 - a. Tina - the programming group can look at the tech/directory idea. Look at the MNCPPC - Athletic Field Use Permit Policy
5. Silos (this to be addressed with liaison)
6. Recognition
 - a. David confirmed the recognition group will be ready to present at the January meeting

Rick suggested the need to be outcome focused on the what and why rather than the how. A discussion on how best to present recommendations ensued.

Tom suggested we would ask the parks department to do this questionnaire. Let's put into a recommendation for each of the 4 areas. We also need to just look at the OLO report for the barriers. List the factors/barriers for which the recommendation is addressing. The OLO report lists all those barriers, we just need to list them since they are already there. Focus on recommendations.

Tom posed the question about appointment status for committee members as we approach the mid-year mark for the first year. Jason indicated that some committee members have one year appointments, but they can reapply for another term.

8:00pm Tom and Jason led a discussion on planning for the Winter and Spring meeting times.
The group unanimously agreed to meet the third Thursday of every month.

8:05pm Amy made a motion to adjourn, unanimous agreement