



Sports Advisory Committee

January 15, 2026 Meeting

Meeting Location

2425 Reedie Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

Attendance

Members Present (in-person)

- Princess Clemente
- Tom Cove
- Mary Kate Crawford
- Jay Goldstein
- Trish Heffelfinger
- Rick James
- Tony Korson
- Amy Lopez
- David Schardt
- Doug Schuessler
- Tina Won Sherman
- Steve Solomon, ex officio
- Christopher Wajda
- Carl Weber, ex officio

Members Not Present

- Mark Comer, ex officio
- Ben Corb
- Samantha Griffin
- Derrick Thompson, ex officio
- Bryan Walker, ex officio

Proof of Quorum

Quorum was met.

Staff Present

- Jason Fasteau

Guests

- Gabe Albornoz

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cove at 6:03pm.

Welcome and General Announcements

Tom Cove

- Agenda amended by unanimous vote
- Call for secretary

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The December 2026 meeting minutes were approved at 6:05pm.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved at 6:07pm.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Priorities for New Recreation Director
2. 2026 Priorities and Committee Structure (Mary Kate Crawford presentation)
 - Results of internal committee survey
 - What went well in 2025
 - How should we refocus our internal structures for 2026
 - What are the major themes we should focus on
3. Remarks and discussion - Gabe Albornoz, Director, Montgomery County Recreation Topics include:
 - Access to Recreation Department resources/staff support
 - Routine briefings
 - Recruiting ex officio members
 - Committee input during budget season
 - Potential public-private funding partnerships
 - Youth sports summit
4. Turf fields update
 - ACTION: vote yes to send letter to MCCPTA on pending resolution
5. Straw poll on commitment to youth sports summit:
 - VOTE: We are committed to moving forward with it
6. Annual Report Update
7. Public Comments
 - none
8. Other Business

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Update

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2026, 6-8pm at Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center, 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.