

## COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

January 9, 2017  
MEETING NOTES

Present: Morton Davis, Renee Katz [via phone], Paul Lofgren [via phone], Dave Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Jeff Bourne [Rec], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], John Nissel [Parks],

Absent: Wesley Japp, Vernard McBeth, Ingrid Pufahl, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Ron Maxson [CUPF], Mike Riley [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec], June Zillich [MCPS]

Chris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The January Agenda was unanimously approved and the December meeting notes were unanimously approved, as corrected, once a quorum was present.

### Rec Update – Jeff Bourne

- The CIP Status Report was distributed
- Jeff fielded questions regarding the South County Regional Recreation Center proposed for Silver Spring.
- The Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatic Center was discussed.
- Jeff will make a presentation to the new Board, once it is constituted, on all proposed CIP projects.
- Susan reminded Board members to take the Maryland's Open Meetings Act training, which is a requirement for service on Montgomery County Boards/Committees/Commissions. She also provided an update on the status of the interview process for the new Board. She will forward the legislation which created the new Board along with the current bylaws.

### Parks Update – John Nissel

- Parks received an award from the Montgomery County Conservation Corps for having planted 600 trees.
- Brookside raised \$20,000 for a stone statue to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Did a fleet presentation to their Board, upping the acquisition to \$11 million.
- Discussed opportunities for powering electric vehicles.
- The Wheaton Recreation/Library MOU is completed.
- Parks is ready to replace the artificial turf at Blair High School with a synthetic material with organic infill composed of coconut fibers.
- They are close to the end of rewriting the Parks Rules and Regulations and will want to make a presentation to the new Board.
- Between July and December 2016, Parks acquired 20 more acres for a total of 36,200 acres.

### Morty Davis Report

- He met with Phil Smakula, Recreation 55+ Team Manager, and Stacy Sigler, 55+ staffer, on the Keeping Seniors Safe program. Staff will be available to present on subjects relevant to seniors. Keeping Seniors Safe works with Montgomery County Police.

#### Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – no report
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – no report
- Upper County, Vernard McBeth – absent

The Board voted to remove the Local Board Reports from the agenda for future meetings.

#### Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Ron Maxson – absent.
- Commission on Aging – [VACANT]
- MCPS, June Zillich – absent
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.