

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

March 6, 2017
MEETING NOTES

Present: Renee Katz, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson [via phone], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Cliff Driver [Parks], Mark Galliano [CUPF], Gail Gunod-Green [CAB], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], John Nissel [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec]

Absent: Morton Davis, Paul Lofgren, Dave Magill, Vernard McBeth, Ingrid Pufahl, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], June Zillich [MCPS]

Chris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Lacking a quorum, the vote on the Agenda and January Meeting Notes were tabled until a quorum would be reached.

Rec Update – Jeff Bourne

- Discussed the upcoming renaming of the Wheaton-Glenmont Pool on April 4 for Montgomery County Police Sgt. Hector Ayalla who died in the line of duty. Invitations were distributed.
- Work is continuing on the South County Community Recreation and Aquatics Center in downtown Silver Spring.
- Clarksburg is finishing up.
- The Wheaton Community Recreation Center is under construction.
- Council President Roger Berliner suggested building a second Community Recreation Center similar to the South County Center, elsewhere in the County.
- Robin Riley
 - Futsol ended on Friday night in both the Upcounty and the Down County. Montgomery County Parks was actively engaged.
 - Fashion Boot Camp will be held on March 10. Mrs. Leggett will emcee.
 - The first Montgomery County Recreation Camp Fair will be held on March 12 at the North Potomac Community Recreation Center.
 - The Department continues its struggles with ActiveMONTGOMERY, which is still a work in progress
 - Youth basketball is almost over. Rising Star finals are coming up.
- Susan Hoffmann
 - Discussed several events to which the Board is invited.

Parks Update – John Nissel

- Parks is in the height of the budget season and has requested a 7% increase. They are requesting 14 new positions.
- Summer camp registration is going well.
- 400 skaters have registered for classes.
- The May Dale Center is demolished. Trailers will be repurposed and there will be a new nature center. This is the first Net Zero building in Montgomery County. Renee Katz's Friends for May Dale group helped make it happen.

- Parks is cutting down Emerald Ash Bore trees to fight the contagion. The trees must be cut down while alive, since they become too fragile to climb when dead. They are buying a portable saw mill to repurpose the ash wood.
- Two maintenance yards will be opening soon. They will be either LEED Gold or Silver.
- A large contingent of Park Police worked at the Presidential inauguration.
- All community gardens are full.
- The turf field at Blair High School should be done by March 15. It will be all organic infill, with no crumb rubber.
- Over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the volunteer service ran 11 stream clean ups.

Montgomery County Ballfield Assessment Study Report – Joe Davis, Billy Tyler, Cliff Driver, and Kevin May

- Power point presentation followed by questions

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Mark Galliano – CUPF will go live on May 1 for summer reservations.
- Commission on Aging – [VACANT]
- MCPS, June Zillich – absent
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent
- Community Action Board – Gail Gunod-Green – The CAB serves in an advisory capacity to the County Executive and the County Council for the poor and the working poor, assessing their needs and problems. CAB is a part of Montgomery County HHS. On March 25, there will be free tax assistance at Bohrer.

Old/New Business – Chris Richardson

- Mission/Vision Statement for new Board
 - May need to hold a conference call to discuss the establishing legislation, mission, and goals.
 - Come up with a strategic plan and an action plan.
 - Develop an orientation package for the new Board.
- Board vacancies
 - 20 interviews are schedule for 12 vacancies

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.