

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MARCH 11, 2014  
MEETING NOTES

Present: Renee Katz, James Krzyminski, David Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Ingrid Pufahl, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Jeff Bourne [Rec], Mary Bradford [Parks], Christine Brett [Parks], Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Ursula Hermann [MCPS], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Present by phone: Joy Barrow, Wesley Japp

Absent: Erik Johnson, Myron Johnson, Paul Lofgren, Ron MacNab, Sean Thomas Smith, Vernard McBeth, Michael Waters, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Steve Beach [CUPF], Morton Davis [Commission on Aging], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Robin Riley [Rec]

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Agenda and February 3, 2014 meeting notes were unanimously approved, as amended, once a quorum was present.

Rec Update – Jeff Bourne

- CIP Budget
  - Met with PHED and HHS Council committees re the Wheaton Community Recreation Center and Library
    - Both committees rejected historic designation recommendation unanimously. Opposition is not likely to go away quietly
  - No. Potomac Community Recreation Center – favorably moved forward
  - Scotland Center is under construction
  - Ross Boddy reconstruction will start at end of school year
- MCPS has requested waiver from state not to extend past scheduled close of school year, despite snow days closures. If not granted waiver, would impact first week of Montgomery County Recreation programs
- Will testify in Annapolis on local bond bills, including Potomac adaptive sports court and Silver Spring Black Box.

Parks Update – Mary Bradford

- Plan to hew as closely as possible to County Executive budget. Working on CIP and budget going forward:
  - Little Bennett and Josiah Henson Parks
  - Following state legislation that would enact “No smoking anywhere” on parks
  - Minimum wage increase could affect fees
  - Artificial turf – useful during the aftermath of bad weather – much more environmentally sensitive than past types of turf.
- March 18 – An exercise in a terrorist attack drill will be conducted at So. Germantown Recreational Park. There also will be one in Prince Georges.
  - Mary will send information to the Board
- Parks Fees - Christine Brett

- Christine circulated recommended fee increases
- Debt free at this time. the following will have a total of \$600,000 in impacts per year
  - Minimum wage increase will affect fees
  - Transaction fee for ActiveNet will be \$130,000 per year
  - U.S. Department of Justice regulations for ADA upgrades at facilities will have program impacts
- Last year, raised event centers by 10%. Discussed future increases. Staff will circulate a memo.
- Total budget is \$10 million
- Board unanimously approved recommended fee increases
- Updates
  - March 20 – skate park opens
  - Ice rinks enjoyed good attendance – likely due to good Olympic season

#### Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – Upcoming March 19 meeting at White Oak Community Recreation Center with the MCPS Northeast Consortium. Would like to see the following added to the Montgomery County Recreation budget: before school care, extend Summer Fun Centers to entire summer and extend their hours
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – absent
- Upper County, Vernard McBeth – absent
  
- Ex Officio Reports
- Community Use of Public Facilities, Steve Beach – absent
- Commission on Aging, Morton Davis – absent
- MCPS, Ursula Hermann – still working on new regulations on suspension and core. The Code of Conduct is a work in progress
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent
- M-NCPPC Police, Chief Tony DeVaul –
  - March 14 – Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Awards
  - May 21 – Park Police holds its own Public Safety Awards ceremony
  - active shooter training is available and can be offered to community groups; the force received two free bomb dogs – will ride with officers; last year saw 10 new hires – quality over quantity

#### Old/New Business – Chris Richardson

- Chair Richardson will meet with County Executive Ike Leggett on April 3
- Future meeting schedule
  - Will reschedule employee excellence awards presentation to fit with County Executive schedule
  - Closing picnic meeting will be held on June 2 and will be hosted by Montgomery County Parks at So. Germantown.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm