

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 1, 2015
MEETING NOTES

Present: Joy Barrow, Morton Davis, Renee Katz, Ron MacNab, Dave Magill, Vernard McBeth, Mark Pharaoh, Ingrid Pufahl, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], John Nissel [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec]

Absent: Wesley Japp, Paul Lofgren, Michael Waters, Cynthia Bangali [MCPS], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Ron Maxson [CUPF], Mike Riley [Parks]

Guests: Capt. George Coleman, [Park Police]

The Countywide Recreation Advisory Board Employee Excellence Awards were presented by Board Chair Chris Richardson and Recreation Director Gabe Albornoz. The recipients were:

Rosemarie Mantua – Fulltime Staff
Jamie Brown – Seasonal Staff
Isata Dukuly – Volunteer

Following the award presentation, Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Agenda and May meeting notes were approved unanimously.

Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- Due to changes in state law, Maryland had withdrawn the child care exemption for Parks and Recreation. Since then, it was overturned, so that both departments are still exempt.
- The Wynne case lost at the Supreme Court, which dealt with tax duplication. Maryland and seven other states are impacted. Montgomery County has to find an additional \$7 million in FY16, \$70 million in FY17, and \$20 million for FY18 and the out years. This decision is likely to result in a tax increase.
- CIP Report:
 - North Potomac Community Recreation Center is on track to open next year
 - Ross Boddy Community Recreation Center will open next summer
 - Good Hope Community Recreation Center has been approached by Strathmore Music Hall to create arts performance space. This may require a supplemental budget request.
 - Wheaton Community Recreation Center/Library is planned to be in construction at the beginning of FY17
- The Silver Spring Summer Concert Series and the July 4th celebrations in Wheaton and Germantown are coming up

Parks Update – John Nissel

- Parks is nominated again for the NRPA Gold Medal Award. It would be the sixth gold medal they would have won.
- Parks has 2,642 volunteers
- They have conducted 106 park cleanups which resulted in 57,000+ tons of trash
- Their camps are nearly full
- June 6 is Kids Fishing Day
- They are putting in a “jumping pillow” at Germantown Splash Park

Local Board Reports

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

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Ron Maxson – absent
- Commission on Aging [VACANT] – Morty Davis is working on Keeping Seniors Safe
- MCPS, Cynthia Bangali, with the Office of Community Engagement & Partnerships – absent
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent
- M-NCPPC Police – Tony DeVaul – absent – Capt. George Coleman – Chief DeVaul is still at the FBI in Quantico. Awards were made to many officers, including the valor award. There are nine new officers. Park police sent 12 officers and three horses to Baltimore for several days during the unrest.

Old/New Business – Chris Richardson

- Election of Officers and Executive Committee results:
 - Chair – Chris Richardson
 - Vice Chair – David Magill
 - Executive Committee – Renee Katz, Paul Lofgren, Felecia Wilson

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.