

## COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Sept 14, 2015  
MEETING NOTES

Present: Renee Katz, Dave Magill, Vernard McBeth, Mark Pharaoh, Ingrid Pufahl, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], John Nissel [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec] Cynthia Bangali [MCPS} Ron Maxson [CUPF], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Paul Lofgren

Absent: Joy Barrow, Morton Davis, Wesley Japp, Ron MacNab, Michael Waters, Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Mike Riley [Parks]

Guests: Capt. Nicole Adams [Park Police]

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

The Agenda and June meeting notes were approved unanimously.

### Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- Active launch went well, few bumps still working on, will be so for a period of time, calculated 20,000 or more staff hours in the launch.
- Summer camp and summer aquatics went well, evaluating now, looking at more summer fun center sites, pilot in 2016 added sessions in August, gearing up for basketball
- 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 was approached by Strathmore Music Hall to create arts performance space and it has been approved
  - Wheaton Community Recreation Center/Library has moved to construction documents
  - Potomac adaptive court nearly complete
  - Schweinhaut renovation may include evaluation of site for aqua and rec amenities
- Independence day events went well, 28,000 residents attended two sites

### Parks Update – John Nissel

- Parks Active launch was a success
- Casey Anderson activating parks – 6 done this summer, Wall park went very well, adding fitness equipment at those sites
- Comprehensive assessment of ball fields being completed, working with schools, managing 68 MCPS athletic field maintenance. Recruiting to hire a ball field liaison.
- Asked Chuck Hines to attend CWRAB mtg and present trail info to board
- Hired new parks Foundation Executive Director
- Project access moving forward – invited Mary Beth Dugan to attend and present to Board
- Camps up 18% from last year
- Pesticide bill still in committee – session on Thursday

### Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – no report
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – absent
- Upper County, Vernard McBeth – no report - sent Susan questions waiting on response

### RESPONSE:

Vernard – thank you for your patience. The picture you asked about appears to be of a grease trap typical of one used at our kitchens.

The floors at Germantown Community Recreation Center/maintenance & repairs are as follows:

1. General floor work - Clean/wax/buff and shampoo was completed during the closure in Aug/Sept.
2. Gymnasium floor - Refinishing scheduled for Dec 7 - 10, 2015 (Pre-Basketball)
3. Social Hall floor - Refinishing tentatively scheduled for March 17-20 (Post Winter)

Pls feel free to address any specific questions to the Center Director, Doug Simpson.

### Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Ron Maxson – record of 3000 requests processed in 4 weeks in August; Will go live with Active in phases – beginning in October, fee restructure to include start up in hourly rate should ease billing, etc.
- Commission on Aging [VACANT] – absent
- MCPS, Cynthia Bangali, with the Office of Community Engagement & Partnerships – working on education training session for MCPS child abuse, neglect reporting policies
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent
- M-NCPPC Police – Tony DeVaul – absent – Capt. Nicole Adams – Chief DeVaul is at a conference In process of hiring 10 new officers, implementation of CRT community response team very effective

Old/New Business – Chris Richardson

Need update on status of members, Mr. McNabb says his term is up – others status

Executive committee will meet on priorities for upcoming year - advocacy a topic, plan of action items for year.

Gabe mentioned feedback on potential naming of Wheaton Rec/Library may be needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.