

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 4, 2013
MEETING NOTES

Present: Erik Johnson, James Krzyminski, Paul Lofgren, Ron MacNab, David Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, George Schlapo, Sean Thomas Smith, Felecia Wilson, James Zepp.

Gabe Alborno [Rec], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Ursula Hermann [MCPS], and Robin Riley [Rec].

Absent: Rose Alvarez, Don Shulman [resigned], Michael Waters, Steve Beach [CUPF], Mary Bradford [Parks], Christine Brett [Parks], Morton Davis [Commission on Aging], Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Kamran Rasul [Commission on Disabilities].

Guests: John Nissel [Parks]

Chair Report – Chris Richardson

- Chair Richardson welcomed everyone and introduced guests.
- Meeting Agenda and January 7, 2013 Meeting Notes were unanimously approved.

Rec Update – Gabe Alborno

- **Be Active Montgomery!** Campaign will kick off on June 8 at Germantown. Event will have a focus on youth covering nutrition, wellness, etc. Board was asked to support the event as a project: volunteer on the day of, work on the campaign, participate in the planning.
- Senior transportation – shuttle service for seniors
- Therapeutic Recreation will be expanding its programming to be more inclusive, particularly in Aquatics, Classes and Sports
- The Quarterly Leadership Forum, the County's upper management staff, meets every three months. Last month's meeting dealt with a proposal to look to the County's future and explore branding as *New Montgomery*.
- Boxing program – there is a proposal on the table. We need feedback from the Board. Board was mostly supportive, and had questions about status, goals, fitness, head injury, supervision, public/private partnership proposal.
- The Board is interested in ways to support the department, including annual awards for Recreation staff, Parks staff, and acknowledging volunteers

- Celebrated the 103rd birthday of Rita DiLazzara, one of the Clara Barton Community Recreation Center seniors. There was press coverage and County Executive Isiah Leggett presented a certificate.

CIP Update –Jeff

- Distributed the Montgomery County Recreation draft of the FY15-20 Proposed CIP

Parks Update – John Nissel

- March 21 – CIP Planning Board/Countywide Recreation Advisory Board Hearing
- Parks is conducting an ADA audit – ¼ of the parks are completed and 9000 violations have been found. They are beginning to prioritize remedies
- Wheaton Outdoor Sports Pavilion is taking reservations
- Seneca Lodge tent pad is 70% installed
- The barn at the Agricultural Farm History Museum is getting a new roof, and adjustments are being made to be ADA accessible
- It was a good year for Cabin John and the Wheaton trains
- The Parks Corporate Sponsorship proposal was passed by the Planning Board

Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – cancelled the meeting; considering joint meeting with the regional advisory board. Asked if Montgomery County Recreation could expand summer fun centers through August to meet parents' demands. Not possible to staff as summer comes to an end, as well as the schools and Community Recreation Centers are being cleaned for the fall. There are concerns about dogs fighting at dog parks. Would like to see senior volleyball expanded from Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center to all of Montgomery County.
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – there was no meeting; attended the Glenmont Exchange Program on the revitalization of Glenmont.

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Steve Beach – absent
- Commission on Aging, Morton Davis –absent

- MCPS – Ursula Hermann – MCPS is taking on several projects, including getting baseline data for kids while playing football[concussive head injuries]; social/emotional learning for younger students.
- M-NCPPC Police, Chief Tony DeVaul – ABSENT

Old/New Business

- Chair Richardson reiterated that the Board should be involved in developing an annual awards program for Recreation staff, Parks staff, and acknowledging volunteers; as well as participating in the June 8 kickoff of Be Active Montgomery! Those interested can be in touch with Director Albornoz, Christine Brett or Susan Hoffmann
- Ron MacNab requested that Chuck from Parks be asked to provide a presentation on Parks and Trails

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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