

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
Josiah Henson Museum & Park
11410 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda

Monday, June 10, 2024

Board members present: Duncan Mullis, Ed Krauze, Rob Sparer, Ryan Holeywell, Melanie Stickle, Ann Horton, Kelli Hudson, Michael Ricci, Gislene Tasayco, Michael Jacknis, Amy Beal, Aravind Banda, Hannah Hutton, Gus Delgado, Yolanda Goettsch, Robin Sparer, Skip Plate

Board members absent: Robera Tasissa

Staff present: Gary Burnett, Sandra Samuel, Adriana Clutter, Jason Fasteau, Robin Riley, Henry Coppola

Ex-Officio members present: Tonya Gilchrest, Greg Kellner, Derek Ross

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Reviewed and approved June 2024 agenda without changes. Horton motioned. Goettsch seconded. Unanimous.

Reviewed and approved May 2024 minutes without changes. Krauze motioned. Plate seconded. Unanimous.

Stickle provided an update on the ad hoc working groups and urged board members to join a group if they had not yet. Stickle stated that as the board identifies additional opportunities, we can assign them to working groups in order to make progress between board meetings. Stickle urged ad hoc groups to meet between board meetings and determine who will run each group. The groups are:

- Community Outreach
- Advocacy
- Equity and Inclusion
- Staff Appreciation and Recognition
- Board Governance

Additionally, Stickle recognized Plate for his service to the board.

Horton spoke on behalf of the nominating committee and outlined the process by which nominations for new board leadership were received.

Stickle solicited additional nominations from the floor and received none. Stickle solicited a motion for wholesale approval of the entire slate, rather than a confidential voting process, given

the absence of nominations from the floor. Hudson made the motion and Tasayco seconded, with unanimous approval.

Each of the nominees spoke about their enthusiasm to be involved in the board in a leadership capacity. Stickle clarified that their new roles take effect Aug. 1.

Stickle called for a vote on the ballot, and the slate was approved unanimously:

- Chair: Michael Ricci
- Vice Chair: Hannah Hutton
- Executive Committee: Yolanda Goettsch, Gislene Tasayco, Kelli Hudson

Additional items discussed:

- June 22: Board members are invited to a sculpture unveiling for Olympian Dominique Dawes
- The County was successful in receiving 1.4M for a state bond initiative for playgrounds. Split over the next two years.
- Shawna Fachel joins as the new division chief of facilities for the Recreation department.
- Gary Burnett highlights upcoming events:
 - Mud Fest - June 15
 - Henson birthday celebration - June 15
 - Reopening of Columbia Local Park - June 29
 - Multiple Independence Day fireworks celebrations
- Jason Fasteau thanked Stickle for her service

The next board meet is scheduled for Sept. 9.

Krauze motioned to adjourn. Ricci seconded. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.