

Countywide Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes

June 6, 2022 – hybrid meeting

Attendance

Board: Carl Blake, Marcus Coleman, Alison Gillespie, Otto Gonzalez, Karen Kincer, Mark Pharoh, Dave Pullen, Felecia Wilson

Ex Officio: Greg Kellner, Kendell Matthews, Myriam Paul

Staff: Janet Dixon, Richard Kharman, Doug Ludwig, Robin Riley, Melanie Sasse

Absent: Traci Anderson, Aravind Banda, Ramona Bell-Pearson, Gary Burnett, Adriane Clutter, Steffany Hamlett, Donald Hawkins, Michael Ma, Michael Shimoff, Melanie Stickle, Jeneva Stone, Robera Tasissa

Quorum Called 6:43pm

Agenda approved 6:44pm Mark Pharoh first, Dave Pullen seconded

Member Input & Announcements

Dave: Job Description is being fine tuned

Alison: Transportation, would like to find more information over the summer

Social Media: decided to forgo the opportunity to create a separate account (Facebook, Instagram etc..) and tag on to existing accounts and other outlets such as the Weekly Run Down.

Robin: Weekly Run Down has been suspended (lost social media specialist) due to only four people responding to the survey of use.

Otto: How long was the survey? Was it tracked? Double-check subject line so it is not lost in junk/spam folders. Add “we would like your opinion” to the bottom of any publication. Robin will get answers when new social media specialist starts.

Consensus – in the future tag on to Weekly Run Down and other publications and sites with Rec and MNCPPC to manage

KSAC / Wall Park lease is still in the hands of the attorney at MCPPC

Richard: Making progress for rain out line. Many fields to monitor, try to have as many boots on the ground to make informed decisions. Permits are looked at for time of use.

Otto: Soccer Ref’s need 3-hour notice or must be paid. Message on rain out line is confusing go vs. No-go, is it possible to add the message in Spanish>

Alison: Equity focus – some fields continue to be unavailable.

Alison: Cross use of rain-out line for trails as well.

Richard: Will return with answers about field repairs.

Ex-Officio Reports

Ramona / CUPF

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Kendall / CoA

Smokey Glen BBQ – great marketing. Proclamation on Older Adult Month coming.

Myriam / CAB

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Greg / MCPS

Montgomery County was very well represented in State Championships and will be bringing home plenty of trophies and awards.

Director Reports

Robin

Smokey Glen BBQ is on June 22 from 10 am to 2 pm. Registration is full and there is a waitlist. A full event with partners, games, activities, boosters being offered, delegates, and council members will also be on site.

Pools opened.

A continuing struggle for swim instructors and camp counselors. We have the “teach the teacher” programs and you do not have to be a lifeguard to teach swim lessons.

There is an increase in angst and violence; Initiatives for Positive Youth Development (Silver Spring and Germantown). New and engaging activities such as volleyball leagues for girls also continuing softball, field hockey, and lacrosse.

Coffield Community Recreation Center will have a soft opening on June 13 with a Welcome Back event on June 18

Long Branch Community Center is up and running and doing well.

White Oak 10th Anniversary event went well and well attended.

A new roof is being installed at Germantown Community Center. From June 22 to August 19 will be closed for elections.

Writing job descriptions for the twenty-three new positions that came out of the budget for the the new fiscal year.

A framework is starting for a Sports Commission

The Fireworks vendor pulled out, we were able to find a new vendor but did have to switch the schedule to have the two shows over two days (July 2 and July 4) versus 2 shows in 2 days.

June 18 Bruce Adams Baseball with a celebration of Negro Baseball

HerTime2Shine will be attending the LPGA Tournament – we received 150 tickets.

Doug for Gary

Actively hiring as there are 150 vacancies, mostly these are labor positions which are impacting all facets of the department

Jane Lynch Urban Park is nearing completion

Urging everyone to check the parks web site newsletter. Some events that are happening – Salsa in the Park, Yappy Hours, Skate Night, concert series at Brookside.

June 18 celebration Josiah Henson's birthday

June 18 – June 19 Juneteenth celebration

Nomination Committee – Carl Blake

Board needs the Vice-Chair position and one seat on the Executive Committee

1 nomination received by Carl for Board Chair – Dave Pullen

Dave Pullen nominated Alison Gillispie for Vice Chair

Carl Blake nominated Alison Gillispie for Vice Chair or as a member of the Executive Committee

Quorum was lost at the time of this agenda item so a vote could not be held.

Karen will create and send ballot via email. Ballot will be affirmed at next meeting which is in September.

Karen thanks everyone for the work on the board

Adjourn: 7:58 pm

Submitted

J.Dixon June 14, 2022