

Minutes - Countywide Recreation Advisory Board

November 8, 2021 - hybrid meeting

Board Members: Karen Kincer, Carl Blake, Dave Pullen, Allison Gillespie, Marcus Coleman. Don Hawkins, and Mark Pharaoh

Ex-Officio Members: Jeaneva Stone, Kendell Matthews, and Greg Kellner

Staff: Robin Riley, Traci Anderson, Adriane Clutter, Melanie Sasses, Doug Ludwig, and Janet Dixon

6:34pm – Quorum Called by Karen Kincer

Karen introduced new members

Agenda approved for the evening

It was noted that due to technical difficulties the meeting could not be recorded.

Updates

Karen: Took tour of stables. Congratulated MCPS on robust Fall Sports Program.

Carl: Echoed Karen on MCPS Fall Sports. Question on Washington Landmark Properties purchasing. Wants to make sure parks and county facilities are protected and preserved.

Allison: Attended Planning for Downtown Silver Spring. Asked board to look at planning website for park areas. Will be testifying on December 2.

Marcus: Updates on interviews for additional board members?

Karen: More advertising has been done. Stephanie Sandoval is on the Council Agenda for tomorrow, November 9, for appointment.

Mark: Attended the virtual meeting for Long Branch and Coffield. New shelter to open soon. East County CRC: concern that the entire center being used especially when nearby CVS is administering vaccines. Question: why East County CRC was picked and why wasn't community notified

Discussion on Long Branch and Coffield logistics; this involves moving people & furniture, storage space (furniture, supplies), carpentry and repairs as well as advertising and hiring staffing (there has been attrition as staff has retired, promoted and / or left the county) when centers do re-open.

Discussion on Logistics / Senior Use at East County CRC; newly acquired funds will allow for fee free programs.

Allison: Suggested that there is an ask to the CE for a Crisis Plan to be into place for the future.

Action Item Updates

Social Media (Carl); Facebook seems ideal, Twitter not so much. who would be the Administrator and how to facilitate? Next task: figure out governance and what needs to happen next.

Google Classroom: Janet will assist Greg so he can gain access.

Job Descriptions (Don & Dave); will have more information in the week, draft should be available by next meeting. Need more information on mission, function, and objectives of the board.

Ex-Officio Reports

Ramona – not online

Kendell – continue to speak to concerns about East County CRC

Greg – Football and Lacrosse playoffs are happening. Entering Winter sports / moving indoors having to start navigating the mask and vaccine mandates.

Jeneva – nothing to add yet

Doug – Car Free streets till happening, quite popular. Garden of Lights Show starts November 19. Urban Woods Sale (unique pieces of lumber for craftsman) will be at Turkey Thicket. Winter registration starts today. Deer population is under control. This Saturday at 10:30 at McKenw Park - what would people like to see at the new playground?

Robin – Winter registration starts today. New POS (VSI) starts February 14. Kids Day Out – working with MCPS on transportation. Soccer Regionals today at 4pm. Futsal started with some help on transportation. Delegate Pam Queen hosting SHOP & DROP at Wheaton this Saturday from 9am – 6pm. First half for business owners to meet with Governor's Office second half they will be selling their goods. Senior Olympics just finished. Met with Council on budget for FY23.

Melanie – South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center. Description and Images can be found at the MCG's Department of General Services [web page](#).

Follow up discussion included staffing, partnering business, equipment, pricing & membership fees, and how will the Metropolitan Branch Trail be incorporated (bike storage, showers etc.)

Carl Blake reviewed action items.

Adjourn at ~ 8:30pm