

# Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, June 10, 2019  
Meeting Notes

**Present: Board:** Safiatou Barry, Carl Blake, Howard Goldberg, Karen Kincer, Chris Richardson, Melanie Stickle, Rasheda Vereen and Felecia Wilson. **Ex-Officio:** Benjamin DuGoff, Rodrigue Vital and Jeff Sullivan. **Staff:** Robin Riley, Amanda DeFilippo, John Nissel, Doug Ludwig and Sandra Samuel.

**Absent:** Morton Davis, Lyle Ganz, Matthew Lee, Mark Pharaoh, Bradley Ryan and Michael Shimoff,

*Meeting called to order by Karen Kincer at 6:35 p.m.*

- *Quorum eight (8) present by 6:43 p.m.*

## Welcome – Acting Chair

- Karen Kincer welcomed board members and staff

## Review of Agenda

- Reviewed and approved June's agenda
- Motion made by Chris Richardson and seconded by Felicia Wilson. Approved.

## Review and approval of May 13, 2019 minutes

- Reviewed and approved May's minutes
- Motion made by Carl Blake and seconded by Safiatou Barry. Approved.

## Community Announcements

- Karen reminded everyone the vacancies are out
  - June 21<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to apply for reappointment or vacancy
- Carl mentioned Cycle in the Circle, Warner Circle, 6/30/19
- Jeff posted Equity on Sport Video – look at Google Classroom

## Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
  - Announced replacement for Finance Manager, Patricia Vitale
- Commission on Aging – Vacant
  - No update
- Community Action Board – Gail Gunod-Green

- No Update
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan
  - After school supervision for sports, opportunity for collaboration
  - Working on a Strategic Plan (3 -5-year)
  - Implementing a student athlete council
    - 2 kids from each school
  - Automated cameras in H.S. stadiums and gyms will follow action to stream events live
  - Possible change to County Championships
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
  - No update

#### Recreation - Robin Riley

- Report distributed at the meeting
- Vacancies
  - 14 positions
- Wheaton Community Recreation Center
  - Will open in early September
- Budget
  - Lost money for senior programs and community recreation center programs
  - Gained money for Wheaton, extended hours at select centers and out of school time
- Wheaton HQ move in August 2020,
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Burtonsville Event, Build a Block, Fall 2019
- Summer Camps – Training
- Outdoor Pools are open with trouble (aging infrastructure and replacement drains needed)
- MoCo's Got Talent – Finale at Fillmore
  - Winners: Band won. Justin Wang, guitarist
- Learn to Ride Event for Excel Beyond the Bell at Oakview Elementary
  - 2.5 miles through the neighborhood
  - Essay Contest, 8 winners won bikes donated by Dick's Sporting Goods
- Two NACo Awards
  - Senior Planet Montgomery
  - Summer Leadership Program

#### Parks – John Nissel

- Submitted report electronically
- Mitra Pedoeem, Deputy Director of Administration, retired
  - Dept. vacancy issued
- NRPA Conference, Baltimore MD, September 2019
  - Recruitment
- E scooter/E bike Pilot Program
- Olney Mill Pickleball

- Offers six individual Pickleball courts
- Maydale Nature Classroom Progress Report
- In-Line skating project w/Capitals (RR & Dewey)
- Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly & Caterpillar Exhibit
  - August is the best month to go
- Mudfest, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Woodstock Equestrian Park
- Yappy Hour, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, Elm Street Urban Parks, Bethesda
- Budget
  - Received all tiers, including White Oak Athletic Field

### New Business

- Prepare for next year's budget support
- Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020 Board Session
  - Schedule
    - Current Schedule, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., EOB, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Large Conference Room
    - Discussion to switch back to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, next meeting is on Monday, September 9
  - Location – EOB, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850
  - What time of the month works?
    - 6:30pm
  - What about the location in 2020?
    - Can move to the new location at Wheaton HQ in September 2020?
- Karen Kincer will distribute a survey via Google Classroom to learn more about each board member.
  - How do you use Parks and Recreation?
  - Interests
  - Useful background tools
  - Rod suggest adding a picture with submission
  - Carl suggest reviewing all the surveys in September as an ice breaker
- June 12<sup>th</sup> at Wheaton and June 13<sup>th</sup> at Downtown Silver Spring Public Forums
  - Mike Riley will attend the Wheaton meeting
- Nominations
  - Chair – Karen Kincer
  - Vice Chair – Mark Pharaoh
  - Executive Committee
    - Felicia Wilson
    - Howard Goldberg
    - Carl Blake
  - No nominations from floor
  - Motion passed as stated above

7:30 pm Adjourn