

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, May 12, 2025

2425 Reddie Drive, 10th Floor, Wheaton

Board members present: Bentley, Flores, Goettsch, Hudson, Hutton, Jacknis, Mullis, Ricci, Royster, Ryan, Sparer, Tondo

Board members absent: Banda, Delgado, Holeywell, Krauze, Zarubin

Staff present: Samuel, Burnett, Figueredo, Riley, Clutter, Fachet, Berrios, Fasteau

Ex-Officio members present: Ross

Michael Ricci called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve May 2025 agenda and April 2025 minutes Bentley motioned to approve, Royster seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Figueredo provided a budget update. Montgomery Parks has been busy defending their budget at the County Council. The County Executive's budget request made it difficult for Parks to maintain the same level of services budget. The proposed budget falls short by \$3M, initially it was at \$5M.

The County Executive sent a budget amendment of \$1M to pay for compensation. Some grass fields would be impacted – less fertilizer and irrigation, trash pick-up, other similar services. Scheduled renovations may get delayed or canceled altogether.

Discussion ensued regarding Parks' budget priorities.

Events: Butterfly Exhibit at Brookside Gardens is currently taking place.

6:55 pm Ricci inquired regarding June off-site meeting location. Discussion ensued.

MLK Pool selected for June, White Oak CRC in fall. Gary recommended Green Farm Maintenance Facility.

Ricci discussed process for officer elections to take place in during the June meeting. Tondo, Mullis, and Liz Ryan agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Riley discussed the Recreation budget process which went OK. Rec held many events in Spring such as flag football, including, for the first time, a girls' division that also included female officials.

Events: Clarksburg Seniors 50th Anniversary of the group who have stayed connected for 50 years

Summer Camps – trainings are soon underway for career and seasonal staff

Maryland Senior Olympics events continue to take place.

Soccer4Change culminating event 5/30 at MLK Regional Park.

Rec Assist provides \$400 per eligible family member, an increase from \$200 per last year.

Robin Riley retirement discussion and commendation of service. Ricci presented a plaque from the Board.

Bentley motion to adjourn, Hutton seconded. Approval was unanimous.