

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Monday, April 8, 2019

Meeting Notes

Present: Board: Safiatou Barry, Lyle Ganz, Howard Goldberg, Karen Kincer, Matthew Lee, Carol Petrucci, Mark Pharaoh, Bradley Ryan, Melanie Stickle, Rasheda Vereen, and Felecia Wilson **Ex-Officio:** Benjamin DuGoff, Gail Gunod-Green, Rodrigue Vital, and Jeffrey Sullivan **Staff:** Robin Riley, Mike Riley, Adriane Clutter, Amanda DeFilippo, and Sandra Samuel.

Absent: Carl Blake, Morton Davis, Chris Richardson, Michael Shimoff, Jeffrey Szuchman, John Nissel, Doug Ludwig, and Kizzy Chambers.

Meeting called to order by Carol Petrucci at 6:03p.m.

- *Quorum eleven (11) present*

Welcome - Chair

- Carol Petrucci welcomed board members and staff

Review of Agenda

- Review and approve April's agenda
- Did not have the quorum needed to approve the agenda

Review and approval of March 11, 2019 minutes

- Reviewed and approved March's minutes with corrections
- Motion made by Felicia Wilson and seconded by Karen Kincer. Approved

Community Announcements

- Racial Equity and Social Justice Community Engagement Meeting, Silver Spring, MD

Review of Action Items

- Updated contact list
- Required staff training

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities – Rod Vital
 - No Update
- Commission on Aging – Vacant
 - No update

- Community Action Board – Gail Gunod-Green
 - Submitted report electronically
 - VITA Program for low income families – not too late to sign up
 - Under \$55,000 to qualify per household
- Montgomery County Public Schools – Jeffrey Sullivan
 - 28,000 athletes – Thank you for the support
 - Willing to assist with partnership
- Commission on People with Disabilities – Benjamin DuGoff
 - No Update

Recreation Update - Robin Riley

- PHED Meeting on April 26 to answer question on the budget
- Martin Luther King Jr. indoor pool will close for renovations on May 20th; expected to reopen in September
 - Work to be completed on pumps, tanks, HVAC, lighting, etc.
- Soccer starting this past weekend
- Camps are almost full at all Summer Fun Centers. Other camp registrations are going well
- Good Hope host Bloom Concert Series this month
- Wheaton Location
 - 2nd Floor will be for registration
- Pikes Peak Water Stop on Rockville Pike
 - April 28 at 6:30am, race starts at 7:05am
- Fitness 101 – 8 locations – Introduction 1-hour help. Great feedback, will try to expand
- Lifeguarding Program
 - Summer Leadership
 - Age – must be 16 or older
- Rec Assist – Still have funds available. \$800,000 per year. Biggest use is for camps and swim lessons. Working on streamlining processing the paperwork to improve the customer's experience

Parks – Mike Riley

- Submitted report electronically
- The County Executive's recommended budget for Parks is 8% higher than last year; but not limited to
 - Compensation
 - OBI – opening new parks and maintaining ballfields/parks
 - Known operating commitments including contracts, utilities, and materials
- Items from Director Report
 - Capital Budget
 - Renovations for MCPS fields
 - Fund Balance Program
- Bond Bills approved; \$950,000 to date for park projects
 - Black Hill Seed Classroom - \$250k
 - Centerway Local Park - \$250k

- Columbia Local Park - \$200k
 - Josiah Henson Museum - \$250k
- Splash Parks was brought up by Councilmember Gabe Albornoz
- Semi Annual Report
 - Spring 2019 Semi-annual report presented on April 2nd.
 - Webcast provided on County Council website
- Upcoming Events
 - Light It Up Blue: Autism Awareness & Acceptance Event, April 6, 5-8pm, Agricultural History Farm Park; expecting 200 attendees
 - Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly & Caterpillar Exhibit, April 17-Sept 22, various times, Brookside Gardens
 - Color & Kite Festival, April 21st, 11-6pm, Black Hill Regional Park
 - Park Speaker Series, "Building a Culture of Guest Service Excellence," April 30th, 12-2pm, MRO

New Business

- Discussion of Budget Testimony with the County Council
 - Mike Riley and Robin Riley provided suggestions for Carol's presentation
 - Input from the Board
 - Mark Pharaoh mentioned the importance of starting the process earlier and to ensure distribution of material prior to the meeting
- Carol Petrucci discussed Racial Equity and Social Justice Community Engagement toolkit – Silver Spring, MD

6:46 pm Adjourn

Action Items	Start Date	Complete Date	Assigned To/Notes
Ex-Officio Commission on Aging.	12/10/18	Still Pending	Adriane
Deep dive topics for upcoming meetings, list in December 2018 Minutes	12/10/18		Chair
Provide Board with list of previous subcommittees.	12/10/18	5/13/19	Added to Google Classroom under Classwork and distributed at 5/13 meeting
See if Recreation and Parks can be added to CUPF Annual Surveys.	2/19/19		
Racial Equity and Social Justice Community Engagement Toolkit	4/8/19	5/13/19	Added to Google Classroom under Classwork and distributed at 5/13 meeting

Completed			
Provide board with budget reduction impacts.	12/10/18	4/4/19	
Provide board with upcoming listening sessions and put on google calendar.	12/10/18	12/12/18	Upload on Google Calendar
Add a document on google classroom for members to document community announcements.	12/10/18	2/1/19	Added to Google Classroom under the Stream Option
Add an item to agenda under Announcements for members to bring formal and informal community announcements.	12/10/18	2/1/19	Introduced on February Agenda
Current Capital Improvement Project Plans.	12/10/18	4/8/19	Included in April's Director Reports
Updated contact list with region assignments, subcommittee assignments and board training.	12/10/18	4/8/19	Added to Google Classroom under Classwork
Upcoming Regional Meetings list.	12/10/18	4/8/19	Added to Google Classroom under Classwork