

Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
Martin Luther King Jr. Indoor Swim Center
June 9, 2025

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

Board members absent: Banda

Staff present: Burnett, Clutter, Fasteau, Fachet

Ex-Officio members present: Gilchrist, Ross

Guests present: Kristin Cummings, council analyst for recreation; Carrie Headen, Director of Aquatics

Michael Ricci called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Ricci shared the June 2025 agenda and the May 2025 minutes. Bentley moved to approve both. Royster seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Headen welcomed the board to the Martin Luther King Jr. Indoor Swim Center, the county's oldest pool built in 1981. It recently underwent major ADA renovations. The outdoor pool is the most utilized in the county, she said, with more than 36,000 visits in summer 2024. The facility underwent an expansion in 2020.

Headen discussed how the county balances the needs of those who enjoy classes and those who swim laps.

Krauze asked about the capacity of the pools. Clutter said the Olney pool needs an update. Clutter says before we build new pools we should focus on aging infrastructure at pools and recreation facilities. Clutter said long-term funding would be needed if the community wants to keep pools open past Labor Day, and doing so would require advocacy.

Mullis provided a staff recognition event update from the recognition subcommittee. He said the recognition committee has sent letters to the department chairs outlining the December event and nomination parameters. Both department directors will give a presentation at the event.

Flores asked why community members were not invited to nominate staff members. Mullis said the goal of the program was to return to the format of the 2019 event in order to limit hurdles to getting it running.

Hutton motioned to formalize the recognition plan. Holeywell seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Ricci said Fasteau said they both looked at changing the bylaws in response to Flores' previously-shared concerns about the need to better express the board's commitment to equity.

Ricci said he will email suggested language for the committee to review. Flores expressed support of that approach.

Fasteau invited the board's nominating committee -- Tondo, Ryan and Mullis -- to put forward nominees and discuss the process whereby they were selected.

Mullis said on May 24 there was a call for candidates. On June 4 the committee emailed nominees.

Ricci was nominated as chair and Hutton was nominated as vice chair. Goettsch, Holeywell and Hudson were nominated to the executive committee.

Ricci invited other nominations, and there were none.

Flores motioned to hold the election, and Goettsch seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Jacknis motioned to accept the slate of nominees and Bentley seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Mullis motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Goettsch seconded. It was unanimously approved.

The board adjourned its meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.