



## **AGENDA**

Sports Advisory Committee  
Longwood Community Recreation Center,  
19300 Georgia Ave, Brookeville  
Thursday, November 21, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**Board Members:** Tom Cove, Mary Kate Crawford, David Schardt, Doug Remer, Ben Corb, Princess Clemente, Joe Hooks, Tony Korson, Doug Schuessler, Samantha Griffin, Trish Heffelfinger, Rick James, Doug Schuessler, Christopher Wajda

**Absent Board Members:** Tina Won Sherman, Amy Lopez

**Ex-Officio:** Steve Solomon, Bryan Walker, Mark Comer, Carl Weber

**Staff:** Jason Fasteau

**Guests:** Mary Ann Keefe, Community Evaluation Review Board

6:07 pm - **Called to Order** - Tom Cove

6:08 pm - **Welcome to Mark Comer and Maryanne Keefe** - Tom Cove

6:09 pm - **Remarks** - Mark Comer and Mary Ann Keefe

6:11 pm - **Review and Approve Agenda** - Mary Kate motioned to approve, unanimous approval

6:12 pm - **Review and Approve October Minutes** - Mary Kate motioned to approve, unanimous approval

6:13 pm - **General Remarks** - Tom Cove

6:14 pm - **Discussion - 2024 Annual Report - Outreach and Advocacy** - led by Tom Cove

Report is final and will be sent by the Rec Department to the County Executive and published on the county website.

Tom distributes paper copies of outreach plan "Publicizing and Promoting the 2024 Annual Report"

Group discussion ensues of how to publicize/advocate for each of the five recommendations in the annual report.

7:05 pm - **Discussion - Recognition Working Group** - David Schardt and all

Working group is working with Rec Dept on an online nomination form for this year's Unsung Heroes award. Discussion ensued on how to reach a broad range of communities to solicit nominations.

7:10 pm - **Summary of action items for annual report follow-up from 6:14 pm and 7:05 pm agenda items** - Tom Cove

- Tom will lead efforts on outreach to decision makers
- Tony Korson offered to help educate ourselves on who implements what within MoCo government
- Case study working group will pursue involvement in East Silver Spring Communities Plan (Christopher to set up meeting with Planning Department)
- Recognition working group will continue work on Unsung Heroes award logistics
- All will report back in December meeting
- Invite a Montgomery County Collaboration Council rep to attend next meeting

7:14 pm **Nominating Committee Update** - Ben Corb and Jason Fasteau

- 6 total vacancies (4 potential reappointments and 2 open vacancies)
- Hoping that new members might be appointed on the County Council's agenda for the last meeting of year on 12/10/24

There will also be five new *ex officio* members.

Additional discussion of possible youth participation.

7:27 pm - **Discussion - 2024-2025 Committee Areas of Emphasis: Topic of Discussion: Coaches and Officials** - All

Discussion topics include:

- Recruiting high school students / retirees (example, Beyond the Whistle program in Philadelphia)
- Supporting applicants who have barriers to participating as coaches/officials
- Recruiting applicants from the same neighborhoods as players / importance of local connections
- Creating more full-time coaching jobs
- How to make games positive experience for officials / county messaging around parent/player code of conduct
- Coach peer rating system as tool for regulating coach conduct
- How do player retention/college recruitment serve as metrics for coaching quality
- Incorporate coaching recruitment into program directory
- Importance of recruiting women as coaches/officials but also, training all coaches on how to better coach girls

8:00 pm - **Next meeting date** - Tom Cove

Committee voted between date of 12/12 and 12/19 and voted for 12/19

8:03 pm - **Reimbursement Forms** - Jason Fasteau

Reminding committee members that they can receive reimbursement for mileage and childcare.

8:04 pm - **Motion to adjourn** - Rick James, unanimous approval