



### **AGENDA**

Nancy H. Dacek N. Potomac Community Recreation Center  
13850 Travilah Road, Rockville  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**Board Members:** Princess Clemente, Tom Cove, Mary Kate Crawford, Jay Goldstein, Sam Griffin, Trish Heffelfinger, Joe Hooks, Rick James, Amy Lopez, David Schardt, Christopher Wajda

**Absent Board Members:** Ben Corb, Tony Korson, Doug Remer, Doug Schuessler, Tina Won Sherman

**Ex-Officio:** Mark Comer, Heather Fine, Steve Solomon, Carl Weber

**Staff:** Jason Fasteau, Adriane Clutter

6:03 pm - **Called to order** (Tom Cove)

6:04 pm - **Review and approve agenda** (unanimous)

6:04pm - **Review and approve March minutes** (unanimous)

6:04 - **Steering Committee update** (Tom)

Discussion ensued regarding issues covered at recent SAC meetings including best practices for hosting guest speakers.

## 6:10 pm - **Working Group Updates**

### Community Engagement Working Group (Samantha Griffin)

To address the question of: Who should we engage with? The working group has created:

- stakeholder database — also potential speaker list
- set list of Qs each presenter should answer
- set list of Qs for us to answer after each presentation
- mailing list

Discussion about proposed future engagement goals strategies ensued.

### Operations Working Group (Christopher and Mary Kate)

Overview presentation on member nominations process revision, including scoring system for rubric and criteria when identifying candidates.

Motion to approve updated nominations process (Tom moved, unanimous)

ACTION: Let Jason know if you want to serve on the nominating committee so we can vote to approve the committee.

### Recognition Working Group (David Schardt)

David confirms awardees will attend May 4 event and are bringing young people who play on their teams. Princess designed plaques—thank you to Rec who paid for the plaques. Recording virtual Interviews with awardees in the next couple weeks.

### Communications Working Group (Mary Kate)

Annual report: draft by August if possible. Discussion ensued regarding potential social media presence.

ACTION: Working groups start thinking about what would go in annual report, including successes for this year.

ACTION: Jason to confirm with BCC whether committee can have its own social media presence.

ACTION: Comms and CE WGs talk to Rec about what we can do – report back at next meeting

### Advocacy Working Group (Tom Cove)

Tom and Tina (as individual) testified last week at County Council, primarily for sports directory

Tom: Advocacy working group members are advocates but not policy makers — full committee should be providing policy guidance

Tom: County Executive added line item prohibiting use of funds for synthetic turf for fields in Ballfields Initiative CIP in [April 14 Amendments to the Recommended FY26 Capital Budget and FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program](#)

This would affect Parks and Rec-managed fields including those up for replacement in the next five years such as Fairland, MLK, Blair, Laytonia, and N. Potomac CRC.

Discussion followed.

Motion (Mary Kate moves, Rick seconds, unanimous approval): letter to county council opposing change to [ballfields initiative funding](#) from County Executive.

### 7:50pm - **Announcements** (Jason)

Sunday, May 4 - MoCo Sports Hall of Fame event with Unsung Heroes awardees

May meeting location – 2425 Reedy Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wheaton

June meeting date – can not be 6/19 but either 6/12 or 6/26 - will include election of officers (chair, vice chair)

ACTION: form committee to handle officer elections

### 7:53pm - **Follow up on presentations from Collaboration Council and MCPS Athletics**

Brief discussion ensued

### 7:54pm - **Sports Programming Directory**

Largely tabled, with some info from Amy:

Collaboration Council programming map for OST would look a lot like our directory - also including things other than sports (focus on youth and access)

They have a hosting provider - we could jump on their bandwagon more formally partner with CC to bring sports providers into map

Probably a mobile-friendly website, not a standalone app

Collaboration Council OST working group - Tony has some interest in joining so he and Amy may attend

7:56pm - **Additional announcements**

Mary Kate: ESS master plan - continued community engagement opportunity

Adriane: Viva White Oak project - opportunity to have input

Christopher: access to google calendar - will need peoples' emails

Joe: Montgomery Village Football Association closed

Montgomery Village Foundation - opening the park for free play - Weds 2:30-5pm

8:06pm - **Adjourn** (Rick motioned, Amy second, unanimous approval)