



Sports Advisory Committee

December 18, 2025 Meeting

Meeting Location

2425 Reddie Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

Attendance

Members Present (in-person)

- Princess Clemente
- Mark Comer, ex officio
- Ben Corb
- Tom Cove
- Mary Kate Crawford
- Jay Goldstein
- Trish Heffelfinger
- Rick James
- Tony Korson
- Amy Lopez
- David Schardt
- Doug Schuessler
- Tina Won Sherman
- Steve Solomon, ex officio
- Derrick Thompson, ex officio
- Christopher Wajda
- Carl Weber, ex officio

Members Not Present

- Heather Fine, ex officio
- Samantha Griffin
- Bryan Walker, ex officio

Proof of Quorum

Quorum was met.

Staff Present

- Jason Fasteau

Guests

- Gabe Albornoz

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cove at 6:10pm.

Welcome and General Announcements

Tom Cove

Agenda amended by unanimous vote

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

The November 2025 meeting agenda was approved at 6:11pm.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 2025 meeting minutes were approved at 6:11pm.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Remarks - Gabe Albornoz, Director, Montgomery County Recreation
2. Officer Elections
 - a. Tom Cove elected chair
 - b. Mary Kate Crawford elected co-chair
3. Approval of Letter re: Montgomery Parks' Athletic Field Use Policy
 - a. Letter approved unanimously
4. Annual Report Update
5. Working Group Discussions
 - a. Community Engagement
 - i. Interviews continue including with
 1. [Play 360](#) @ Poolesville HS
 2. [MoCo Tennis and Ed Foundation](#)
 - ii. Possible connection with Fight for Children
 - b. Operations
 - i. Wrapping up 2025 annual report
 - c. Recognition
 - i. Discussion of 2026 Unsung Heroes Award recipients
 - d. Communications

- i. Discussion of possible future work including
 - 1. Promoting Unsung Heroes Award recipients
 - 2. Promoting annual report to elected officials
 - 3. Pairing “Play Your Part, MoCo” campaign with promotion of special needs sports opportunities
- ii. Discussion of working with Rec Department communications office on future video productions
- e. Advocacy

6. Public Comments

- a. Comments on turf fields at MCPS high schools, including the recently passed MCPS CIP budget including turf fields at all public high schools and discussions of how community use of those fields could be maximized by improving CUPF infrastructure

7. Other Business

- a. Rec Department report on aggregated participation data for fall sports, 2024-2025 to 2025-2026 — will come back with breakdowns by location/gender

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting Update

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2026, 6-8pm at 2425 Reddie Drive, 10th Floor, Wheaton, MD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.