

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

## **Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2017**

PRAB Present: Lola Skolnik, Brandon Gordon, Stephane Eding, Lester Whitmer, Kelly Ivy, Michael Lee

Staff Present: Greg Varda; Assistant Director of Recreation Programs

Excused: Julie McHale; Recreation Director, Jake Chesnutt, Betty Sonneveldt

Unexcused: Marc Siegel

### **1. Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by PRAB Chair Lola Skolnik.**

### **2. Department updates were given by Greg Varda**

- Highlights

- Karen Haseley; Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor announced her retirement. Karen's last day will be October, 31, 2017
- Ms. Cynthia Brown will be joining the Recreation Department fulltime as an Aquatic Coordinator on October 2nd. Ms. Brown brings 12 years of experience in the field working with DC Parks & Recreation and the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission.
- Minimum wage will increase to 11.50/hour starting October 1, 2017.
- The new Recognition Group process went off without a hitch. Thanks to Jake Chestnut for serving on the Grant Review Panel. The next step will be sending out a Financial Review form to each group that received money from the city.
- The Recreation Department's partnership with the Old Greenbelt Theatre is a win win for both organizations.
- Various recreation programs and events were mentioned

### **3. Old Business**

- Update on the Sustainable Land Care Policy

- The Policy is still in draft format
- At the next Sustainable Land Care Work Session, PRAB would like to see resident professional in the fields of pesticides, horticulture and entomology among other relevant local experts be heard.
- Ric Gordon suggested having an open public form in place of a work session.
- PRAB's view is to support staff's recommendation and adopt the policy.

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- Update on the Recreation and Parks Master Plan
  - Staff reported that the Greenbelt Recreation and Parks Master Plan Survey is almost complete and is waiting for approval
  - PRAB provided some feedback/recommendations to the survey

#### **4. New Business**

- Congestion in the Buddy Attick Lake Park parking lot
  - Staff will notify Parking Enforcement
- University of Maryland using the lake trail for cross country team practice
  - Potentially dangerous situation
  - Staff will look into the situation will provide update at next meeting

#### **5. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Greg Varda

Minutes approved 5-0 on 10/18