

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2011**

Present: Paul Sabol, Kelly Ivy, Marc Siegel, Lester Whitmer, Betty Sonneveldt,  
Christopher Husker, Jay Shah  
Staff: Julie McHale, Director of Recreation  
City Council: Leta Mach, City Council Member  
Excused: Lola Skolnik, Jacob Fletcher  
Absent: Kahli Brannigan, John Winfrey, Ken Blue

- Betty Sonneveldt called the meeting to order 7:35PM.
- January 16 meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- Leta - felt that Recognition Groups should be included in the background checks and Council referred the question back to PRAB and staff
  - Betty stated that Lola has given PRAB's recommendation.
  - Julie clarified staff's recommendation which is saying that we phase in the Recognition Groups AFTER we go through the process with the Contribution Groups and do whatever tweaking needs to take place
- Julie gave her report for Recreation
  - Betty introduced the new Director of Recreation, Julie McHale
  - Review on Contribution and Recognition Group meeting dates.
  - Julie spoke about the Healthy Maryland Day
- Chris Husker volunteered to do minutes for next meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Betty stated that someone has to step forward and take minutes
- Julie talked about questions that came up with background checks during the Contribution Group Orientation
- Julie announced the date for Fieldstone Properties for March 7 with City Council
  - Ms Mach expanded where Council is with Franklin Park
  - She spoke about 30,60,90 day inspection that the City has required of FP
  - Betty inquired if Council does a walk through
  - Ms Mach said she has a friend over at FP and checks on FP progress when she visits
  - Betty spoke of dilapidated buildings
  - Ms Mach stated that one of the improvements they have made is that a real person (not a machine) answers the phone 24 hours a day.
- Brochure
  - Betty suggested putting brochures at the library
  - Kelly suggested putting brochure on a CD
  - Ms Mach brought up an issue where once the new Brochure is posted, a participant is unable to check back on the old brochure to double check when classes are not meeting (due to a holiday or what have you)
  - Julie spoke with Ms. Palau and this problem has now been rectified. There is now a copy of the Current AND the Previous brochure(s) available online
- Discussion on Greenbelt Soccer Alliance took place
  - Julie informed PRAB of staff's recommendation
  - Kelly said put the kids on the field
  - This is an item on Council's Agenda for the 2/28 meeting

- Staff will attend the meeting
- Contribution Groups
  - What is result if a group does not show up to orientation
  - Kelly inquired if they were going to be held accountable if they did not show.
  - Boys & Girls Club should have to have a private session
  - Betty talked about Senior Softball being held responsible last year.
  - Kelly talked about holding group responsible for fundraising.
  - Leta suggested to wait another year before we make recommendation to mandate the orientation
  - Every Board that receives money from the City, should be required to have a resident on the board
  - Discussion took place on whether this is a requirement or not
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for March 16 –
  - Julie will not be at this meeting and Greg Varda will be there in her place
  
- Respectfully submitted 1/25/2010  
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