

**Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.
College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jazs Araghi	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Alan Bradford	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Adele Ellis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Eric Grims	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Bettina McCloud	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Judith Oarr	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Barbara Pianowski	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

Also Present:

Robert Ryan, *Public Services Director*; Sharon Fletcher, *Department of Public Services Administrative Assistant*; Nick Dale, *DC Blues Society Vice President*; Julie Beavers, *Recording Secretary*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Ellis motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

III. Approval of August 3, 2015 Minutes

Ms. Ellis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

IV. Treasurer's Report for August 2015

Ms. Ellis motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

V. New Field Use Requests - Duvall Field

a. Maryland Stingers' – Women's Rugby Fall 2015

Mr. Bradford motioned to approve the request for field use contingent on Deputy Director of Public Works, Brenda Alexander's, approval of their service plan in lieu of fee and if the Boys and Girls Club have room on the field.

Ms. Ellis seconded motioned that motion.

Mr. Bradford provided a friendly amendment to the motion. If Ms. Alexander does not approve the service plan then the Stingers' will have to pay the standard fees for use of the field and lighting. In addition the Boys and Girls Club must agree to share the fields on the requested dates.

Ms. Ellis seconded the friendly amendment.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

b. Open Bible Deaf Church- Rain Date Reschedule for 10/17/2015 (09/12/2015 was approved by Mayor and Council)

Mr. Bradford motioned to approve the rescheduled field use request. Ms. Ellis seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

c. College Park Blues Festival – 11/14/2015

Mr. Bradford adjusted the agenda to allow Mr. Dale time to present to the Board about the artists who will perform at the festival.

Vice President of the DC Blues Society, Nick Dale presented to the Board the selections of musicians for the College Park Blues Festival. Patty Reese and Jessie Turrell are the artists selected this year. Both are not solely blues musicians. Patty Reese is well known in the DC metropolitan area, has a wide repertoire of blues, country and RB and she has won eleven (11) WAMMIES. Her guitarist, Dave Chappell, will most likely accompany her. She can adjust her music to what the audience prefers.

Jessie Turrell is a rising figure in the blues scene. She recently moved from Chicago to the DC area and can vary her music. She performs soft soul, blues,

and Tina Turner sound. She has backup dancers and will be performing at the Blue Bird Festival at Prince George's Community College.

The winner of the Battle of the Bands will be decided on October 10, 2015.

There is a competition for solo/duo acts on November 6, 2015. This is TOO ~~to~~ close for promotions for Ms. Araghi and may not use the solo/duo act. Full Power Blues- formerly known as the Blues Society Band will not be playing at the Festival this year. Another possibility is the Archie Edwards Band ~~or the~~ instead of the solo/duo act.

Mr. Bradford motioned that Ms. Araghi and Mr. Dale discuss the opening band and that the Recreation Board is fine with the decision. Ms. Ellis seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

Ms. Ellis agreed that the names of the bands need to be listed on the flier to advertise for the event.

The Board thanked Mr. Dale for his time. Mr. Dale exited the meeting.

VI. Field Use Requests – Approved by Council since last Board Meeting

- a. Fall Field Use Requests from College Park Boys and Girls Club for use of Duvall and Calvert Road Fields

Ms. Ellis motioned to approve the field use requests. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

- b. September 20, 2015 Field Use Request for Duvall Field from Berwyn Baptist Church (*addition to previously approved dates*)

Ms. Ellis motioned to approve the field use request. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

VII. Recent Events

- a. Backpack Bash 08/22/2015- Report from Alan Bradford

Mr. Bradford opened the gates, restrooms and kitchen/cooler for the event. Garrett Putman of Knight Management mentioned to Mr. Bradford that over 500 people attended the event. (Note- Ms. Fletcher received an email stating they gave 480 backpacks away this year).

There were two (2) inflatable bounce houses and an inflatable obstacle course.

The fields looked great after the event. They cleaned up all the trash and recycling.

Ms. Beavers reported that the Dee Jay did not play appropriate music for all children to hear. Mr. Ryan stated if anyone ever thinks something is inappropriate at a City sponsored function then they need to say something to the Dee Jay. The Dee Jay will be advised to change the type of music played for next year.

b. Attick Towers Labor Day Event- Report from Tina McCloud

The Labor Day BBQ event at Attick Towers was wonderful. \$200.00 went for a Dee Jay and dance instructor which was great. Linda Melton reported to Ms. McCloud there were approximately 50 attendees.

Ms. McCloud motioned to approve the \$200.00 reimbursement to the Attick Towers Residents Committee for the event held on Labor Day 2015. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-1 (Ms. McCloud abstained)**

VIII. Future Events

a. College Park Day - 09/26/2015

The College Park Blues Festival banner is up at the parking lot by the Metro Station. (Correction: it was installed during College Park Day)

b. Attick Towers Senior Prom- 09/27/2015- Fund Request

Attick Towers is requesting another \$200.00 for a Senior Prom on September 27, 2015.

Ms. McCloud motioned to request \$200.00 for a Senior Prom on September 27, 2015. Ms. Ellis seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-1 (Ms. McCloud abstained)**

Ms. McCloud requested \$200.00 to help cover food and drinks for the Spellman House Grandparents Day on a date to be determined. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-1 (Ms. McCloud abstained)**

c. College Park Blues Festival 11/14/2015

Joe Mullineaux from the University of Maryland Dining Services reported to Ms. Araghi that there will be craft beers and healthy food choices this year along with the BBQ from last year.

Audio Events Services will provide LED lights for the outside INSTEAD OF THE CANNED LIGHTING.

The stage has been confirmed and Ms. Araghi will check with Park and Planning about using the inflatable wavy man again this year.

Once the flyers are available Ms. Araghi will work with the City to print the quarter page flyers.

Mr. Bradford's daughter IS THE MARKETING MANAGER FOR JBG DEVELOPMENT COMPANY and she OFFERED TO ~~can help with printing fliers~~ BECAUSE SHE LIKES THAT LINE OF WORK. He will put her in touch with Ms. Araghi.

Barry Pearson, Professor at the University of Maryland may have students create t-shirts, signs, posters to promote the event.

Ms. Araghi is not having a big guitar raffle this year and there will be fewer prizes. Old Line will provide beer koozies to give away.

Erica Lee from Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center would like to expand into the community and work with the City. There is a possibility to do the Blues Festival.

Archie Edwards will have a booth at the event.

An insurance company will have a booth. .

Jay Gilchrist can put the information on the new University of Maryland bulletin board.

c. Breakfast with Santa 12/12/2015

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford will go shopping at Costco again. Mr. Bradford will purchase more bagels and cream cheese, no applesauce and will purchase four (4) chocolate milks.

Ms. Fletcher will purchase four (4) cases of organic milk provided by MOMs

If Mr. Bradford is unable to be Santa Mr. Price will fill in.

IX. Board Recommendations to Mayor and Council- Review Draft

Change in the wording: "If the Council cannot fill a vacancy consider an appointee that works in College Park but does not live here and limit the term for one (1) year in case employment changes.

Mr. Bradford motioned to approve the memo as amended. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

X. New/Other Business – suggestions, new ideas, comments

Ms. Araghi's term expired a few months ago. Council members Wohjan and/or Kabri will need to reappoint but will be unable to attend three (3) meetings in a row.

Ms. Ellis and Melissa Sites from the College Park Arts Exchange would like to have a Senior Art Show at the College Park Community Center on April 16, 2016. Senior citizens will display artwork and there will be a light food and drink.

Ms. Ellis asked that the Recreation Board be a co-sponsor of this event.

Mr. Bradford motioned to sponsor the Senior Art Show on April 16, 2016.

Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-1 (Ms. Ellis abstained)**

The only conflict could be Good Neighbor Day may have their food and drink on the same date.

College Park Community Foundation may be able to help pay for other expenses. Spellman House and Attick Towers residents should be informed of this event so they have an opportunity to attend.

XI. Next Meeting Date: October 5, 2015

XII. Adjournment

Ms. McCloud motioned to adjourn. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary