

**Minutes  
City of College Park  
Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, April 6, 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>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Eric Grims	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Bettina McCloud	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Judith Oarr	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Barbara Pianowski	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>

**Also Present:**

**Sharon Fletcher, Department of *Public Services Administrative Assistant*; Courtney Lancaster, *College Park Community Center*; Sheryl DeWalt, *Recording Secretary***

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. Bradford.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Fletcher pointed out that the next meeting date was incorrect on the agenda. It should state May 4, 2015. Ms. McCloud motioned to approve the agenda with the date correction. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion. All were favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

**III. Approval of March 2, 2015 Minutes**

Two changes were made to the March 2, 2015 minutes:

- Section VII, e, paragraph 2 should state the Smith School of Business contacted the DC Blues Society...
- Section VII, e, paragraph 4, the last name is Shaver, not Shriver.

Ms. Oarr motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion. All were favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report for March 2015**

Ms. McCloud motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion. All were favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

#### **V. Field Use Request**

- a. Sigma Chi Fraternity, Gamma Chi Chapter - Softball

*Duvall Field*

Mr. Bradford stated that they can use Field B past 5:00pm, but if they use Field A or Field C, they need to be off by 5:00pm. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve the two dates of April 17 and April 24, 2015 (raindate). Ms. Oarr seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

- b. Berwyn Baptist Church, Game Time for Children and Soccer

*Duvall Field*

The group has requested several dates for Game Time for Children:

- April 19 – Not approved
- September 27 - Approved
- October 4 - Approved
- October 11 – Approved

The group requested a week to use for soccer:

- July 20-24 - Approved

Mr. Bradford stated that April 19 cannot be approved as this is a rain date for the Boys & Girls Club. Ms. Araghi made a motion to approve Duvall Field use for September 27, October 4, and October 11 and decline field use on April 19 as well as the 50 cents per week for expenses and to approve the soccer usage on July 20-24 as well as the \$5.00 per student for booklet. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

c. Knight Management Group (KMG)

*Duvall Field*

After reviewing their application, Mr. Bradford noted that toilets were not checked on it. Mr. Bradford made a motion to check off toilets on their application based on City requirements. Ms. Oarr seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed, no abstaining. Discussion then ensued that the application was not complete. Ms. Fletcher stated that she printed out the wrong copy of the application. Mr. Bradford stated that this group did an excellent job with the community last year, giving away school supplies for the children. He highly recommended that we allow the event. Ms. Araghi made a motion that once a completed application form is received, the committee should approve the application. Mr. Bradford seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

**VI. Recent Events**

- a. Good Neighbor Day was held on 03/28/2015. Ms. Lancaster reported that there were approximately 300 volunteers and 70 participants in the 5K walk/run. About 1000 pounds of food was collected. The DJ was excellent. A great time was had by everyone that participated. There was mention of an alternate site for next year; however, many people stated they thought this year's site was ideal.
- b. Bunny Brunch was held on 04/04/2015. Since the event was held the Saturday before Easter, it was not as well attended as in past years. Ms. Oarr stated the event was very nice and everyone had a good time. Hot dogs and rolls left over were donated to the Fire Department. Leftover milk and fruit cups will be donated to Meals on Wheels. Mr. Bradford is trying to reach the contact for Meals on Wheels to ensure a date and time that the items can be given to them.

**VII. Future Events**

- a. Mother's Day 5-K – 5/10/2015. Ms. Araghi made a motion to table the discussion on Mother's Day until the May 4 meeting. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed, no abstaining.
- b. Fourth of July Fireworks and Band have been confirmed.
- c. Blues Festival – 11/14/2015 Ms. Araghi stated that she would pick up the banners from Ms. Fletcher.

**VIII. Recreation Board Charging Documents**

- a. Mr. Bradford and Ms. Ellis will be meeting with City Council on May 12 to discuss the charge and mission of the Recreation Board. A copy of **Chapter 15. BOARDS, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES, Article II. College Park Recreation Board** was distributed. Mr. Bradford asked the members if they had any questions, comments, suggestions, etc. that Ms. Ellis and he could share with City Council.
  - i. Ms. Araghi stated that she would like to have University of Maryland student representation on the committee. It was noted that Mr. Grims and Mr. Gilchrist work at the University, but their capacity on this committee is not as University representatives.
  - ii. Ms. McCloud wanted to know if outsiders from College Park could be on the committee if interested, perhaps someone who worked in College Park, but does not necessarily live in the City. Ms. Fletcher explained that the Mayor can make appointments to the committee. Discussion ensued with terms of office for a Mayoral appointee and several ideas of a motion were put forth. A final motion was made by Ms. Araghi that if there is a Mayoral appointee and it is not a City of College Park resident, the term of office shall be one year with an option to extend the term based on the Committee's

recommendation to the Mayor. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion.  
All in favor; no opposed, no abstaining.

- iii. Section 15-8B. Verbiage should be edited to include that information can be found on the Recreation Committee's website through the City of College Park.
- iv. Section 15-5. The verbiage on vacancies is still a valid point. Discussion took place regarding the starting time of the meeting, 6:30pm, which may be too early for some of the current and potential future members. The decision was made to table the conversation regarding meeting start time until the May 4 meeting.
- v. Section 15-7. The Committee is suggesting that the University of Maryland be added into the verbiage under "to work closely with..."

#### **IX. New/Other Business**

- a. Mr. Bradford stated that on Thursday evening, April 2, the lights were left on the field. The Girl's Rugby team was using the field. A note was left stating that there is a different lock on the switch box and no one had the combination or key to get into it to turn off the lights. As an aside, the Girl's Rugby team does not have an active permit and should not be using the field. Ms. Fletcher stated she would contact the team representative.

#### **X. Next Meeting Date: May 4, 2015**

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Araghi motioned to adjourn. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion.  
All were in favor; no opposed, no abstaining. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

**Minutes prepared by: Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary**