Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020- 7:00pm
Department of Recreation Headquarters
Conference Room #1
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046

Members Present:
Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Mavis Ellis; Joanne Kiebler; Tom Franklin;
Anna Boyd, Student Member

Members Absent:
Sylvia Ramsey

Staff Present:
John S. Marshall, Bureau Chief of Parks; Robert E. Linz, Acting Bureau Chief of
Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction; Michael H. Milani, Bureau Chief
of Administration; Laura T. Wetherald, Bureau Chief of Recreation; Ryan Etter,
Recording Secretary

Call to Order:
Ms. Coleman called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Proposed Outdoor Lightning Alerting System Presentation:
Bureau Chief of Parks, John S. Marshall gave a presentation on the new proposed
Outdoor Lightning Alerting System.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion was made by Mr. Grabowski to approve the January meeting minutes.
Seconded by Ms. Kiebler. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments:
No Public Comments
Director’s Report:
No Report

Bureau of Parks:
No Report

Bureau of Capital Projects and Planning
- **Blandair Park Phase 3**: The contractor has increased staffing and will be working Saturdays to meet the June 5, 2020 deadline.
- **Conservancy Bridge**: The bridge should be completed in the next week.
- **Centennial Park West Bridge**: Engineered drawings for the Centennial Park West area bridge are complete and have been forwarded to the contractors.
- **Kiwanis Park**: We anticipate completing the fencing and parking lot extension before formal play begins.
- **Water Fountains**: Water fountain installations for (9) park sites will begin in the beginning of March.
- **Wine Festival**: Planning and design of this year’s wine festival has been completed. We are currently working on contracts for all of the logistical items and equipment.

Bureau of Recreation:
- **Wine in the Woods**
  - Premier Tent will be a new feature for this year’s festival
    - High end Maryland wines that are not offered to the rest of the festival
- **Howard Magazine**
  - HCRP is highlighted throughout
- **Summer Camp Guide** is out.
  - Registration is open for 2020 camps
- **Looking for part time staff**
  - Camps
  - RLC
  - After school
  - Park workers
- **Recreation University**
- Offered through Maryland recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)
- 6 full day sessions for trainings in the Recreation and Parks field
- Encore Program
  - For active aging group
  - Researching outdoor fitness equipment in parks for seniors
  - Looking to put Golf Simulator in Harriet Tubman facility
- Pentagon Trip on March 20th

**Bureau of Administrative Services:**
- Started testing new Kronos payroll system
- Looking to make improvements to Timbers of Troy golf course

**Old Business:**
- Met with Veterans Committee for the Vivian C. Bailey Park in Columbia
  - Playground equipment is in
  - Waiting until warm weather to put safety surface in
  - Water feature will be unveiled

**New Business:**
- The Department is purchasing a 25 acre farm that is across from the Marriotts Ridge High School.

Mr. Coleman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was made by Mr. Grabowski and Mr. Franklin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Sylvia Ramsey, Chairperson

Raul Delerme, Executive Secretary