

**Approved Minutes  
City of College Park  
Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, May 2, 2016  
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>      </u>	<u>  X  </u> (Ms. McCloud sent a text message to Ms. Araghi and Ms. Fletcher indicating that she would not attend the meeting as she was ill.)
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*; MK Fitzsimons, M-NCPPC; Dusty Ramos, Holy Redeemer CYO; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.  
A quorum was not present.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Araghi motioned to approve the agenda.

**III. Approval of April 4, 2016 Minutes**

There was discussion on this item, but no vote conducted as there was no quorum.

**IV. Treasurer's Report for April 2016**

There was discussion on this item, but no vote conducted as there was no quorum.

**V. Field Use Requests**

There was discussion on this item, but no vote conducted as there was no quorum.

- a. Holy Redeemer School CYO Soccer 08/22/2016 thru 11/04/2016 T/W/TH 5:00p.m. -7:00 p.m. *This application was submitted to the Calvert Road office 03/14/2016 but was omitted from the 04/04/2016 meeting agenda.*

There is a conflict with the College Park Boys and Girls Club regarding the time requested using the field. There is open field time between 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. which would not be convenient for CYO.

It was suggested that the Calvert Road Field, while it does not have lights, could be used for the group and the City would provide portable toilets.

The area is the size of a regulation soccer field and could be lined by Public Works staff. Mr. Ramos will visit the field and discuss its suitability with the other coaches. He will then let Ms. Fletcher know if the field would be a good fit for the group. If the CYO will use the field then Mr. Ryan will work with Deputy Director of Public Works, Brenda Alexander to have the field lined.

Ms. Araghi suggested that a motion to approve the use of Calvert Road Field from August through November for the Holy Redeemer CYO be addressed at the June Recreation Board meeting.

- b. Boy Scout Troop 740- Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser 05/22/2016 with 06/05/2016 rain date.

Mr. Bradford indicated that he had not received a response from the College Park Boys and Girls Club regarding the use of the parking lot for this event.

As the event is before the next Board meeting Mr. Ryan will recommend that approval of the request be added to the City Council's consent agenda for approval.

Ms. Araghi supported the plan pending response from the CPB&G Club.

- c. Knight Management request to change the date of the Back-to-School bash from 08/27/2016 to 08/13/2016

Ms. Araghi suggested that a motion to approve the change in the date, because they would like to give the backpacks before the students begin the school year. This will be addressed at the Recreation Board's June Meeting.

Notes: M & M Learning Center – has accepted offer of 05/21/2016 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; College Park Boys & Girls Club – 08/01/2016 through 11/30/2016 approved

## **VI. Recent Events**

- a. College Park Book Festival – 04/09/2016

Please see attached email from Mr. Grims regarding a report of the event. Ms. Fitzsimons stated the Community Center would like to have this event at the Community Center again.

- b. Maryland Day – 04/30/2016

Mr. Ryan reported the event took place this past Saturday and the unofficial estimate was 75,000 attendees.

The College Park Blues Festival banner was not displayed but the City provided fliers to hand out.

## **VII. Future Events**

- a. Notes: Back to School Give Away - 08/27/2016; -change of date to 08/13/2016 was discussed and approval recommended; College Park Day - 09/24/2016

Already discussed in Field Use Request

- b. College Park Day 09/24/2016

This will be a chance to advertise the College Park Blues Festival.

c. Blues Festival – 11/05/16

The contract will be sent to Ms. Araghi for review before it is sent to the DC Blues Society.

Ms. Araghi mentioned that the sound crew would like to have a pre-sound check which could become a separate concert if the room is open on Friday with the stage delivered and set up before Friday evening. Mr. Ryan and Ms. Fletcher voiced concerns regarding this idea since it would become a second event, incurring costs such as another rental, pay staff, police and housekeeping. They also asked whether the existing agreement would cover this second event or would there be a need for a separate agreement?

Ms. Fitzsimons will confirm the date/time that the state will be delivered to Ritchie Coliseum.

Ms. Araghi said that there is a list of volunteer opportunities on the DC Blues website. Ms. Fitzsimons has a list of volunteers through Prince George's County parks. Ms. Araghi will contact Gloria Aparicio Blackwell for volunteers from the University of Maryland as well.

Ms. Araghi showed the contents of a gift bag she received at the Annapolis Film Festival. She would like the Board's assistant in gathering similar items for distribution at the 2016 College Park Blues Festival. The bag would include the usual give away items provided by the Department of Public Services as well as coupons, and other items from local retailers. Ms. Araghi has recommended a total of 200 bags. Mr. Ramos stated he will speak with his friend at Mission BBQ in Greenbelt. Ms. Araghi will also ask Ms. Aparicio Blackwell to see if she can work with WMUC to get live broadcasting online.

Ms. Araghi then presented information on the Nextnow [www.sharedstudio.com](http://www.sharedstudio.com). This website offers live conversations with people in other countries in real time. She suggested that this opportunity be made available at the 2016 College Park Blues Festival. She envisioned that musicians could jam together in different parts of the

world. Since this is a community outreach type of item, Ms. Araghi will speak to Ms. Aparicio Blackwell about it.

**VIII. New**

a. Let's Move! Initiative – MK Fitzsimons

(See the attached forms)

Ms. Fitzsimons briefly shared program details and stated that to join the program, she would need one elected official to support this initiative. Ms. Fitzsimons will attend the Mayor and Council meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. to describe the program and solicit their support. All present began to list existing activities and programs in the City such as the Community Garden, four farmers markets, CYO, Boys and Girls Club, open spaces, trails community activities, activities at the University of Maryland, Good Neighbor Day, permaculture, bike share, Bike to Work Day and Mother's Day 5K. The activities all appear to meet the criteria of this initiative.

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Ms. Fitzsimons will write the application and will need the Mayor's signature. City staff will work with Ms. Fitzsimons to submit the application for this recognition.

**IX. Other Business**

- a. Ms. Araghi reported that Ms. McCloud would like to have \$200.00 to sponsor a DeeJay for a Memorial Day BBQ at Attick Towers. It will have to be an invoice to approve next month since the next meeting is after the holiday.
- b. Ms. Araghi suggested an event for Sunday, October 9, 2016 with British Invasion cover bands of the Beatle's, Rolling Stones and The Who at the Moose Lodge as an additional fall event. It will be discussed at the June Board meeting. Ms. Araghi is asking \$300.00 to support the event.
- c. Once the council has approved the budget for next year Mr. Ryan will bring the budget to the Board meeting to discuss.

- d. Mr. Ramos was invited back to attend another Recreation Board meeting so that he could consider applying to serve on the Board.

**X. Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2016**

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Bradford motioned to adjourn. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

**The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

**Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary**