

**Minutes  
City of College Park  
Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, December 1, 2014  
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>	_____
Alan Bradford	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Adele Ellis	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Eric Grims	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Bettina McCloud	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Judith Oarr	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Barbara Pianowski	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Solennie Privett	_____	<u>  X  </u>

**Also Present:**

**Sharon Fletcher, Department of *Public Services Administrative Assistant*; Cheryl Moran, M-NCPPC; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Oarr motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Pianowski seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 5-0-0**

**III. Approval of November 3, 2014 Minutes**

Corrections under item VI. Future Events (a) i Final Count Down “Andrew ~~Brownstein~~ Bronstein” and “...Mr. Moody was securing APPROVAL TO PLACE THE LIGHTS specifically...”

Correction under item VI Future Events (c) Breakfast with Santa i. “... start at 10:00 a.m. and end at ~~11:45~~ 10:45 a.m....”

Ms. Oarr moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Grims seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 5-0-0**

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report for November 2014**

Mr. Grims motioned to approve the attached Treasurer's Report. Ms. Oarr seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 5-0-0**

#### **V. Recent Events**

##### **a. Blues Festival**

Ms. Araghi distributed samples of the thank you cards she created. The cards will be sent to sponsors of the 2014 Blues Festival. She indicated that she will send them after the December DCBS newsletter has been published.

Ms. Araghi shared the Attendance Summary with the Board. Copy attached.

Ms. Fletcher reported that City staff members Paula Greene and Donna Peebles counted approximately 685 guests entering the gymnasium. This number does not reflect guests who may have gone directly to seating upstairs. She also indicated that approximately one quarter of the upstairs seating was filled and the crowd upstairs appeared larger than last year.

Ms. Araghi noted that Audio Events services provided the spot lights for the inflatable air guy provided by M-NCPPC.

Terrapins Turf provided pasta salad and caesar salad for the artists and Old Line Fine Wine and Spirits Bistro of Beltsville provided bottled water and beer for the performers.

Ms. Araghi reported that Bill Norwood, the gentleman who usually expresses concerns about the sound level being too high, surveyed the event with a decibel meter and said that the level closest to the stage was at 70 dBs which was acceptable to him.

Blues Society supporters were hoarding the earplugs. Some members were taking handfuls and cup fulls of the plugs.

Jackie Scott and the Housewreckers gave a great performance and were a huge hit.

Ms. Araghi also noted that reducing the number of prize drawings during the event, made for a smoother evening this year.

Ms. Araghi reported that Dr. Barry Pearson, a founding member of the DCBS and a professor at the University of Maryland School of Music, encouraged his students to attend the festival. They interviewed Ms. Araghi and Felix McClairen, President of the DC Blues Society. Ms. Araghi would like to be in

touch with Dr. Pearson throughout the year to see if he could make the Festival could be part of his curriculum.

Ms. Araghi reported that American Legion Commander Joe \_\_\_ thanked DCBS and the Recreation Board for honoring veterans at the Festival.

The guitar winner has not claimed the guitar and Ms. Araghi is unsure of what to do with it. The Board suggested that she wait a little longer to hear from the individual as it is the holiday season.

Ms. Araghi indicated that she will share the summary of the Festival at a Council meeting once the December DCBS Blues newsletter is published. The only elected officials observed at the event were Mayor Fellows and District Four Councilmember Alan Hew.

Ms. Oarr suggested that Ms. Araghi change the colors on the Attendance Summary circular graph so that the Friends 52% is in the red the DCBS 37% is in the blue slice.

Ms. Fletcher reported that PepsiCo donated water and sodas for the artists and that she is waiting for Mr. Moody to give her the student's information so they can be paid. The University of Maryland Police Officer will also need to be paid.

Paula Greene and Donna Peebles decorated the gymnasium and put up directional signs for parking. Ms. Araghi was thankful for all their hard work.

b. Seniors' Event

i. Spellman House Luncheon - 11/24/2014

Ms. Araghi reported on behalf of Ms. McCloud that there were approximately 56 seniors at the Spellman House luncheon. The Board will receive details about the event at a future meeting.

**VI. Future Events**

a. Breakfast with Santa - 12/13/2014

Ms. Moran reported the entertainer and decorations are all set for event. Another row of tables will be added to the room and there will be fewer decorations. Crafts will be in the art room while face painters will be in the hallway. The entertainer knows to end at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Bradford was provided with an inventory of dry goods. He and Mrs. Bradford will start to set up at 9:00 a.m. but will have to leave at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Ellis will not be able to help this year. Mr. Grims will be able to help to set up but will have to leave by 10:15 a.m. Ms. Moran will let the staff know to help if needed.

Paula Greene is packing the gift bags and will be ready. She will also be the elf.

b. Fourth of July Band Selection –

i. The Nightlife Band contract is being processed

The contract came in today and should be ratified by the end of the week.  
The cost of the band is \$6800.00.

- ii. The stage has been reserved
- iii. Fireworks Credit  
Due to the wind at the 2014 event the company gave the City a \$500.00 credit.

- c. Mother's Day 5-K – 5/10/15 – Fund Request  
Mark Shroder approached the College Park Community Foundation to ask if they will sponsor this event and Mr. Grims noted that he was not sure how the Prince Georges Runners Club will support the event. Last year the City gave \$500.00 to help support the run. Ms. Fletcher believes that they will ask for the same amount.  
Mr. Grims also reported there may be a breakfast afterwards.  
Ms. Araghi suggested that the Board hand out College Park calendar of events flyers after the race.

**VII. Board Vacancies – suggest/recruit replacements**

Ms. Araghi noted that six (6) people expressed interest in joining the Recreation Board on the Blues Festival surveys.

- a. District 2 (1)
- b. District 3 (1)

**VIII. New/Other Business – suggestions, new ideas, comments**

- a. College Park Foundation Gala – 12/13/2014  
Mr. Grims reported on the College Park Foundation Gala scheduled for the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated this is the second year for the event given by the College Park Community Foundation. The Gala celebrates/announces grant annual grant recipients.  
The CPCF had a table next to the DCBS table at the Blues Festival which helped get the word out to the community.

**IX. Next Meeting Date: January 5, 2014**

**X. Adjournment**

Ms. Araghi motioned. Mr. Grims seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

**The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

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