

Approved Minutes
City of College Park
Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, July 7, 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>	<u> </u>
Alan Bradford	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Adele Ellis	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Bettina McCloud	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Judith Oarr	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Barbara Pianowski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Solonne Privett	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

Also Present:

Bob Ryan, Public Services Director; Sharon Fletcher, Public Services Administrative Assistant; Garret Putman and Efram Knight for Knight Management Group; Betty Phelps representing Berwyn Baptist Church; Robert Thurston representing the College Park Boys and Girls Club; Nick Dale, Vice President of the DC Blues Society; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

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

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

III. Approval of June 2, 2014 Minutes – Correction to item II required, Mr. Farrar was not yet a member of the Board.

Ms. Pianowski motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

IV. Treasurer's Report for June 2014

Ms. Pianowski motioned to approve the report as submitted. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

V. Field Use Requests

- a. Knight Management Group – Community Service Project/School Supply Give Away at *Duvall Field - Saturday, August 2, 2014, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.*

Mr. Knight introduced himself and provided information about his firm. They are a management service for professional athletes. They represent Greivis Vasquez, a former University of Maryland basketball player lately of the Toronto Raptors and in negotiation for a new team.

Mr. Vasquez selected the College Park area for this community service effort as he was once a student at UM. The event would have a festive atmosphere with bounce houses and a few organized field events. Mr. Knight was also considering the addition of barbers to provide haircuts and was trying to identify an alternative offering for young girls. There was discussion about accessing electricity for these services.

The event is scheduled for 10:00am until 2:00 pm but KMG has requested the field from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for set up and shut down.

Mr. Knight indicated that they would provide an insurance certificate upon approval of the application. He also indicated that they would make every effort to work with local food vendors.

Mr. Bradford asked whether the Knight Management Group was a talent agency and would be hosting this event to scout clients. Mr. Knight explained that that is not what they do and they are only holding this event for the area children.

Mr. Ryan asked if they would consider using the College Park Community Center instead of Duvall Field. Mr. Knight would be more interested in using the field since it has more open space and since he has already started the process with the Recreation Board.

Mr. Knight will promote the free event for grade school children through local media.

Mr. Bradford noted that Prince Georges County Health Department permits would be required if the Knight Management Group were to prepare any food on site. He

believes that if they were to hire a caterer, the caterer would obtain required permits.

There was further discussion on the need to access electricity for barbers and other offerings. Mr. Knight confirmed that moon bounces or similar equipment would most likely use generators.

There will be a raffle ticket system for the children to get the backpacks to prevent hoarders.

Mr. Vasquez will be at the event and will give a few autographs.

Mr. Knight expressed concerns about a planning and advertising timeline as the requested date is less than one month away and hoped that the Board would render a decision soon. He indicated that advertising would be via local radio stations and that flyers would be prepared for distribution to community centers in the area. He also indicated that this would be a rain or shine event.

Mr. Thurston of the College Park Boys and Girls club (CPB&GC) responded that this event would not conflict with the CPB&GC soccer practice scheduled for the same date. When asked, Mr. Knight said he hoped to have recruit volunteers from UM to help run the activities.

Mrs. Pianowski motioned to approve the Field Use Request and that the fees be waived as the event can be considered a community event. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

- b. Berwyn Baptist Church – Evening Soccer Camp for Children – *at Duvall Field* - Monday through Friday, July 14 -18, 2014, 5:45 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Phelps, representing the Berwyn Baptist Church, answered questions regarding the application for their field request.

There were some concerns regarding the applicant's response to question F. The Board showed some hesitance towards biblical instruction on Duval Field. Ms. Phelps explained all religious instruction will be held at the church and the students will walk to the field for soccer.

Water and pre-packaged snacks will be provided for the children.

Ms. Araghi motioned to approve the Berwyn Baptist Church Field Use Request with the understanding that some activity may include religious instruction. Ms. Pianowski seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

Ms. Araghi amended her motion to include the City will waive the fees since they are a local group. Ms. Pianowski seconded the amended motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

- c. College Park Boys and Girls Club – Soccer Practice and Games *at Duvall Field* – Monday through Friday, August 4th through November 28th, 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays, August 2nd through November 30th, 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Thurston asked whether the CPB&GC would be sharing the field with other groups as they had in the past. He also asked for guidance on how to handle groups that had not been issued permits to use the field. Mr. Thurston was advised to call the City's Code Enforcement Hotline. Public Services staff will advise County Police of all issued permits to enforce no permit situations.

Ms. Araghi motioned to approve the Field Use Request and waive the fees. Ms. Pianowski seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

- d. College Park Boys and Girls Club – Soccer Practice and Games *at Calvert Hills Playground (Friends Field)* - Monday through Friday, August 4th through November 28th, 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays, August 2nd through November 30th, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The field use request for this site will be amended to end use at sunset in accordance with applicable Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Araghi motioned to approve the amended Field Use Request and waive the fees. Ms. Pianowski seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

VI. Recent Events

- a. Movie Night 06/13/2014 – Postponed to 08/01/2014

Due to heavy rains and lightning, Park and Planning was unable to show the movie on the evening of June 13th. Ms. Moran has made arrangements to have the equipment available again on August 1, 2014.

b. Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks

The number of people who attended the fireworks was not in at this time although the crowd seems larger than in previous years.

The band mostly played contemporary music with some 60s and 70s music thrown in. They had a high energy level which the audience seemed to enjoy.

The grand finale of the fireworks display was cancelled due to wind directions. The residue from the fireworks was falling onto spectators.

VII. Future Events

a. Movie Night - 08/01/2014

Promotion for the movie night will be ramped up for the event. Mr. Thurston would like a flyer to hand out to the Boys and Girls Club.

b. National Night Out

National Night Out is August 5, 2014. The Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee will not have a central event but several civic associations/neighborhood watch groups have scheduled community events.

College Park Woods will have their own event at the pool. Berwyn will have a family picnic in the park and then an adult night out at Fishnet. Lakeland, North College Park and Autoville have not stated if they will host an event. Information will be in the municipal scene of the Gazette.

VIII. New Business – suggestions, new ideas, comments

College Park Blues Festival-

Mr. Dale gave an update on the Blues Festival. The festival will follow the same schedule as in years past. The headliner will be Jackie Scott and the House Wreckers. She is big voice

vocalist who plays blues, soul and other types of music as well. The winner of the battle of the DC Blues Society band will be determined. The DCBS band has changed their vocalist to Momma Moon who is another big voice vocalist who plays more soul music. She is more interactive with the audience. The bands repertoire leans more to hard core Chicago style sound. The acoustic artist to open the show is Michael Roach, a founding member of the DCBS. He has lived in London since the early 90s and has recently returned to America. He is a well known international talent.

Ms. Fletcher will send the contract to Mr. Dale and Ms. Araghi.

Ms. Pianowski motioned to have Jackie Scott and the House Wreckers, the winner of the Battle of the Bands, Momma Moon and Michael Roach play at the College Park Blues Festival. Ms. Araghi seconded the motion.

Discussion:

The vendors will be back and there will be fewer raffles.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

The Board discussed the Reminders for Board and Committee Members from the City Clerks Office.

3. The Board can do a “straw vote” online but will need to be physically present to make it official.

Senior Camp at the College Park Woods

Ms. Pianowski asked if Mr. Bradford received an email regarding request to fund the camp. Carolyn Bernache will have to resend the request since he has not seen the email. There are more people at the camp this summer and need additional funds then what the grant money they received from the city.

The camp is July 23rd. The Board can do a straw vote online for a request for money and then make it official at the next meeting.

Board Vacancies:

The status of Mr. Farrar’s board position is still questionable. Ms. Privett now has a job in Virginia and will have a difficult time making it to College Park for the meetings.

IX. Next Meeting Date: August 4, 2014

X. Adjournment

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

All were in favor. **The motion passed 3-0-0**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary