

Subject: Recognition Groups Applications

Background:

At the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's May 20, 2015 meeting, PRAB reviewed two new 2015 applications: Capitol-Beltway Postcard Club and Greenbelt Biota. Both of the aforementioned applications were turned in after the initial February 28, 2015 deadline, therefore, PRAB had to wait until its' next scheduled meeting to review.

Discussion:

In regards to the **Capitol-Beltway Postcard Club** application, PRAB was unclear about what (if any) benefits the groups 'service to the community' would provide. It was also noted that according to their submitted application, they do not meet the criteria for qualification; more specifically – 100% of their membership is non-resident.

The second application of **Greenbelt Biota** was also discussed. As PRAB, we can see no reason why this group can't have a meeting place. However, PRAB questions the need and the motivation of this group and feels this application be given to Council and referred to the Forest Preserve. PRAB is asking how Greenbelt Biota's service to the community is different than the Forest Preserves goals; in their view it is redundant.

Recommendations:

Capitol-Beltway Postcard Club, do not recommend for Recognition Group status. Vote 5-1.

Greenbelt Biota, do not recommend for Recognition Group status. Vote 6-0.

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