

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Approved Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2018

PRAB Present: Lola Skolnik, Brandon “Ric” Gordon, Stephane Eding, Jake Chesnutt

Excused: Michael Lee

Staff Present: Greg Varda; Assistant Director of Recreation Programs

Council Liaison: Mayor Jordan

Unexcused Absence: Marc Siegel, Kelly Ivy, Lester Whitmer, Betty Sonneveldt

Guest: Kristen Weaver - Greenbelt Station Resident

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by PRAB Chair Lola Skolnik
2. Accepted December Minutes as Presented
3. Mayor Jordan’s Update
 - a. Staffing levels are lean in the Planning Department
 - i. Capital Projects delayed
 - b. Second Dog Park Location
 - i. Five potential sites
 - ii. \$15,000 budgeted
 - iii. Looking for more citizen input
 - iv. PRAB recommendation needed
 - c. Central Park in Greenbelt Station Question
 - i. Waiting to be transferred to the City of Greenbelt
 - ii. Special event planning is constrained
 - d. Update on field maintenance
 - i. Aerate and over seeding
4. Dog Park
 - a. Potential Sites Being Considered
 - i. Stream Valley Park
 1. No adjacent parking
 2. Hidden site
 3. Backs up to homes on Northway
 - ii. Northway Field
 1. Site in homerun area would need to relocate
 2. Good location but needs a master plan
 3. Road kicks up dust
 4. No home owner complaints
 - iii. Scrap Yard at Greenbelt Station
 1. Next to Indian Creek
 2. Greenbelt Station residents desire a dog park
 - iv. Buddy Attick Lake Park – Open area adjacent to the dam

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1. Loud due to Capital Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue car traffic
 2. Dam repairs could cause delay
 3. Parking already an issue
- v. Buddy Attick Lake Park – Open field adjacent to Lakecrest Drive and Charlestown Village
 1. Parking concerns
 2. Potential neighborhood issues from home owners in Olivewood Court
5. Other Dog Park Options
 - a. No Build
 - b. Improve the existing dog park
6. Other Dog Park issues to be considered
 - a. Infrastructure
 - b. Maintenance
 - c. Workload on staff
7. Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - a. Work Session scheduled for March 21, 2018
 - i. Copy of material to PRAB prior to work session
8. Part-time Employee Sick Leave Policy
 - a. Maryland State Legislature passed Sick and Safe Leave Bill for part-time employees
 - b. 1 hour earned for every 30 hours worked
9. Recognition Group – Grant Review Panel PRAB Member
 - a. Jake Chesnutt will represent PRAB
 - b. Ric Gordon will be the backup
10. Recreation Department Logo Update
 - a. Launch at the Egg Hunt on March 31
11. Solar Panels will be installed on Springhill Lake Recreation Center roof in April/May
12. Lake Park Dam and Parking Lot Update
 - a. Soil test are taking place for the parking lot
 - b. Hiring new contractor for dam repair
 - c. No timeline at the present time for either project
13. Hire a new Community Center Coordinator
 - a. LaToya Fisher
14. Notify PRAB that the March meeting will be at Parks and Recreation Master Plan Work Session
15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm