

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: Community Center – RM 114

DATE: Wednesday, April 20, 2016

TIME: 7:30p.m.

Members Present: Lola Skolnik, Michael Lee, Marc Siegel, Betty Sonneveldt, Ken Blue, Jeff Keenan
Council member: Mayor Jordan (Council liaison)
Unexcused: Kelly Ivy
Staff Present: Julie McHale (staff liaison)
Excused: Lester Whitmer
Guest: Bill Phelan; Retired Assistant Director, City of Greenbelt Public Works Department

1. Lola called the meeting called to order at 7:35pm
2. Lola asked the Mayor if he had any report. Mayor Jordan asked PRAB about the Contribution/Recognition Group review and report to Council with their recommendations; a brief discussion took place.
 - Brief discussion of board members explaining to the Mayor that only reviewed the applications that were complete and turned in on time
 - PRAB mentioned that they were interviewing the two NEW Recognition Groups this evening. These two new groups are: TRU-G and Center for Dynamic Governance
 - PRAB stated that they were not recommending the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance as a Contribution Group but were still supporting them as Recognition Group
 - Lola stated that she will complete the report to Council by early next week
3. Lola and the Board also mentioned to Mayor Jordan that they feel Youth Sports should be taken over by the Recreation Department and that they would support a Youth Sports Coordinator position.
4. Lola also asked the Mayor about what was going on with the hiker/biker trail for the new development in Greenbelt West. A discussion took place and the Mayor stated that it is a work in progress but at this time, WMATA is pulling back on building the trail until a decision has been made on the new location of the FBI.
5. Mayor Jordan also asked PRAB where they were with the update of the Buddy Attick Park Master-Plan. It was discussed that PRAB is actually meeting with PW Park Superintendent, Richard Fink this evening and will hopefully have a report for Council with PRAB's recommendation before the Summer. Richard Fink will be reviewing the Sustainable Land Care Policy which will be referred to in the BAP Master-Plan. Lola asked Ken Blue to please have a draft of the report for PRAB's May meeting.
6. Put the BAP Report on the May Agenda for review
7. Michael made the motion to approve minutes for March 16 and Ken Blue seconded the motion
 - 3 approve, 3 abstain
8. Tim Mitchell Cohen and Aileen Kroll, from the **Center for Dynamic Community Governance**, were in attendance to answer questions about their group becoming Recognition Group. Ms. Kroll spoke about the following:
 - How do you get people to work
 - Author of We the People
 - Already meeting in Greenbelt
 - Worked with Theatre and CHEAR's on training
 - Help to get groups together and work on the Dynamic Governing Methods
 - Entirely focused on Greenbelt
 - Work with all different age groups, languages

- Currently working at Community Church
- Work on a donation basis
- Take classes through the Time Bank
- Actively working with grants
- A discipline where the facilitator stays on point
- www.dynamic-governance.org
- sociocracy
- SHL entrepreneurship/literacy
- Whatever city can provide for free space would be great.

PRAB recommended this group for recognition: 4-Yes; 1 with reservation; 1 abstain

9. Stephen Holland-Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G)

- Recognition Group previously
- Advocacy group for public transportation
- Work with Council and WMTA for current public transportation in Greenbelt
- WMATA buses on Sundays –was done by TRU-G
- Need meeting space in City facilities-very occasional

PRAB recommended this group for recognition 6-0

10. Sustainable Land Care Policy (SLCP)- Public Works Park Superintendent, Richard Fink & resident Bill Phelan were there to review current Policy and history of this document

- Richard Fink gave introduction
- A flexible document
- Already vetted at staff level
- Build a coalition to support this and discuss with other groups
- Lola speaks of support of SLCP so that we can put it into BAP Masterplan
- Jeff asked – Will the SLCP update itself? He recommended that the SLCP be updated every two years or as state regulations change.
- Bill Phelan; Retired Assistant Director of Public Works
 - Suggested Integrated pest management through sensible use of pesticides
 - Richard Fink will take into consideration
- Jeff Keenan-made motion to support SLCP w/incorporation of Board’s comments and it was seconded by Marc Siegel. **Board approved this motion 6-0**

11. Richard Fink proposed to take over the Buddy Attick Park Master- Plan and PRAB was in agreement that this should be a document facilitated by staff, not PRAB.

- Julie will send Richard Fink Lola’s email

12. There was no old business and meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully written by: Julie McHale

Board approved these April 2016 Minutes as corrected on 6/15/20 (Lola motioned to approve and Betty seconded the motion) **Approved 4-0**