

**Recreation and Park Advisory Board
Montrose Preschool
February 22, 2018
Board Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Board Members: Tom Lynch, George Sushinsky, Rob Harriman, Chip Boylan, Dirk Whatley II, Xiao-Feng Xie, Kent Wong, Bob Taylor
Staff: Rob DiSpirito, Andrew Gunning, Tim Chesnutt, Karla Sheehi
Citizens: Nancy Pickard, Marianne Hull, Trisha Woodward, Noreen Bryan

Meeting commencement: 7:02 pm

Introduction by Montrose Discover Preschool Host – Andy Lett

Andy Lett, Superintendent of Recreation Services, introduced himself and introduced the Supervisor of the Preschool, Alice Grear, who could not be in attendance. While it's known as the Montrose Community Center, this facility houses the popular Montrose Discovery Preschool Program. This program has been run by The City of Rockville for over 30 years. The program currently houses 28 students, comprised of 10 different nationalities and speaking over 12 different languages. All of the preschool teachers are multilingual. The Montrose Discovery Preschool program is a great benefit to the families who relocate to Rockville to work at NIH.

Re: Approval of January Minutes

Bob Taylor motioned to approve the minutes, second motion received.

Re: Citizens Forum

Citizens in attendance are Nancy Pickard, Marianne Hull, Trisha Woodward and Noreen Bryan who are all in attendance in support of the Chestnut Lodge Naming Rights topic.

Re: Chestnut Lodge Naming Rights

Tim advised of the process for the naming rights process as it relates to the Chestnut Lodge Naming Rights and associated dates:

- R&P Advisory Board name recommendation will be shared with Mayor & Council on or about February 23, 2018
- R&P Advisory Board Recommendation will be shared with the public in the April 2018 Rockville Reports. Reason for it being shared in April is due to submissions for the March publication having closed already and sent to be printed.

- Mayor & Council will hold a public hearing on this topic on April 30, 2018
- Mayor & Council will discuss The Board recommendation on May 7, 2018

The name chosen unanimously by the R&P Advisory Board is Chestnut Lodge Park.

Re: Board Reappointment & Application of Interest

George Sushinsky's reappointment application was shared with all board members prior to the meeting, for their review. Bob Taylor moved that George Sushinsky not only be reinstated as a board member, but also as The Board Chair. The motion was second' by Tom Lynch, with no objections. Karla Sheehi will advise the City Clerk's office of The Board's motion.

Re: Staff Reports

- **First Annual Summit for R&P Directors held in Maryland thru MRPA**
(Maryland Recreation and Parks Association)
As President of MPRA, Tim Chesnutt initiated the Director's summit which provided good networking opportunities and resources. One take away from the summit that directors will share with their local agencies, is the idea of showcasing the History within our Cities. For example, here in Rockville, our Lincoln Park Community has a lot of history behind it.

Re: Subcommittee Reports

- a) **Youth Standing Committee Report** – None
- b) **Community Centers and Parks** - None
- c) **Glenview Mansion** - None
- d) **Recreation and Parks Foundation** - None
- e) **RedGate** – None
- f) **Swim & Fitness Center** – (Bob)
We have a youth member now participating on the sub-committee.
- g) **Sports and Fitness**

Re: Old Business/New Business

None to report

Re: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

The next meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2017 at The Pump House