

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board  
King Farm Community Center  
October 25, 2018  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Board Members: Tom Lynch, Rob Harriman, Xiao-Feng Xie, Kent Wong, Chip Boylan, Bob Taylor, Eder Martinez  
Staff: Tim Chesnutt, Karla Sheehi  
Absent: George Sushinsky, Dirk Whatley II  
Citizen(s): Arash Taleghani

**Meeting commencement: 7:03 pm**

**Re: Approval of September Minutes**

The September minutes were approved, as amended.

**Re: Citizens Forum**

Arash Taleghani resides in the Fallsgrove Community and wanted to attend one of our board meetings, which he found out about by way of the Rockville Reports newspaper. Arash figured this would be a good way to learn more about Recreation and Parks, which he has an interest in. Arash and his family utilized many of The City amenities. Arash also expressed that he had applied for the vacancy that came open on The Advisory Board. Tim clarified that the vacancy was to be filled by an existing member who is being re-appointed.

**Re: Staff Reports**

- **Strategic Plan**  
There were six proposals submitted to Procurement. The review Committee had its initial review and are reconvening again November 5<sup>th</sup> to continue reviewing the proposals and identify a preferred selection.
- **Budget – CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) and Operations**  
Recreation and Parks is working on finalizing the CIP budget and preparing to go to Finance. Staff has started working on the Operations budget.
- **Car Show**  
The event was held October 20, was a success and is said to be one of the largest car shows on the East Coast.
- **Hometown Holidays**  
This year Special Events held the 30<sup>th</sup> HTH event here at the Rockville Town Center. In the next couple of years, we will be losing the two last remaining large surface parking lots that housed the kid's amusements and the Bud Light Stage. With this major change, Special Events will be meeting with Mayor and Council to discuss the future of this event and the priorities. Mayor and Council has advised Special Events informed that Hometown Holidays can be held in Town Center in 2019, however thereafter we will have to relocate the event. In 2019 the approach would be a hybrid where we have a festival on Saturday and then Sunday

a big concert. Montgomery College was suggested by Mayor and Council as a future location.

- **RedGate Golf Course**

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala lead the conversation of possibly repurposing the RedGate golf course. Recreation and Parks contracted a consultant to conduct an assessment of the viability of RedGate remaining a golf course. The report should be ready for our review at the beginning of December. Therefore, Recreation and Parks will be ready to present this report in a January to Mayor and Council. For this same meeting R&P staff have been tasked to come up with myriad options for this property other than being a Golf Course. These ideas will be run by The Board.

- **FTPO (Forest Tree Preservation Ordinance)**

The amendments made were adopted by Mayor and Council.

### **Re: Subcommittee Reports**

a) **Youth Standing Committee Report** – None

b) **Community Centers and Parks** - None

c) **Glenview Mansion** - None

d) **Recreation and Parks Foundation** – (Chip)

Chip appreciated the help at the Car Show it was a great event.

e) **RedGate** – (None)

f) **Swim & Fitness Center** – (Bob)

Tim explained that the location for the Skate Park Project is to be behind the Swim Center – where the woods are.

The building improvements are to begin soon. The outdoor pool has been shut down.

The subcommittee meets at the Swim Center and keeps their door open, allowing citizens to come in and voice their concerns about the moisture inside the Swim Center.

g) **Sports and Fitness** – (None)

### **Re: Old Business/New Business**

No new/old business

### **Re: Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

The next meeting: December 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

***There will not be a meeting in November***