



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)

MEETING MINUTES – March 20, 2024

Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Building

Attendees

Board Members (Alphabetically)

Jocelyn Alexander	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelvin Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patricia Bobbitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gloria Snowden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Floyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rochelle Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harryette Irving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Betty Tingle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oladunni Oni	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tamara Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRAB Liaison: Anika Jackson, Public Affairs and Community Engagement Division Chief			<input type="checkbox"/>

Invited Guests (In Order of Introduction)

- ✓ Alvin McNeal, Deputy Director Administration and Development, alvin.mcneal@pgparks.com
- ✓ Steve Carter, Deputy Director Parks and Facilities Management, steven.carter@pgparks.com
- ✓ Wanda Ramos, Deputy Director Recreation and Leisure Services, wanda.ramos@pgparks.com

Agenda

Topics for 3/20 PRAB:

- **Meet and Greet with M-NCPPC, Department of Parks & Rec Leadership**
- **Overview of Board By-Laws**
- **General Introduction to the Department**
- *Calendar of Major Department Events Requiring PRAB Support (if applicable)*
- Elect Board Officers
- Board Communication

Minutes/Notes

Call to Order - ~6:40pm

Introduction of board members to deputy directors

Initial questions:

- ***Can you share more about how the previous board operated?*** Based on the meeting minutes and previous accounts of interactions with the board, they were minimally operational when last convened. Not as proactive as they could have been. Only 4-5 active members. (A. Jackson)

Presentation by Ms. Jackson and deputy directors providing an overview of M-NCPPC, Department of Parks & Rec and each deputy's respective divisions

- Seven strategic pillars – FY25 focus is on branding and customer care
- Administration & Development (A. McNeal)
 - Six divisions within this cluster
 - IT Services does not include websites; websites are managed by Public Affairs
 - 40% of the community centers in the county are 50+ years old
 - Capital Planning & Development Division can provide briefing on upcoming projects



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- Parks & Facilities (S. Carter)
 - Five divisions within cluster
 - Sankofa Mobile Museum is major attraction; already booked up for the year with high interest from schools
 - Bowie Baysox Stadium is a county asset
- Recreation & Leisure Services (W. Ramos)
 - Currently recruiting for lifeguards – can start as early as 15 years old

Overview of the PRAB By-Laws

- A. Jackson presented highlights of the by-laws
- By-laws can be amended by board vote
- More of a governance document than a formal by-laws document

Adjournment - ~8:45pm

Additional Questions

- What do the deputies need from the board? How can the board be beneficial?
 - Get involved with local centers; attend services and provide immediate feedback
 - Understand the plans
 - Understand the needs of the committee
 - Support at budget forums (county council and planning boards)
- Have you heard complaints about more services being provided to one part of the county over another? For instance, feedback that north county gets more attention than south county.
 - Yes, there has been feedback like this over the years. There have been significant efforts to reduce this perception. There have been many investments made in south county.
 - A presentation can be provided on inequalities in the system. (A. McNeal)

Upcoming Events & Next Meeting

- PRAB April Meeting – April 24th @ Location TBD
- KinderFest – April 27th @ Watkins Park

Action Items

Action	Due Date	Owner
Schedule next meeting	5 APR 2024	PRAB / A. Jackson
Schedule briefing on inequalities	TBD	TBD
Review by-laws and make edits/comments	24 APR 2024	PRAB