

Recreation and Community Engagement Committee
Meeting agenda for 5/18/23 @ 7pm

- Introductions (if new members)
- Discussion of management if needed (Vice Chair, Secretary, Etc)
- Approval of 4/20/23 minutes
- Recreation Center Updates
- New Hampshire Ave Library promotion updates and plans (semi-permanent agenda item) – has a new sign?
- Community Events (occurring and in planning)
- Events and more
 - o 9th Annual Play Day Saturday, June 17, 3-7pm at the VFW. Please, share the flyer and information with family, friends, neighbors and your local list serve. The BBQ, adult beverages can be purchased at the VFW, band, dance, activities will be a great way to play and relax.
 - o Food Forest at TPES work day – May 21st at Takoma Park Elementary School (playground in back) – installing fence – see attached flyer for details and please share
- Recruitment of new committee members (get out the word, etc) — engage teen group strategy? Haven't received an answer yet to 7 or 15 members.
- Via Councilmember Dyballa: “The initial appointments were staggered, so an entire committee would not be up for reappointment at the same time.” – this means people will need to reapply to be on the committee this year as well
- Councilmember Dyballa also clarified the number of members allowed “City committees webpage says 7-15 and that is an error” – that means 9 official members is the max number
- Also, next appointment for new members will be in July (probably), and then followed by appointments in January
- Priscilla – reporting on questions of the New Rec Center – Will Smith taking an interest in it
- City searches for external partner to keep the Takoma Park 5K going for next year
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfReKXxCxGi6u_jlZyBU5yt7_6NXjllsm16WbouM5WLl0srIQ/viewform
- Via Pat: “The latest budgets cuts starting July 1, 2023, will no longer offer Public Works drivers, trucks to help with Play Day and other events. This also means as of right now there will be no Touch-a-Truck at the 15th Annual Play Day scheduled for September 23. The Council members are discussing this issue. Please consider sending an email to all the City Council members asking them to reinstate the funding for the assistance with Play Day. I appreciate your help. Thank you”
- Other (bring your ideas, thoughts, community events, etc)
- Next meeting: 6/15/23 @ 7pm
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