

Recreation and Community Engagement Committee  
Agenda 6/15/23 @ 7pm (1hr)

- Introductions (if new members) & who wants to be Secretary for this meeting? (Mackenzie Brown now acting as VC – congrats Mackenzie!)
- Approval of 5/18/23 Minutes
- Recreation Center updates and notes
- There's still time to re-sign up to be on the committee if you haven't already! Application link: <https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeApplication>
- Advertisement for new committee members
  - o Clarify goals of committee
  - o Question: Should committee be sending all Rec center updates to entire Takoma Park Council in accordance with the city website description? – answer via Cindy: “Advise city council’ generally means, not monthly meeting notes, but annual-ish brief reports to council (often in person) and/or coming to council when there is an issue on your minds that would suggest council action.”
- New Hampshire Ave Library promotion updates and plans (semi-permanent agenda item)
- 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.
- City searches for external partner to keep the Takoma Park 5K going for next year  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfReKXxCxGi6u\\_jlZyBU5yt7\\_6NXjllsm16WbouM5WLlorsIQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfReKXxCxGi6u_jlZyBU5yt7_6NXjllsm16WbouM5WLlorsIQ/viewform)  
Roy Austin might have a nonprofit – that might be able to take on the 5k?
- Priscilla – reporting on questions of the New Rec Center – Will Smith taking an interest in it -
- 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”
- Additional topics if we have time (BYO topic!)
  - o Diversity (celebrate Takoma) 5K?
  - o Minor Master plan to include possible new recreation center at Adventist location
- Next meeting: 7/20/23 @ 7pm? Ellen will be out of town for a conference and not able to attend
- Adjourn

TPRCEC Committee goals (from city website):

A. To advise the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents, including but not limited to reviewing and recommending policies and programs that concern

recreational opportunities within the City, with a special emphasis on youth and seniors and broad and diverse participation.

B. To advise the City Council regarding a range of community needs involving recreation, health, leisure, education, enrichment programs, and opportunities for social development.

C. To identify for the City Council options and opportunities which may benefit the Takoma Park community by serving those needs.

D. To advise the City Council on ways to enhance use of existing City-owned or City-operated facilities, including the Community Center, the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center, Heffner Park Community Center, and athletic fields maintained by the City to meet the objectives set forth in subsection (B) of this section.

E. To advise the City Council of options and opportunities for recreational use of other public community facilities in the area and to suggest to the Council new facilities which may be needed. (Ord. 2021-39 § 1, 2021)