

Recreation and Community Engagement Committee
Agenda 9/21/23 @ 7pm (1hr)

- Introductions (if new members) & who wants to be Secretary for this meeting? (Ellen Marcus is president, Mackenzie Brown is Vice President)
- Approval of 6/15/23 Minutes
- Recreation Center updates
- Blood Drive Initiative: Jessie Carpenter (City Clerk) reached out to me wondering if there would be any interest in hosting an "Innova blood drive" either by using their "bloodmobile or inside the Rec Center. Her message below:

"I've been approached by a resident who wants the City to host an Innova blood drive, either using their bloodmobile or inside at the Rec Center. Would either the Emergency Preparedness Committee or the Recreation and Community Engagement Committee be interested in taking up this idea? Thanks for considering. I think the only way this could work is if a committee wanted to sponsor and provide volunteers for it."

- o Priscilla offers to volunteer
- Advertisement for new committee members
 - o Committee description draft (via Priscilla): For your consideration, a draft committee description:

The Recreation & Community Engagement Committee is made up of TP residents who care deeply that everyone of us be encouraged and able to engage in the many programs the TP Recreation Department offers.

Hundreds(thousands?) of us participate every year in these activities, including classes, courses, exercise, childcare, after school programs, summer and vacation camps, teen room, arts, crafts, writing, employment preparation, computers, dance, holiday events, egg rolls, basketball and other team sports, golf, weightlifting, and ...

We meet monthly to discuss ways to expand the programs and make them inviting and available to everyone in Takoma Park irrespective of age, color, shape, size, and ability, whether or not they can pay.

We are always seeking new and diverse members.

- Suggestion via AI:
 - o hold one of the committee meetings on a Wednesday in person at the City Council meeting to discuss agenda notes.
 - o Possibilities for in person meetings
- New Hampshire Ave Library promotion updates and plans (semi-permanent agenda item) –
- Events and more
- Let's Play America upcoming events:
 - o SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 - 15TH ANNUAL PLAY DAY; TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 (1-3PM) - Birthday Celebration/Fundraiser; PAT'S BACKYARD. Fred Rogers Institute will be joining us to honor Pat.
- City searches for external partner to keep the Takoma Park 5K going for next year (Shana is checking on this)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfReKXxCxGi6u_jlZyBU5yt7_6NXjllsm16WbouM5WLlosrIQ/viewform – (5k was mainly volunteer run and primarily by the PTA)
- Additional topics if we have time (BYO topic!)
- Next meeting: 10/19/23 @ 7pm
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