

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

Attendance: Howard Kohn, Alan Kahn, Debby Huffman, Ellen Marcus, Mackenzie Brown, Jay Keller, Michael Asart

- Introductions DONE
- Discussion of management if needed (Vice Chair, Secretary, Etc) Mackenzie Brown volunteered to be vice chair! YAY Congratulations!
- Approval of 4/20/23 minutes DONE
- Rec Updates via Debby Huffman DONE
- 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 DONE
- Library mosaic is being stored at public works
- Also, don't forget to re-sign up to be on the committee if you haven't already! Here's the application link: <https://takomapark.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeApplication>
- Ellen To reach out to Rec center for to be zoom co-host
- New Hampshire Ave Library promotion updates and plans (semi-permanent agenda item) – has a new sign? NEW SIGN – not really up where people want it – One is needed on the street
- 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 – CANCELLED
- 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
 - o 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”
- Next meeting: 6/15/23 @ 7pm
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- GETTING THE WORD OUT TO JOIN THIS COMMITTEE
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