

Recreation and Community Engagement Committee
Agenda 2/15/24 @7pm

Attendance:

- Introductions (if new members) & who wants to be Secretary for this meeting? (Ellen Marcus is stand-in chair until replacement, and Mackenzie Brown is Vice chair)
- Ellen is looking to step down as president/chair and would like to offer for someone to take over.
- Approval of 1/18/24 Minutes
- Recreation Center updates
- Updates on Possibilities to make Recreation center more accessible? Priscilla will follow up – Jon looked up bike routes to the Recreation center
- Priscilla's description in newsletter- updates
- AI: Collaborate on communicating with the council - Council Member Small is our liaison. (Priscilla - main role in past has been to help the recreation center and provide assistance - starting basketball program was one example years ago)
- · Right now, we do not have anyone from Ward 6 represented on our committee and should seek to get help with adding someone from Ward 6. Let's wait for new Chair.
- Bylaws via Irma: there are no bylaws for the recreation committee. However, here is the chapter in the City Code on [advisory committees \(Section 5 - Recreation and Community Engagement Committee\)](#) – reminding members to review city code about the [code of conduct](#) (# 5 in the code refers to meeting attendance and is copied at the bottom of this agenda). If anyone needs to resign, please ask them to send Jessie Carpenter (JessieC@takomaparkmd.gov) a brief resignation letter by email.
- Re-visit in-person meetings – maybe something to keep on agenda until the new library is complete and there is additional community space available for us to have something there.
- New Hampshire Ave Library promotion updates and plans (semi-permanent agenda item)
- Are we at all connected with the “Friends of Recreation Center”? Do they have contact or meetings? I was thinking might be good to stay in touch with them.
- Next Annual Mid-Winter Playday Sunday Feb 11th 1-4pm at Piney Branch Elementary School
- Takoma Park Fitness Expo Saturday April 6, 2024. Time: 10am -2pm
- Blue zone chat, inputs (possibility for a movie night, etc)
- Additional topics if we have time (BYO topic!)
- Next meeting: 2/15/24 @ 7pm
- Adjourn

5. Conduct of Public Meetings. I will prepare myself for meetings, do my best to listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions before the body, and focus on the business at hand. I will refrain from interrupting other speakers, or otherwise interfering with the orderly conduct of meetings. I will do my part to make everyone feel safe in expressing their opinions, views, and concerns. I will commit to regular attendance at meetings to the best of my ability, understanding that missing three meetings during my appointed term without notifying the chair and/or relevant city staff may result in my removal.