

## ***Takoma Park Recreation Committee Meeting June 16, 2016 Minutes***

**Committee members: (Bold = RSVP yes) Howard Kohn, Cherwanda Oliver, Priscilla Labovitz, Ray Scannell, Jen Wofford, Carolyn Leary Bobb , Pat Rumbaugh, Jay Keller, Jon Worley observer: Mary Jane Muchui**

**Staff- Leicia Monfort** and Amelie (daughter)

**Can't attend:** Cindy Dybala ,Ryan Scully Observers: Rochelle Coleman, , Rachna Rikhye,

### **Agenda Minutes**

Introductions. This is Jon Worley's first meeting.

- 1) Rec Department updates Upcoming events: : Old School/New School Basketball Game June 17 TPMS 6pm 1<sup>st</sup> game, Sat. June 18 Youth Success(see below)After hours July 5-August 18 Tuesday & Thursday with the community, Summer Camp is full  
BUDGET was talked about and ideas to get money for Recreation and programs
- 2) Garden- Planters at NH?? Planters are supposed to arrive soon Library Garden is happy
- 3) Rec Center on New Hampshire Last week's City Council meeting was held there. Not in the best of condition, needs to be updated Right now we are not sure what will happen next. Priscilla may write an article for the TP newsletter (Friends of Rec Center) Invite Council Member Fred and Mayor Kate to a Rec meeting to discuss Rec Center (September meeting)Also enhancing the safety of crossing New Hampshire Avenue Could they build a pedestrian bridge to go over New Hampshire
- 4) Upcoming Playdays and report on Adult Play Day Big success. Community Play Day at May 28 at Essex house, Picnic, Play & Parade Day coming up look for spontaneous Play events
- 5) **Community Conversation on Youth Success**: This upcoming Saturday (6/18), we will be holding our second community conversation and our

focus will be on the youth. This is going to be an excellent half-day program from 12:30-4PM and we will have a series of discussions on varying topics about how we can improve our efforts at addressing the needs of our youth. The Mayor's blog post on this great event can be found here: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/city-council-and-mayor-blog/community-conversation-youth-success/>.

6) July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic, play & parade watch event at 7301 Maple Avenue Pat's front yard 9am –noon a potluck,

7) Camp Sizanani- Takoma Day Camp, AUGUST 22 to 26th.

New exciting twists: we have changed the age bracket to younger -- 10 to 17! MAN UP and Jen Wofford are coordinating. Teens, esp those who attended last summer and those who are older and mature, will be hired as "APPRENTICE COUNSELORS" Collaborating with Jacquette on Lunch and Learn since her program will have ended by then and there are many kids in need of fun activities and a meal during the week of August 22 to 26. NEED to find a few mature young adult counselors to assist and help oversee, and one Logistics Counselor who can manage everything from opening the building to picking up food at the Giant. Global Camps Africa is identifying which counselors they will send. THE PLANNING FOR SECOND TIME AROUND IS MUCH LESS WORK Debby reserved the spaces! School Counselors at TPMS and PBES are really psyched about encouraging kids and families to come! Free Breakfast AND Lunch will be provided each day, Aug 22 to 26 is a week that is sorely lacking in any child care or camps... See Jen Wofford for additional Info. [jenwofford@aol.com](mailto:jenwofford@aol.com)> Financial support greatly appreciated. Payment questions, Stipend or SSL hours, Council Member Peter Kovar will help raise money, Jen will send the link to Jay and others

July Cookout just for fun? Group cookout later date Jay find out a good date do a doodle poll

Other items?

Find out about Support for Spirit Club and free classes for Adults with Disabilities