

Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council
May 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

Present:

Council Members: Brian Looper, Janet Whaley, Emily Russell, Darren Campbell, Will Taplin, and William Privett.

Staff: Commissioner Reid, Joey Furuto, Mary Tuttle

II. Program and Facilities Updates

- A. Joey, Bond Update: Wapato Alum treatment was completed and was a big success. Treatment will help keep algae blooms down and improve the health of the lake. A small number of wildlife died from the treatment, but UW scientists were on hand to make sure it was conducted in the safest manner possible. The lake became so clear that MPT staff found a car at the bottom of the lake. The Wapato docks will be installed at the end of July.

The new Wright Park bridge will open shortly. A solution for small gaps on either side of the bridge was found and is being installed. Construction on bathrooms at the conservatory will begin in July.

- B. Mary Tuttle, Program Updated: People's Pool attendance has been up 50% since it reopened. Swim lessons have been particularly popular. MPT hires 180 aquatic staff when fully operational between People's, Candle, and Stewart Heights Pools. Elementary school sports start on June 12th from 5:30-6:30 at the YMCA. The All Star Baseball game will be on June 5th. Metro Parks has hired a new sports director, starting June 1st. Metro Parks and First Tee are finalizing a contract for afterschool golf activities.

- C. Commissioner Reid: Metro Parks was rated in the top five parks districts nationally by CAPRA last year and is up for best park district this year in the US-NRPA. The board discussed the General Fund Survey at their last meeting. This survey contains goals in 5 main areas for MPT this year.

The Whole Child Pass program is in full swing for the summer. The pass is available to registered students that qualify for free or reduced lunch and offers a wide range of MPT benefits and Pierce Transit rides for free.

After considerable community feedback the board is looking at plans for the Portland Ave Center as the new East Side Community Center begins construction.

III. Review of ALCW work plan: Mary Tuttle

- A. The Advisory committee has been without an active work plan for nearly two years. The previous plan was very successful and the committee would like to draft a new plan to shape the direction we would like to head. This is a large project and will likely take several meetings to accomplish.

VI. Good of the Order

- A. Next Meeting: Thursday May 25 at 6:30 in Main Conference Rm.

VII. Adjournment