



**Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc.
Minutes – July 11, 2022**

CVPC Board Meeting
Annual Membership Meeting

Board members in attendance: Rick Childs, Bill Curtis, Kelly Emerson, Kim Shapiro, Mia Walsh, Abe Yoffe.

Board Members in attendance virtually: Kate Joyce, Sya Kedzior, Kristen McFaul, Pat Novak

Park Staff: Kirk Dreier Absent: John Canoles, Joe Rector

1. WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT – Abe Yoffe

- a. The President called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was conducted both online using GoogleMeet and in-person at the Sherwood House.
- b. Bill Curtis gave a warm thanks to the Trails Committee for all their volunteer work. Wayne is at the park 5 days a week, working with a crew of 6 people. He would also like to thank the Bluebird Trail Committee for their hard work. There are over 40 Eastern Bluebird boxes and there are a lot of volunteers to monitor them.

2. GUEST SPEAKER – Elizabeth Jamison, Towson Arts Council

- a. Elizabeth passed out the postcard marketing piece for the event on September 10th and 11th.
- b. Towson Art Collective has a temporary location on the 2nd floor at Kenilworth across from About Faces. There is a banner they will place promoting the event.
- c. They have up to 20 vendors to sell items; and are working on food trucks. Music will be played from 12 – 5 pm with larger bands with an 8 x 16 stage (from the County).
- d. They have a beer and wine license for the event, and they have consignment for beer and are looking for wine.

3. GOVERNANCE

- a. June Meeting Minutes: The minutes were accepted and approved and will be posted on the CVPC website: <https://cromwellvalleypark.org/about-cvpc/park-council/>
- b. Finance, Kristin McFaul, Treasurer
 - 1) The 990 was filed last Friday and sent it over as an attachment.
 - 2) Overall expenditures are 49% of budget. We are over budget in Trails, Printer Ink, Educational Conferencing (not originally budgeted) and Primitive Technology.
 - 3) 2022 Financial Documents were distributed prior to the meeting and were reviewed.
- c. Finance, Rick Childs. No Update
- d. Fundraising, Mia Walsh
 - 1) Fundraising with membership renewal and donations which came in June 9, 2022 – July 11, 2022 - Membership: 12 memberships valued at \$225.00 General Donations: 2 donations with memberships valued at \$25.
 - 2) In Mid-June, Mia reviewed each deposit in Bank of America. There were 21 checks which weren't addressed in the Membership database, which means that checks are being deposited without notifications to Kim / me. We need to ensure these deposits are recorded for charitable contributions and / or membership records.
 - 3) Mia provided financial details for Kristin's Tax report for donors over \$5,000.



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- e. Report from Baltimore County Property Management, Bryan Sheppard – No Report
 - 1) Abe reached out to Bryan Sheppard about the mowing and the kudzu treatment.
- f. Background Checks – Abe Yoffe President reported that all Board background checks are current. Some are expiring in August, so please take a moment to check to see if you need to renew.

3. MANAGEMENT

- a. Park Staff Report –Kirk Dreier
 - 1) Summer Camp has been going well and is sold out.
 - 2) Seasonal Naturalist Training went off without a hitch.
 - 3) The Bookmobile has been on property and they will be in attendance for the Migration Celebration.
 - 4) The analog traffic counter finally died, and Kirk bought a new one which is digital. The counters have been instrumental in getting us new staff and enabled us to obtain new vehicles as we track the number of visitors to the park. Thank you, Bill Curtis, for bringing that idea to the table.
 - 5) Earth Skills Camp went off without a hitch, but there were 20 campers, which was too many. This number will be cut back to 10 or 15 for next year. Campers made visors out of Cattails, whistles out of stone tools, and assisted in building a new wigwam.
 - 6) We have a new Summer Employee named Sean Rodriguez, working in the Nature Center. He is a high school student working through workforce development at his school.
 - 7) Thom's Meadow has a new picnic table for enjoyment of park visitors. Rick and Kirk used the Park's vehicle to get the picnic table there.
 - 8) Juneteeth went off well with a few hundred people in attendance at BB Park.
 - 9) Ranger Breena is back, but has been floating around to various other sites to cover staffing in the nature centers.
 - 10) The Screen on the Green is a R&P large movie screen and will be held here on Friday, July 29th. The movie is called Rock Dog II at 8:00 p.m. Please promote this through our regular channels.
 - 11) The Council agreed to move forward with Holiday Open House on December 3rd from 10 am – 4 pm.
 - 12) Kirk will send information regarding renting Goats to clear out the kudzu. The County mowed a section of where the kudzu was located.
- b. Leaseholder's Report – Talmar, Kate Joyce
 - 1) Talmar's fiscal year was ended 7% higher than the prior year.
 - 2) 14 veterans graduated from the program last Tuesday. The advanced program will begin in two weeks.
 - 3) Sherwood coyotes are making their way to Talmar. Bill Curtis set up the critter cam to see if we can capture anything on film.
- c. Buildings and Grounds – Rick Childs
 - 1) Trails Committee is working hard to keep the weeds off the trail and are here 6 days a week on trails and gardens keeping the park in wonderful shape.
 - 2) Abe noted that the capital projects update is due in August. Abe will follow up with the County.
 - 3) In addition, Abe will reach out about the Sewer Line project to the Department of Public Works.



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- 4) The County is moving ahead with the Providence Road entrance and the County leadership is working with the property owners about where the entrance will be. The parking entrance may be moved to a new location and R&P is working with the County Executive. If the entrance is moved, the kiosk would have to be moved as well.
 - 5) Bill Curtis inquired to Kate at Talmar if we could use their tractor. He asked about a brush cutter to add on to the tractor to address some of our field issues. Rick will talk to Talmar about getting some attachments for this and to see if it would be beneficial to Talmar and CVP with some of the field issues. This is a potential area for our holiday donation request.
- d. Programs – Kelly Emerson
- 1) No new PPI's have come across Kelly's plate. Upcoming events include the Towson Arts Council event in September and Kelly will need help with parking September 10th and 11th.
 - 2) Saturday, September 24th – Kate has a self-contained event which is mission driven at Talmar. They need Kirk to sign off for beer and wine.
 - 3) Kelly is working on feedback forms. The Gilchrist event went very well despite the weather. There were some issues with parking for that event, but Kelly hasn't received feedback from the organizer. Kelly would like to explore a good Plan B for rain.
 - 4) Baltimore Road Runner evening run was held and there was a woman who got hurt. Kirk needs to complete an incident report for the County, but she has not been returning his phone calls or emails. The Council may want to consider having a presence there with a Gator at the next event. Kirk asked that he have the electronic waivers sent to him digitally in advance for future runs.
- e. Communications – Mia Walsh
- 1) In mid-June, an update to the WordPress website system had a bug with the WooCommerce portion of the website which collects fees for memberships and donations. I had to delete the WooCommerce plug in and reinstall it. Things are working fine now.
 - 2) 2021 Annual Report – Annual report was mailed on Sunday, July 10th by an intern volunteer. They were mailed to 191 donors from 2021 and through June 2022 who donated \$50 or more to CVPC. In addition, they were mailed to key R&P leadership in the County. Copies for the Council will be brought to Sherwood House for the meeting.
- f. Volunteers –Pat Novak –. There are 94 hours tallied for the month of June for the Council.
- g. Membership – Kim – We have 390 total memberships, which is up from 377 from the June report. Kelly suggested we reach out to Lifetime Members to ask for additional donations.
- h. Ad Hoc Committees:
- 1) Migration Celebration – September 17th, 2022 – Kim Shapiro – Falconer, Rodney, may be interested in joining the event and the committee approved a stipend for him. This will be a blend of Fall Harvest Festival and Migration Celebration and we will be charging \$5.00 per car. We agreed to start promotions around August 1st for the event and the banners. We need to start recruiting for the Migration Celebration – crafting, info table, Children's garden, parking, money collector, surveyor etc. Kelly will work on the Sign Up Genius to make sure we have enough volunteers.
 - 2) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Abe is watching a video provided by Network For Good on this.



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4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Halten Garden Club – Mia read the minutes from September 2021 regarding Halten’s proposal. Kirk said that he would like to be in charge of the design and the writing of the exhibit. I will put Gretchen Sarkin in contact with Kirk regarding the research of that project.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Memo of Understanding with the County – Corey Johns – No Update
- b. Citizen Generated Request for Stream Bridges – Abe Yoffe – This will be lumped into the Capital Projects and hopefully will have an update in August 2022.
- c. Member Appreciation Event –Amy Polinski, Stacey Cruise and Kelly Emerson are all willing to work on this. Kelly thinks it would be nice to have several speakers talk about their experiences in the park and how the park has been a part of their family’s lives. October is the time of year we would like to arrange for this event to occur.
- d. History: Kim will continue to work on the arrangement of interviews in the second half of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m,

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13th at 6:00 PM in person at Sherwood House or virtually via GoogleMeet.

Respectfully submitted by Mia Walsh, Secretary 7/12/22



Screen on the Green Summer Movie Series

The Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks invites you to one of our beautiful parks for a FREE series of the following scheduled screenings

<p>Wednesday, June 22, 2022 Space Jam a New Legacy PG-13 Hillendale PAL Center 5:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday, July 16, 2022 Secretariat PG-13 Baltimore County Agr Center 8:00pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 3, 2022 Encanto PG Lansdowne PAL Center 5:30pm</p>
<p>Friday, June 24, 2022 Godzilla vs King Kong PG-13 Reisterstown Regional Park 8:00pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 20, 2022 The Boss Baby: Family Business PG Shady Spring PAL Center 5:30pm</p>	<p>Friday, August 5, 2022 Tom & Jerry PG Northwest Regional Park 8:00pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 6, 2022 Jungle Cruise PG-13 Cockeysville PAL Center 5:30pm</p>	<p>Thursday, July 21, 2022 Clifford the Big Red Dog PG Eastern Regional Park 7:00pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 10, 2022 King Richard PG-13 Scotts Branch PAL Center 5:30pm</p>
<p>Thursday, July 7, 2022 Black Panther PG-13 Sollers Point Park 8:00pm</p>	<p>Friday, July 22, 2022 Coming 2 America PG-13 Rockdale Park 8:00pm</p>	<p>Thursday, August 11, 2022 Venom: Let There Be Carnage PG-13 Gwynn Oak Park 7:00pm</p>
<p>Friday, July 8, 2022 Cruella PG-13 Meadowood Regional Park 8:00pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 27, 2022 The Addams Family 2 PG Woodmoor PAL Center 5:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 17, 2022 F9: The Fast Saga PG-13 Dundalk PAL Center 5:30pm</p>

<p>Wednesday, July 13, 2022 Spiderman No Way Home PG-13 Mars Estates PAL Center 5:30pm</p>	<p>Thursday, July 28, 2022 Encanto (en español) PG Sparks Park 7:00pm</p>	<p>Thursday, August 18, 2022 Hidalgo PG-13 Baltimore County Agr Center 8:00pm</p>
<p>Thursday, July 14, 2022 Raya and the Last Dragon PG Chesterwood Park 8:00pm</p>	<p>Friday, July 29, 2022 Rock Dog 2 N/R Cromwell Valley Park 8:00pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 24, 2022 Eternals PG-13 Winfield PAL Center 5:30pm</p>
<p>Friday, July 15, 2022 DOG PG-13 Oregon Ridge Park 8:00pm</p>		

*Seating Begins One Hour
Earlier Than Posted Time*



Bring your friends, family, blanket, bug spray and picnic basket for a night out in one of your favorite parks. This schedule is subject to change, please follow us on social media and via our website for updates to the schedule, park locations and more. All locations are accessible and screenings can be shown with subtitles by request.



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CROMWELL VALLEY

ARTS IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

September 10TH & 11TH, 2022

\$5 Per Car | Live Music | Art Vendors | Food | Libations

Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 12am-5pm

Sherwood House at Cromwell Valley Park | 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, MD

