

Commission on Parks and Recreation Guides Consolidated Department

Your Commission on Parks and Recreation (PaRC) is eager to work with you to provide the very best ideas and recommendations to our elected and appointed officials concerning the protection, preservation and promotion of Philadelphia's historical, cultural, environmental and recreational resources and programs.

The Parks and Recreation Commission was constituted in July 2009, following the passage of an amendment to the Home Rule Charter which transferred the powers and duties of the Fairmount Park Commission to a new Department of Parks and Recreation and reconstituted the Fairmount Park Commission as the Commission on Parks and Recreation (PaRC). PaRC consists of 15 members, nine of whom are appointed by the Mayor from nominations made by City Council and six of whom serve ex officio, including the President of City Council and the Executive Director of the City Planning Commission or their designees, the Water Commissioner, the Street Commissioner, the Public Property Commissioner and the Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Each highly qualified member, appointed at the beginning of each Mayoral term, has demonstrated skills and knowledge about park and recreation matters.

PaRC's charge is to develop and adopt written, enforceable standards related to the use of the city's park and recreational land and facilities, make recommendations to enhance revenue opportunities, and assist in promoting parks and recreational facilities and programs. Its goal is to increase the visibility and enormous opportunities that Philadelphia has to recapture its position as the nation's leader in the park and recreation field and sustain the legacy of William Penn's "greene countrie town."

Commission Seeks Input from Residents and Interested Citizens

The Commission on Parks and Recreation wants to hear from you! If you have questions, concerns and comments, submit your remarks via email: parksandreccommission@phila.gov

The Commission holds six public meetings a year, on the third Wednesday of every other month. The next public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 17, 2010 at The Free Library of Philadelphia, Central Branch, 6:00 PM and citizens are invited and encouraged to provide comments and information to the Commission.

For exact time and location of future meetings, check the "Upcoming Events" section of the Philadelphia Parks Alliance website at: www.philaparks.org

Commission on Parks and Recreation Member biographies

Nancy Goldenberg (Chair) is the Vice President of Planning for the Center City District and founder of the Philadelphia Outward Bound Center.

Debra Wolf Goldstein is the president of Conservation Matters, LLC, a legal and consulting firm with a focus on land conservation issues.

Jeffrey Hackett is the president of the Helen G. Sturgis Advisory Board, on the Executive Board of the Melrose Park Gardens Civic Association.

Pete Hoskins is the former Director of Fairmount Park.

Anthony Langford is the President of the Friends of East Fairmount Park.

Leslie Anne Miller is active in a number of community organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Fairmount Conservancy and on the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Carol Rice is retired from the Department of Recreation and currently serves as the Chairman of the Warrington Township Park and Recreation Board.

Carlos Rodriguez is the President of Puerto Rico Stars, which offers free baseball clinics to youth in North Philadelphia each spring, among other programs.

Sarah Clark Stuart is Campaign Director at the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia and co-coordinator of the Schuylkill River Park Alliance.

Ex-officio Members

Bernie Brunwasser – Water Commissioner

Barbara Capozzi, Esq. – Designee of Council President Anna C. Verna

Michael DiBerardinis – Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Senior Adviser to the Mayor

Alan Greenberger – Executive Director, Philadelphia City Planning Commission

Joan Schlotterbeck – Public Property Commissioner

Clarena Tolson – Streets Commissioner

Commission Appoints Committees to Focus on Specific Issues Facing Parks and Recreation Department

The Commission on Parks and Recreation has established three working committees, headed by commission members and including other experienced and skilled City residents who are active in their local park and/or recreation facility. The committees are:

- Land Use
- Branding and Communications
- Revenue Enhancement

The committees will report on their progress to the full commission at regularly scheduled meetings.