

Recreation Committee Meeting  
10/29/01 7 PM

Present: Theresa Cameron, Mike Ziebell, Joan Wright, Keith Wright, Kathy McClure, Agnes Dairis, Mary Lewis, Loretta d'Eustachio, Sam Linton, Jann Russell, Jim Gross, Lin Hayes, Jimmy Rye

Consensus: Public should have access to waterfront for uses which may include boat ramps, marinas, etc while protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

Discussion on importance of park centered on family activities such as swimming, picnicking and playgrounds

Additional recreational interests added to list:

- Horse rental and lessons
- Ferry across Potomac for cars and people
- Boat rental area
- Trails for 4-wheelers
- More (better access) to boat launching facilities - current ramps too crowded
- Family oriented parks
- Swimming facilities, beach or pool

We tried to divide our Recreation Vision list into short, medium and long-term goals. Short term included things we thought we could accomplish in 0-2 years. Medium goals would be accomplished in 3-5 years. Long term -10 years.

Short term

- Non-motorized boat launch facility (canoes, kayaks, etc.)
- Guides for historic/nature interpretation
- Brochures for existing trails, local people as hired guides
- Bird & butterfly watching
- Swimming - access to water
- Windsurfing
- Bass fishing - encourage & improve access to water
- Trails for biking, hiking and horses
  - Better signage for trails
- Hunting - designated areas
- Primitive camping
- Scenic vistas by car
- Stargazing - at observatory

Medium Term

- Shoreline camping for boaters/water trail - primitive camping
- Launch for power and sail boats
- Eco-tours
- Trails - historic, paleontology, historical, religious freedom trails, etc.)
- Horse, hiking & biking shoreline trails
- Hunting -
- Group camping

### Long term

- Guided trail walk and ride
- Marina
- Swimming facilities - changing facilities, etc
- Pool
- Ball Fields
- Amphitheater
- Museum
- RV camping (cars)

At this point, we realized we needed more information about area resources and other information. Various members volunteered to bring information to next meeting. Joan Wright will get in touch with folks interested in ball fields. Lin Hayes will contact biking organizations, the Board of Education and Melwood. Sam Linton will bring back a rough map of local resources and points of interest. Jann Russell will contact the Nanjemoy Community Association, and the African American Heritage group. All members will be talking to neighbors to bring others into the process.