



MONTGOMERY PARKS
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December 10, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Casey Anderson, Chair *Casey Anderson*
Planning Board Members

Via: Mike Riley, Director of Parks *MRiley*

CC: John Nissel, Deputy Director *JNissel*
Miti Figueredo, Deputy Director *Miti*

From: John Robinson *John M. Robinson*
Board President, Montgomery Parks Foundation

Subject: Montgomery Parks Foundation Board of Trustees – New Members 2021

The Montgomery Parks Foundation is pleased to present five new candidates for nomination to the Foundation Board of Trustees. Please find attached their bios. These candidates have been fully vetted and voted on by a quorum of the Montgomery Parks Foundation.

We ask for final approval of these candidates at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

John M. Robinson

John Robinson
Board President, Montgomery Parks Foundation



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Board of Trustees
2021 Slate of Nominees

Trish Heffelfinger

(Term: January 2021 – December 2025)

Devin Ellis

(Term: January 2021 – December 2025)

Aruna Miller

(Term: January 2021 – December 2025)

Shawn Jenkins

(Term: January 2021 – December 2025)

Emory Linder

(Term: January 2021 – December 2025)

Current Board of Trustees and Term End:

Clara	Lovett	12/31/2022
John	Robinson	12/31/2021
Marye	Wells-Harley	12/31/2021
Rhonda	Cunningham Holmes	12/31/2021
Royce	Hanson	12/31/2021
Scott	Ritter	12/31/2021

Trish Heffelfinger

In 1998, Trish became the founding Executive Director of the Maryland Soccer Foundation which owns and operates the Maryland SoccerPlex, Discovery Sports Center and SAM Soccer. She retired in 2018. She oversaw the administrative management of the Maryland Soccer Foundation and its entities. There are 16 full time employees of which seven maintain the 24 fields.

Since 2016, Trish has served as an At-Large member of the MSYSA board. She has served on the State Cup, President's Cup and By-Laws committees.

She also sat on the boards of Visit Montgomery, the Germantown Alliance, and is the Chair of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame. She is a member of the Gaithersburg-Germantown and Clarksburg Chambers of Commerce.

Prior to the SoccerPlex, Trish held senior positions in marketing and advertising for local companies: Marriott Hotels, American Security Bank and the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Devin Ellis

Devin Ellis is a senior faculty specialist in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland, and the Director of the ICONS Project — a simulation research and training program affiliated with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START). He is also a Faculty Affiliate of the university's Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS). Ellis' work focuses on helping organizations use simulation to study and plan for complex problems, train employees, and rehearse for crises. He is a policy analyst by training, specializing in East Asian security issues and crisis management.

Ellis has designed or consulted on simulation projects for USAID, the World Bank, the National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC), DHS, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Brookings Institution, CSIS, National Defense University, the Kennedy School of Government, the Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Ford Motor Co., Swire, Michelin, ABInBev, and various parts of DOD including the Joint Staff, OSD, PACOM, EUCOM, SOCOM and CENTCOM. Over the past decade he has been privileged to participate in several groundbreaking Track II dialogues on U.S.-China crisis management. Ellis is an external reviewer for the interdisciplinary journal Simulation & Gaming, and serves as associate editor of the PAXsims blog.

Aruna Miller

Aruna Miller is a former 2018 Democratic Candidate for Congress-MD06 and former Maryland State Delegate-District 15. She was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014 and served on the House Appropriations Committee and House Ways and Means Committee. She also served as:

- Maryland Women's Caucus, President, 2016-2017
- Delegate for President Obama at the 2012 DNC
- 21st Century School Facilities Commission, Commissioner
- MD Asian American Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus
- University of Shady Grove, Board Member

Aruna has devoted a lifetime of public service to the residents of her community. As a transportation engineer, she has spent over 25 years implementing roadway/transit/bicycle-pedestrian facilities for Montgomery County. As a Maryland State Delegate, she is a champion of strengthening Maryland working families, protecting children, empowering victims of domestic abuse, improving Maryland's business climate and advancing gender equality in the workplace. Aruna and her husband have three adult daughters and live in Darnestown with her mother and two dogs.

Shawn Jenkins

Shawn Q. Jenkins has spent the past forty (40) years of his life working as a mechanical/acoustics engineer for the Department of Defense (Navy). Using his professional management, engineering and personal skills he has managed to provide the nation's fleet with the necessary tools, data, and information required to "deter aggression and maintain freedom and superiority of the seas".

He received his education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T SU) and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is an avid golfer. He enjoys walking/running/hiking in Sligo Creek Park, Lake Needwood Park, and Great Falls Park/Carderock Recreation Area. He is the author/co-author of more than twenty-one (21) technical reports. Shawn is currently employed as a Subject Matter Expert with one of the nation's leading defense contracting firms. He is a father of three sons – one adult and two teenagers. He lives with his wife and two teenaged sons.

Emory Linder

Emory Linder is President and CEO of Beltsville based SunDun Office Refreshments. Mr. Linder joined the company in 2002. Prior to joining SunDun Vending, Mr. Linder held a variety of positions in the logistics software industry.

Mr. Linder received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Linder and his wife live in Bethesda, Maryland, with two children. Incidentally, their house literally backs to Montgomery Parks' Stratton Park.

Mr. Linder serves on the board of the Bethesda YMCA and is a past member of the Executive Committee for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.












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