The members of the FY17 Tennis Committee were Leo Bruette (Chair), and Bob Berlett (Vice-Chair), Jim Alvey, Jerry Boyer, Mike Glasgow, Dave Paulson, Erica Roach, Jon Smith, Larry Sorkin, Laura Violand, and Celest Womack. The staff liaison was Maury Bozman. The Committee met 11 times during FY17.

A. Committee accomplishments for FY 17 (Fiscal year just ended):

Accomplishments for FY17

- USTA league play continued to grow & thrive with 3,900+ participants. Four league teams progressed to the USTA national tournaments.

- The Introduction of a Ladies Tri-Level League was implemented during the Winter Months.

- A Spring Day Tennis League was added in which over 150 participants enrolled to kick off the outdoor tennis season.

- Our progressive Junior Development & Competition program participation increased from 1954 to 2001.

- Continued to partner with CA Fitness to offer members and guests such traditions as “Fitness Before Feasting” event on Thanksgiving day featuring Cardio Tennis, Zumba and Fit for Tennis Programming.

- Added an array of special tennis themed events including tennis bootcamps, adult tennis weekends, and schools out programming to incorporate tennis programming during holidays or special occasions.

- Indoor and Outdoor Pickleball leagues were added often reaching full capacity of 16 players per week, competing in singles and doubles formats, in addition to the weekly drop in programs.

- Raised over $2,500 to benefit the Special Olympics Program in the area featuring University of Maryland’s Womens Tennis Team.

- Opened outdoor sites such as Hobbit’s Glen and Wilde Lake in April 2017, which is earlier as compared to previous years.
B. Proposed Charge submitted for approval by the CA Board identifying items to be addressed by Committee in FY 17 (Fiscal year just beginning) that align with the Committee’s goals, CA’s strategic plan and the President/CEO’s goals and objectives:

- Provide progress reports to Long Reach community regarding construction progress of the Long Reach Facility

- Create a system to ensure tennis facilities are inclusive of all user groups by reducing some usage by USTA Tennis League Programming

- Continue to promote and encourage all community members to attend and participate in our tennis socials and events.

- Continue to enhance communication to the tennis community.

- Explore long term advocacy for an “indoor facility”.

- Provide feedback of opportunity to improve and/or repair facilities as needed.

- Allocation of Tennis Court Block time availability for Long Reach Tennis Center & Columbia Athletic Club.

C. Committee recommendations, if any, with justification, for consideration by CA Board:

- Exploration of additional courts and potential covered courts to offset the continued demand of tennis play.

- Providing the existing block time holders at Owen Brown opportunity for first refusal of their existing block times, enabling them to be transferred to Long Reach tennis Center. Many tennis court time holders feel they should be offered a transfer to the new facility when the Owen Brown bubble will no longer be made available for indoor play.

Committee Charge approved by CA Board - July 27, 2017