

**Aquatic Committee Meeting  
Yorktown High School  
Tuesday February 20, 2018  
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

Marilyn Judson (Member), Janet Eichers (Member), Kristi Sawert (Member), Ron Kampeas (Member) Cynthia Hilton (Vice Chair), Mackenzie Kearney (Member), Dee Romanek (Member), Jennifer Lainhart (DPR Liaison), Helena Machado (APS Liaison), Kevin Cronin (Yorktown Assistant Pool Manager), Danyele Greenfield (Lead Aquatics Instructor), Jeremy Casanova (Lead Aquatics Instructor)

**I. Approval of Minutes from October & January Meetings**

- a. Approved with some changes, Jennifer Lainhart will post to the web with corrections.

**II. Introduction of new FT Aquatics staff for DPR**

- a. Danyele Greenfield and Jeremy Casanova in attendance, Roshanak Raeisifard was working the pool that evening and Ricky Johnson was not available as he was teaching this night at Wakefield. These are the new full time "Lead Aquatic Instructors" for Arlington County DPR.

**III. Public Comment (up to 15 minutes) with response from committee as needed.**

- a. None

**IV. Yorktown Pool Walk-Through and update on locker room**

- a. Kevin and Helena walked us through the building and noted any issues or concerns.
- b. Helena walked through ladies' room and Kevin through men's and showed the work that was completed.

**V. Budget discussion APS and County budget**

- a. 3/13 is the opportunity for committee comment during DPR work session with county Board; 3/22 is the day for comment to APS, APS is proposing 5% increase to fees; and 4/19 is the final comment to school board. Criteria that was created previously by the committee was discussed. **The proposed fee increase did not meet the criteria that the AC had developed to assess the need for fee increases. All present but one supported the continued use of the AC criteria to evaluate the need for fee increase.** Per their guidelines they suggested no fee adjustments unless the cost recovery fell below 65%, currently 66%. Also wanted to consider inflation rates. Look at slides page 6 slide 12 of Helena's Budget Report shared in January.
- b. This year's increase does not include increases for FT staff, last year FY18 they increased part time staff rates. One member commented that pools are losing to other entities

due to lane availability (i.e. 24 hour fitness). Also noted that, since they are just pools and don't include fitness, Arlington pools are less attractive. Reminder that 66% cost recovery is only for community swim time, those times when the pool is in use by community programs or joint use, does not include APS only times.

- c. Discussion of the DPR transfer which is currently \$289,988 and has remained the same contribution since FY2010. Participation and space usage by DPR programs has increased.
- d. Discussion around increase in fee reductions due to some promotion and partnerships with Department of Human Services (DHS). Asked for data in regard to the increase of participation and space (provided by email after the meeting). And some discussion about the original rationale for the DPR transfer. Helena stated that was the one-time budget transfer of DPR planned non-personnel costs. This is supported by the 2009 MOU.
- e. Discussion about the senior costs, Helena was asked to provide more data about senior usage, about the age of seniors and the impact of raising fees.
- f. Discussion about the membership fees and the history.
- g. Discussion about Guy Land's comments that we should be looking at adjusting or changing some populations less or more, for instance packages that sell the most could be increased, should we re-look at the whole model? Not a lot of support for pursuing this as most seem happy with the current structure.
- h. Discussion of the more you buy you get a discount, for instance the 3, 6, 12 months. Helena states that the current average us about 2.3 swims per week for long term passes. Overall principle is you buy more you pay less based on a formula driven by the base (general admission price).
- i. Discussion about the 10 swim ticket, you buy 9 and get one free, some thought you may want to do away with it. Or discount it less.
- j. Discussion about the "free swim" hours that APS offers, most liked those and thought was great benefit to the community.

**VI. Major Maintenance/Repair Issues that should be addressed** – Cynthia would like a list of these items, for future meeting.

**VII. Update on new high school plans (Ed Center and Career Center Sites)**

- a. Last meeting of Career Center Working Group - Architects presentations of different urban high schools around the country. For instance, one in Chicago which is 7 floors with a pool/gymnasium on the top floor. Current land is 7 acres and they need room for fields etc. Looking at positioning the building nearest to a larger building off Columbia pike so that it would make the aesthetics work.
- b. They had an amenities activity where 8 people listed pool as not important and some listed fields and practice space as not important. 5 people said pool is very important, but pool was the ranked the least important amenity overall based on participation. 40-50 people from the neighborhood showed and Kristi has been encouraging neighborhood participation. Next meeting is tomorrow February 21 from 7-10pm at the Career Center. The Arlington Heights Civic Association, under Kristi, has been working

with the Nauck Civic Association and looking at the socio-economic gap and specifically as it relates to swimming and drowning statistics. Kristi has started a FB page “Equality in Arlington HS facilities.”

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. **Status Pending Repairs** – Helena can respond to any concerns by email, does not need to be captured through committee.
- b. **Revised Charter Submission** – Jen can submit to Christian Dorsey’s aide, Helena will check on SB process.

**IX. New Business**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

3/20 – Washington-Lee

4/17 - Wakefield