

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Langston-Brown CC, MPR

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair

Drew Murray

David Tornquist

Janet Eichers

Justin Wilt

John Bacon

Corey Simples

Patricia Trapanese

Commission Members Absent:

Steve Severn

Jessica Paska

Sherry Kohan

County/APS Staff:

Josh Colman, SC Liaison

Robin Leonard, DPR

Deb DeFranco, APS Liaison

Ryan Amato, DPR

Please note: Agenda items may not be in chronological order.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

[7:04-7:05pm]

Review and motion to approve February meeting minutes, seconded, approved.

Commission Member Reports

[7:05-7:26pm]

Discussion on how to handle commission member reports moving forward. Josh will send an email one week before due date as a reminder.

Rectangular Fields Group

- Beginning to work with other groups to understand the bigger picture.

Career Center

- Discussions ongoing with Christian and County Board about the Sports Commission role on the committee. Role is still unclear.
- Agreement amongst Sports Commission about the need for a seat at the table and defined role with the working group. Many competing interests within the Working Group- important for the Sports Commission to be represented.
- Several open questions right now- what type of field would be on site, whether a pool would be included, ensuring a comprehensive school has the same amenities as others.

Underserved Populations

- Update on futsal pilot program at Randolph ES. Very positive enrollment numbers and feedback so far.
- Discussion on possible expansion and need for more coaches.

Old Business

4MRV Update

[8:14- 8:17pm]

Discussion on current options being reviewed by 4MRV group. Sports Commission prefers Option 1- allowing both fields to be completed in phase 1 of the project.

FY19 Budget Work Session

[8:17- 8:20pm]

Suggestions from Sports Commission were well received and seemed to resonate with the County Board.

Reed School Letter

[8:20- 8:23pm]

Letter was revised to advocate for integrated design. Commission heard back from Erik Gutshall that integrated design option is the one moving forward. Work session/vote coming soon.

New Business

Indoor Space and Sports Briefing, DPR

[7:26-8:14pm]

Presentation from DPR covering facility information and amenities, scheduling practices and policies, indoor sports programs, and upcoming projects of interest.

- Overview of indoor amenities and facilities are operated.
- Review of scheduling practices, different types of scheduled activities, discussion on the balance of community use vs. scheduled programs. Discussion of use agreement with APS.
- Challenges for Indoor Space for future years- DPR needs to provide community use and drop-in play. League use in community centers will be more limited than in years past.
- Overview of DPR drop-in sports, and leagues/teams.
- Participation numbers for basketball, indoor soccer, and ball hockey programs (largest indoor sport programs).

Discussion/questions from Sports Commission on partnerships with private facilities- private schools, churches, etc. DPR has worked with some in past, continues to look for any available opportunities.

Managing Increased Pressure on Field Space

[8:23- 8:48pm]

Discussion on pressure on field space across the County.

- Various public processes- POPS, various projects- have seen an increased pressure to remove fields, identify space as open.
- Discussion on sports community response- difficult to know when/how to respond, how often to jump in.
- Important to ensure various sports groups are aware of this issue- groups need to be engaged on these topics.
- Sports Commission is currently discussing two groups- a rectangular field advocacy group and diamond field group. Questions and continued discussion on if/how these groups should be a part of the Sports Commission.
- Discussion on idea of finding an intern to work for the Sports Commission for a summer. Could help with data analysis to respond to various reports/issues that have come up. Shirley will continue to explore with Craig Esherick.
- Review of POPS process, past level of service discussions, and past survey results.

APS Budget and Strategic Plan

[8:48- 8:53pm]

Draft of the APS strategic plan will be out for community input soon. Discussion on upcoming meetings. Shirley has previously met with the Working Group chair. Important for Sports Commission to review the draft and understand the strategic plan.

Aquatics Committee Letter

[8:54- 9:15pm]

Review letter drafted by Aquatics Committee. Request from Aquatics Committee to send to County Board.

- Letter reflects Aquatics Committee discontent in how fees were handled.
- Members don't find fee increase in budget to be thought out.
- Request to look at the MOU between APS and DPR- analyze the annual transfer.
- Discussion on additional money being transferred- funds to handle that would have to come from somewhere.
- Aquatics Committee can be supportive of higher user fees if there's justification. However, fees haven't been looked at or reviewed enough.
- Sports Commission will send letter to County Board, Aquatics Committee will send to APS.

Meeting ends 9:15pm

Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Josh Colman

Josh Colman, Staff Liaison