

**Aquatic Committee Meeting
Wakefield High School
Tuesday April 17, 2018
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM**

Attendance:

Don Hesse (Chair), Marilyn Judson (Member), Ron Kampeas (Member), Cynthia Hilton (Vice Chair), Guy Land (Member), Dee Romanek (Member), Jennifer Lainhart (DPR Liaison), Helena Machado (APS Liaison), Ljudmila Mladenovic (public)

MINUTES

I. Approval of updated minutes from February and minutes from March – Jennifer Lainhart

Minutes Approved

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

Ljudmila who attended the last meeting asked for an update on the Colorado timing letter that was sent by email. Helena stated she would be getting back to them before the new school year in September for testing before the start of Middle School swim season. APS is pricing the costs of fixing the equipment.

III. Status of Budget Process – School Board Hearing April 19

Don believes that it is being looked at by County and APS. Cynthia believes that they have people's attention at the highest level. April 19th is the last opportunity and Cynthia is signed up and was going to go. Wants to make a recommendation to remove the fee increases and implore staff to look at the transfer and figure it out.

Discussion around using the survey data. Point was made to ensure we are clear about the audience of the survey, that it may be a little skewed as that audience would not ask for an increase to fees since they are paying. About the survey: 18 pages of comments, suggested to everyone to review comments as they were insightful. Guy commented that he felt that the community did sense the tradeoff. A benefit of the survey was education for the public. 430 responses by 3/20, 10% within first couple of days, no activity since Friday so it was taken down. Sent to 5200 non-unique emails, 4000 or so of which were good (not rejected).

Helena provided some budget details to the group. She noted that the transfer was not the line item on the public document. She provided the adopted budget detail sheets. Once the School Board approves the budget these documents are circulated internally. You can see that the actuals align with the transfer amount. The documents only listed expenses, as the DPR transfer is listed as a credit against expenses and not a revenue.

IV. Usage Data – Cynthia

Cynthia started to look in detail at usage data with Helena. She wants to look at who occupies the space at the pool including what groups, how do they use the pool. Cynthia met with Helena to start to look at this data. Cynthia wants to keep looking at the Community swim,

rentals and DPR and determine how each group uses the pool. She wanted to get a sense as to the number of people in the pool which effects the maintenance of the pool. Want to start tying the usage of the pool to the ongoing maintenance and cost recovery. Staff exchanged ideas about a usage fee for participation. The question will be how does that translate to classes, teams and senior programs (DPR).

Bottom line is to try to come up with a way to track usage and additions to the program. In developing this it could help to keep accounts clean and more transparent. Helena believes that class participants should pay an additional fee at the pool. That way unused swims could be redeemed for future use of the pool as well (missed classes). She believes this will be a simple and fair way and understandable. Discussion around this idea and going down the road of cost recovery and managing entries to the pool. There is the possible advantage from DPR standpoint of allowing participants to swim before or after class. Guy thought this was a creative thought and this is something this committee should be working on. He also suggested looking into different pricing structures etc. Possible high occupancy pricing. As usage grows you have to look at new systems and new ways to do business. Some discussion over people having to pay twice. Would this apply to rentals as well? Would we assess a fee to rentals as well based on number of people and not space usage? What about AAC?

Focus of the group is on simplicity, transparency and accountability. Helena noted that the superintendent has to write off and issue edicts on how to address budget. There is a desire, according to Helena, for fees to carry as much of the costs as possible. Jennifer Lainhart agrees that this could be a solution and had suggested this idea however does not believe that the customer should have to pay an additional fee at the pool.

Motion to assign a group as a subcommittee to look closer at the implications. Want this group to look at the "splashes" (number of times people enter the pool) and what the fees would be. Want the group to look at the total splashes which includes rentals, community swim etc. and develop a cost recovery pyramid. Sub Committee is Cynthia, Dee, and Ron. Clarification that APS programs (APS Learn to swim and others) are fully tax supported.

V. Update on Survey – Helena

Done in previous conversation about status of budget.

VI. Mid-Day Parking Issue at Yorktown (Walter Edwards meeting with Officer Koch)

The parking is a problem, street parking is zoned, but sometimes there are spaces. Walter Edwards met with officer Koch the resource officer. Some suggestions or ideas were to have a log and report the make/color of vehicle. Update the signage. Make sure that the signage is set between AM and midday. There is an hour when no one should be parking and want to make sure they enforce at that time. A suggestion was to change wording to "register" your car and not "sign-in" and to make the signs white with red letter so they are more regulatory. Members discussed carrying over this to all the pools.

Helena updated Transportation staff to look at ART Bus routes as an option.

VII. Sports Commission Update -Janet

Not in attendance

VIII. Old Business or updates from previous agendas

4/23 is the Fees working group for LBP Aquatics and Fitness Center, more details to come.

Don requested information about charter update and getting it to pass through. Helena said June/July would be a good time to pass it through. Helena and Jen will coordinate with Boards to ensure that it is brought forward and approved by the respective boards.

IX. New Business

School security audit specifically at Yorktown and Washington-Lee the pool entrance is a vulnerability for the school. Yorktown especially because the entrance to the school is far from the check-in desk. Will be adding a second set of doors at Yorktown to help. School hours' customers will be buzzed in that will ensure that people can check in at the front desk as well as cameras in the hall within the next 3 weeks.

Upcoming Meetings:

5/15 Syphax Building

6/19- Yorktown

9/18 – Washington-Lee