

Aquatic Committee Meeting
Syphax Education Center
Tuesday May 15, 2018
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Attendance: Don Hesse (Chair), Marilyn Judson (Member), Kristi Sawert (Member), Janet Eichers (Member) Ron Kampeas (Member), Dee Romanek (Member), Ljudmila Mladenovic (Member), Mackenzie Kearney (Member), Helena Machado (APS Liaison), Jennifer Lainhart (DPR Liaison), Douglas Watson (public), Karen Eaton (public)

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome new member Ljudmila Mladenovic

II. Approval of minutes from April

Delayed until next meeting.

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

Douglas Watson and Karen Eaton attended on behalf of senior swimmers and they want to know more about the DPR money that is transferred to APS. Committee clarified that the superintendent of APS has proposed to raise fees to users by 5%. As a committee they opposed this increase as there had already been 3 increases since 2009. This committee made a recommendation and presented concerns to the school board and the county board at meetings and through letter writing. The amount of \$286,988 transferred annually has remained the same since 2009. It is being discussed at a higher level since the Aquatics Committee raised the issue. The committee brought it to the board to look at it. The school board approved the superintendent's proposal and the county board also approved their budget in April. The complaint from public is that the transfer has not gone up but the fees for membership to the pool have gone up. Another concern is that there is not enough time at Yorktown. They only get 1 hour and 40 minutes (mid-day) instead of 2 or 2 and half hours at Washington-Lee and Wakefield.

IV. Long Bridge brief update – Jennifer Lainhart

Jen Lainhart provided brief update of current timeline of the project. There will be a larger presentation at the June Committee meeting.

Discussion about the lack of a pool at Career Center pool. Some feel this be part of the conversation in regard to the Long Bridge Pool. The county should consider what will happen if the high schools need to use the pools and what agreements are needed prior to opening. Need to have the conversations about the tolerance of the taxpayers to recover costs at this facility and how this facility will recover the costs when you consider the use of APS.

V. Letter on Inclusion of Aquatic Facilities at Neighborhood High Schools

Review of the final version before it is sent to the sports commission for their vote and to the School Board on the committee letterhead. Some conversation about specifics on aquatic job training and bussing. There was a change in wording from equity to equality in regards to

amenities at the neighborhood high schools. As equal does not necessarily mean the same. Rewrote the capacity constraints section with more data. *Ron motioned the approval of the letter and was passed unanimously.*

VI. Long Bridge Fee Working Group status – Don, Marilyn and Mackenzie

Not too much detail was discussed at the first meeting, our representatives are Mackenzie and Marilyn. There was a history of Long Bridge and getting to know all the members. Looked at the new architecture. At the end of the meeting, the group laid the foundation for the group to look at the fees. A survey will go out in the summer. Next meeting is May 23 they will review survey questions etc. June meeting will meet with the company that create the survey. The survey will target residents and also look for input from business community. Some discussion about who the users will be. Discussion of who will be interested in using the pools, rentals, and users and meets etc.

VII. Sports Commission Update -Janet

The Sports Commission does not feel that they are updated on what is going on with the career center working group meetings and would like to get updates from that as well as our group. The Sports commission does not have a formal position about the amenities at the new neighborhood school at this time, because they feel like they don't know enough information. Kristi had developed a list of amenities that she feels are essential to the school. She realizes not everything may be able to fit on the space but wants to try to get as many of the items as possible into the space. We want to make sure aquatics is included in all schools, but the sports commission will also have other interest in other amenities.

VIII. Old Business or updates from previous agendas

Cost Recovery Working Group:

Meeting next week, because it's a public meeting and 3 members will attend that meeting it needs to be a public meeting. Jen will post this meeting to the website and we need to make sure that notes are taken at the meeting to be posted. Walter Edwards will attend the meeting as well. The meeting is on Tuesday May 22 at 7pm at Washington-Lee Classroom. Don wanted to make the clarification that the work of the group will most likely not affect this fiscal year but may have input for next fiscal year budget conversations.

IX. New Business

Some discussion further about the new neighborhood school and concerns over the pool and mold, because a possible location was the basement.

Kristi had asked if there was anyone who can speak at the School Board meeting Thursday 5/17 at 6pm and will include public speaking on the CIP. She would like someone to speak at the meeting to advocate for a pool at that facility. Helena wanted to clarify that the biggest stumbling block about having a pool at this site is the cost. It's the first agenda item and the person who volunteers needs to sign up to speak prior to the meeting. Ron volunteered.

Kristi is in another group called president's group. 10 presidents of the Columbia pike civic association. Want to send a letter to the county board about equality in facilities etc. Arlington is getting to the point where it needs to differentiate needs VS wants. There is some thought about putting in the letter spending on LBP as a want and not a need. Clarification that LBP

Aquatic center is a bond issue and was voted for in 2013. Committee recommended not tying the conversation to Long Bridge.

Helena has an update about the fees based on splashes etc. Leadership has directed Helena to re-look at the rental rates and re design the model for charging lane space, which will include cost per hour for utilities and a staff factor and assessing a fee per capacity of the lane.

Upcoming Meetings:

6/19 - Helena will send a doodle poll to coordinate will hold at Yorktown.

9/18 - Wakefield