

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2018
Langston-Brown CC, Room 106
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair
David Tornquist
Sherry Kohan
Steve Severn

Justin Wilt
John Bacon
Drew Murray
Corey Simples

Commission Members Absent:

Patricia Trapanese
Jessica Paska

Janet Eichers

County/APS Staff:

Josh Colman, SC Liaison

Deb DeFranco, APS

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

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

[7:04-7:09pm]

Motion to approve April meeting minutes as amended, seconded, and approved.

Motion to approve May meeting minutes, seconded, approved.

Commission Member Reports

[7:09-7:42pm]

Long Bridge Fees Working Group

Consultant at last meeting working on developing survey to be distributed.

Diamond Field Coalition

No update yet. Group is trying to get together, but cancelled recent meeting. Group not willing to work under the Sports Commission umbrella, unlike the Rectangular Field group who is.

Diamond Field Fund

Meetings at Greenbrier with County staff and potential turf vendors. Currently waiting on quotes. High costs are a continual issue. Greenbrier drainage issue are also a real problem that add to costs.

Park and Recreation Commission

Currently four openings on the Park and Recreation Commission. Sports Commission was asked if there were any suggested names for the group. Last meeting had an Urban Nature presentation- looking at how to push the County to better incorporate nature into development.

POPS

Regular work on the definition of “public spaces” and “casual use space”. There’s been a revision of the labelling of the level of service amenities. No change in the number of amenities needed, but a change in the labels used (previously medium priority, shifted to low priority). POPS is meant as a guiding document, not a commitment- should the Sports Commission care about the labels?

When the draft is released the SC will take a close look at it. Should plan to weigh in with an official letter, as well as get various user groups involved.

Sports Group Position Paper

Currently seeking feedback on position paper- hoping to have all organized youth sports groups weigh in.

Aquatics Committee

Motion to accept updated charter and forward to Board.

Old Business

CIP Update

[7:43-7:56pm]

Letter drafted in support of the CIP. Support for finishing projects that are planned.

Discussion on Williamsburg lights- no money was identified for Williamsburg lights. Synthetic turf conversion fields identified- TJ Upper and Kenmore are both named.

Discussion on how to make letter clearer on casual use space and funding for land acquisition. Will be edited to clarify stance.

Motion to send the letter, seconded, approved.

Mid-Year Check on Annual Plan

[7:56-7:57pm]

Discussion on outreach to other commissions. May invite E2C2 to future meeting.

Career Center Letter

[7:57-8:39pm]

After last meeting, letter was drafted urging the County Board and School Board to provide a full and robust array of athletic facilities. Discussion on letter and best way to move forward.

- Letter should be clear that this applies if the decision is made to make the Career Center a comprehensive or neighborhood high school, rather than a choice school.
- Discussion on actual space available on the site- only way to get more amenities is to tear down Patrick Henry ES. Important that the SC understands that by sending this letter, it'd be advocating for tearing down the elementary school. It may also push towards not having a comprehensive high school- knowing that getting the amenities is more difficult.
- Discussion on modifying letter to ask for as many amenities as possible- rather than full array.
- Questions on realistic vs. impossible requests- if it's not possible, does the SC want to push for it?
- Agreement that facility should be equitable if the school becomes a neighborhood school. Therefore, should SC advocate for optional school knowing the amenities are harder to get?
- Discussion on how sports might be accommodated if required to bus to other locations for practices/games.
- Regardless of school that ends up existing, SC should advocate for more sport opportunities including the pool. If there is a comprehensive high school, advocate for as many amenities as possible.
- SC will revisit this letter- no vote on sending at this time.

New Business

Futsal Program

[8:39-8:47pm]

Discussion on futsal group and pilot program. Shirley and group went to the County Board to present on Futsal as part of a meeting on underserved populations.

- Pilot program ended after one month. Group was initially going to try a second month, but ran into some conflicts with extended day program. Need to figure out what happened to ensure more optimal outcomes for future pilots.
- Discussion on ASA Real Madrid program and how it differed from Futsal program.

Field/Facility Use- Competing Realities between User Groups and Neighbors

[8:47-9:08pm]

In response to a comment made by Katie Cristol during the 4MRV project, Board is trying to reconcile competing realities. User groups say there is not enough field space, while neighbors claim fields are underused and not needed.

Sports Commission discussion on a role they can take for these discussions. Believes it could be helpful for a third-party to look at the data.

- Shirley spoke with Craig Esherick on whether there was a grad student or someone available who'd be interested in a project like this.
- Big part of the question has to do with the actual usage times- scheduled/permitted times are available, but what is actually scheduled at the facilities from a league perspective and is it actually being used.
- SC could get more data- work to get information from user groups to help show the full picture.

Meeting ends 9:08pm

Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Josh Colman

Josh Colman, Staff Liaison