

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Langston-Brown CC, Room 106

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair
Sherry Kohan
John Bacon
David Tornquist

Justin Wilt
Steve Severn
Drew Murray
Corey Simples

Commission Members Absent:

Janet Eichers
Jessica Paska

County/APS Staff:

Megan Carney, SC Liaison

Deb DeFranco, APS

Guests

Dixie Duncan
David Maher

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

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

[7:04-7:09pm]

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

New Business

Allocation Project

[7:10-7:20]

Athletic Field Allocation project is in final review by youth user groups until the end of the month. Following, the groups will be asked to sign a Memorandum of Agreement agreeing to the policy. Planned to have MOA's go to board in November.

- Circulate policy ahead of time for commission review
- Commission to see presentation and write a letter at October meeting

Bill Thomas Award

[7:20 – 7:42pm]

Background on award and read the award criteria. Discussion on what other awards are out there and if this award is only for parks and not sports.

- Proposal to create own Sports Commission award
- Worthwhile to recognize sport volunteers
 - Recognize one person per user group in large volunteer recognition
 - Each user group selects one person per group
- Bill Thomas award meant for parks recognition and do not need to be regular participants in their process.
 - Seeking clarity on criteria and process from Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Sports Commission can provide input if asked on participating in nominating and selection

Sports Group Position Paper

[7:43 – 8:05pm]

Handout provided on Smart Planning Needed to Address Increasing Demand for Recreational Space. Sports groups provided input on paper discussing the need for more places for play in all sports.

- Provide common voice on field development
- Hope to have sports organizations sign document
- Discussion on potential project to turf Barcroft with the increase of fees to specific sport user groups, but Confirmed that projects and fees are not part of paper
- Provides position on need for field space
- Consider removing commission and foundation from organization list since they are not a sport user group
- Clearly reflect and explain numbers registration numbers
- Consider removing remark on fitness status
- Review field bullets to make sure they align with POPS

Chairman Updates

[8:05 – 9:02pm]

- **4MRV Park**
 - Design plans voted on with some push-back from Nauck and groups lobbying for open space
 - Area plan still in process and will study the viability of arts district in area, west of Nelson St
 - Potential additional property for the county to purchase that could include more space for classes and art

- Commission sent letter for 4MRV support and reiterated need for additional sports space
- **Field Space Analysis**
 - Discussion on analyses done indicated there is not need for additional field space. The individuals who prepared the analyses were invited to discuss the situation with the fields. The invitation was declined.
 - Discussion on how did DPR response and if the County Board asked DPR about analyses
 - Discussion on DPR and County Board Response
 - Sport Commission members will act upon information if necessary
 - Understanding that the Board wants to understand scheduling aspect more
 - Discussion on ability for DPR to provide common and transparent scheduling system
 - Discussion on increasing DPR scheduling efficiencies with leagues and dependency on volunteers
 - Desire to have group who did analysis should provide data
- **POPS**
 - Commission should read and comment on final POPS, ask POPS to present to Sports Commission in October
- **Aquatics Committee;**
 - Community swim and rental fees have increased over the years
 - DPR provides transfer money each year that was decided on years ago
 - Sub-committee come up with data based on “splashes” and created fee for splashes; DPR customers would pay DPR and then pay APS, rental fees and community swim fees would be adjusted for splashes
 - Confusion on how finances would work with over and under
 - Aquatics Committee working on proposal which did not get voted on
 - Sports Commission needs input before going to board
 - DPR and APS are working on transfer fee and not currently a community process
- **Career Center Letter**
 - Career center working group has finished report, should Sports Commission still send letter
 - Understanding there might be a field on site in the short term with a longer term campus on 12 acres
 - Current recommendation without a pool
 - Further study on field and other sport spaces
 - New letter handout (rewrite of original letter)
 - Next steps is to push enrollment to 800 seat level
 - Likely have to look at HS boundaries
 - Sports Commission feels they should have been a part of process
 - Letter should address report

- Follow-up, what are next steps with this and who the next decision maker is and can the Sports Commission communicate with them

- **Question:** What is known about DPR's budget given the County Manager's message? What can the Sports Commission do? Concern over service and staffing levels given budget situation.

Meeting ends 9:02pm

Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Megan Carney

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