

# Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 25, 2018  
Langston-Brown CC, Room 106  
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

## **Commission Members Present:**

Shirley Brothwell, Chair	Justin Wilt
Sherry Kohan	Steve Severn
John Bacon	Drew Murray
David Tornquist	Jessica Paska
Dave Maher	

## **Commission Members Absent:**

Janet Eichers  
Corey Simples

## **County/APS Staff:**

Megan Carney, SC Liaison	Deb DeFranco, APS
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## **Guests**

Steve Finn  
Caroline Haynes

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

## ***Approval of Past Meeting Minutes***

[9:45-9:50pm]

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

## ***New Business***

## **POPS Presentation**

[7:10-8:30]

The Plan Our Places and Spaces (POPS) project presented an update on the public spaces master plan. A new draft was released just prior to the meeting. The presentation covered highlights and the Commission was asked to provide feedback over the next few weeks. Highlights and conversation included:

- Level of service discussion on how much of the population is served by any one amenity with a comment that amenities within close distance in another jurisdiction were not included in analysis

- Benchmarking and what is typical versus what is the mean in other benchmarks. The POPS analysis considered what was realistic to sustain in the future (e.g.; community gardens and playgrounds). The analysis also reviewed recommendations for efficiencies such as rooftop spaces.

The Commission agreed not to focus on items like trails, resource stewardship, or dog parks and to focus on section pertaining to sports such as athletic fields, programs, public spaces, fiscal sustainability, turf, lighting etc. Members split up sections to review. The Sports Commission will write a letter after all comments received.

## Athletic Field Allocation Project (AFAP)

[8:30 – 9:15pm]

The Athletic Field Allocation Project (AFAP) presented a project update including a discussion on Memorandums of Agreements out to the youth sport user groups for signature. Discussion included:

- Question on distinction on Combination v. Diamond/Rectangular fields with regards to hours and definition
- Residency discussion on how Sports Commission provided input and reciprocity question with Falls Church residents within programs
- Tournaments and how they fall within seasons
- Play time expectation concern in the Appendix.

The Commission agreed to write a letter in support of project to include agreement with purpose, a defined process, desire to protect fields, deliberate pilot process over time, and acknowledgement of complexity of games and practices.

## Chairman Updates

[9:15-9:45pm]

- **Open Spaces:** Discussion on a the Parks4everone fliers that states that the County does not need athletic fields. The discussion included confusion because of the high demand for fields needed to administer the sports programs. The Commission asked how DPR is responding, if at all, to the statements. The Commission would like to see their data behind the statements and asked if a meeting with John Vihstadt was needed.
- **Aquatics Committee:** Commission was briefed on the Aquatics Committees' desire to send forward a proposal on fee changes to the School Board. The Commission would like to see the report for review.
- **New High School Letter:** Commission would still like to send a letter in support and it will be drafted for the next meeting's review.
- **Budget:** What will happen with the continued budget shortfalls to service looking at 2020 was discussed.

Meeting ends 9:50pm

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Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

*Megan Carney*

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Megan Carney, Staff Liaison