

# Arlington Aquatics Committee

## Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2019

Yorktown Aquatics Center  
Meeting Convened at 7:04 pm

### Attendees

*Cynthia Hilton; Marilyn Judson; Janet Eichers; Ron Kampeas; Guy Land; Mackenzie Kearney; Ljudmila Mladenovic Kristi Sawert; Howard Seamens*

### Members not in attendance

Carla Fletcher

### Approval of minutes

Minutes for Meeting held on October April 3, 2109 were presented and approved as written

### AC Charter Update (Helena Machado/Jennifer Lainhart)

Jennifer contacted the County Board Clerk who indicated that no formal Board action is needed on the Charter and that it is therefore approved and posted. She will reconfirm this with the County Clerk, and provide the final confirmation at the next meeting

### Public Comment:

Visitors: Mac McDorman; Douglas Watson; Karen Eaton

Comment held for after conversation with County Board Member, Matt de Ferranti

### Survey Results

Survey results are not ready to be shared as APS staff working to disaggregate the results and comments by pool. A report will be made available to the Committee ahead of the next meeting at which time staff will provide a brief report and associated actions steps.

### FY 2020 Budget - Updates

- SB proposed budget APR 11
- SB-CB Working Session APR 12
- CB adopts APR 23
- SB Public comment MAY 7
- SB Adopts MAY 9
- Long Bridge Park Fees Working Group Update

### FY 2020 Fees (Helena Machado)

- New Fee Scale (\$6.00 base/adjustment of “senior” age trigger to 60)
- Fees have been recalculated as needed/appropriate and submitted for approval by School Board.
- APS will provide new fees once the SB approved document becomes available

## Sports Commission/AC Relationship - Update

- AC reiterates its interest to serve as the community's voice for all aquatic sports and public venues, including Long Bridge Aquatics Center
- Kristi has expressed concern that SC does not represent the interests of all sports or all citizens

## Sports Commission Update (Kristi Sawert)

- Sports Commission memberships was increased by 2 members
- Gymnasium scheduling and other relationship with school buildings
- Career Center BLPC list to include an Aquatics representative Kristi has submitted candidacy to serve as Chair

## Career Center BLPC - Update (Kristi Sawert)

- Career Center BLPC list to include an Aquatics Committee representative
- Kristi has submitted candidacy to serve as Chair.
- Cynthia volunteered to serve as the Aquatics Committee representative.

## Ed Center Pool Parking - Meters (Cynthia Hilton)

- County will conduct a traffic study for the area around the Ed Center including whether or not metered parking is replaced with 2-hour time limited parking

## Civitan Flea Market/Garage Sale Event Parking (Howard Seamens)

- Open air market scheduled on the First Saturdays of each month.
- Creates a parking and traffic issue for pool patrons;
- Howard will contact Tracy O'Connor, County employee overseeing Civitan contract

## Pool Maintenance (Helena Machado)

- Design issues with YT shower water heater. Hoping to address more permanent solution this Summer
- Air quality at WK and AAC; APS to fund as study by outside design/engineering group
- Reversing the fan direction at WL seems favorable to early bird
- Pace clocks at WK - update on parts

## Guest - Matt de Ferranti, County Board Liaison

- The AC raised three issue with Matt:
  1. The County Board's charge to address the fee parity issue during the 2021 budget process
    - Public Comment

- Visitors and AC members expressed their support of the AC's past and future work to establish a fee structure that to offset O&M costs and provides parity among all user groups regardless of how they use the pool
    - The general public may not realize that program fees do not cover O&M
  - Matt indicated that he needs more time to study these complex issues; budget cycle constraints made it appear that the views of the AC were not validated; plans to have conversations with DPR staff to learn more.
    - Cynthia requested that APS staff be included in those conversations; recognizes that some progress was made but that there is still a significant disparity in the fees
  - Matt indicated that he plans to get work on the issue again as part of the 2021 budget process; reviewing public space master plan, competition for field space for the various sports and leisure space; fee equity and LBP
2. **The AC recommendations to its charge to cover all aquatic sports and venues, including LBP**
    - The AC would like to include LBP in the Charter; looking ahead to be able to provide input on all aspects of that operation and parity with APS Pools
  3. **Facilitating the AC's charge to make recommendations to the CB**
    - The AC summarized its recommendation to Matt that the AC's charge cover all aquatic sports and venues, including LBP, and that the SC be divided into two Committee's one for field and one for indoor sports.
    - All three Committee's would report to the same CB liaison for coordination if necessary.
    - The Board liaison would disseminate recommendations to the full CB as appropriate

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** Next Meeting - Tentative for June 18 at Syphax Education Center

**Adjourn: 9:10 pm**

*Submitted by Helena Machado, June 1320109*