

Sports Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Langston Brown Community Center, Seniors Room

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Approval of Minutes

- July 25, 2019

New Business

- Destination 2027 Presentation
- Safe Sport Discussion
- Take-Away's from July 25 Field Scheduling Discussion

Commission Member Reports

- Commission workshop report- John Bacon and Megan Sheckles

Public Comment

Upcoming Meetings:

- New Commissioner Orientation- Wednesday, October 2, 2019 6:30pm-9pm in the County Board Room (Room # 307)
- October Sports Commission Meeting- Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Langston Brown CC

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 25, 2019
Aurora Hills Community Center
Time: 6:30pm-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair
Justin Wilt, Vice-Chair
Steve Severn
George Thompson
Kristi Sawert
David Tournquist
Jessica Paska

Dave Maher
Drew Murray
John Mingus
Megan Sheckles
John Bacon
Nancy Sharkey

Commission Members Absent:

Matthew Galan
Sherry Kohan

County/APS Staff:

Greg Anselene, DPR
Peter Lusk, DPR

Guests

Steve Finn - Parks and Recreation Commission
Sergio Enriquez – Parks and Recreation Commission
Mark Lincoln – Parks and Recreation Commission
JP Cooney- Arlington Babe Ruth
Adam Rasmussen - Arlington Little League
Lizzy Stell- Arlington Soccer Association
Scott Dalton – Arlington Youth Lacrosse
Rebecca McSweeney - Youth Ultimate League of Arlington

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

[6:35-6:45]

Motion to approve June 2019 meeting minutes as amended, seconded, and approved

New Business

[6:45-9:35]

- **Introductions of Sports Commission and guests**
- **DPR Field allocation and scheduling presentation. Greg Anselene, Manager of Sports Leagues and Field Management; Peter Lusk, Athletic and Facility Services Division Chief**

- Current Field Scheduling Process, Peter Lusk, Athletic and Facility Services Division Chief
 - Announced that the Public Space Master Plan had been approved with the help of community input as well as input from the sports leagues and organizations
 - County is currently working on a county webpage that will show all field calendars with plans of calendars being updated two times a day (based on issued permits)
- **Field Allocation Guidelines, Greg Anselene, Manager of Sports Leagues and Field Management**
 - Briefly covered the 2016 allocation recommendation guidelines for the allocation of fields
 - Outcomes
 - Tier Priority system: Who receives spaces and why
 - Developmental Sport Process
 - Defined Weekly Activities
 - Defined seasons
- **Partner organization scheduling practices and experiences**
 - Arlington Youth Lacrosse Club, Scott Dalton
 - Baseball, Adam Rasmussen
 - Arlington Babe Ruth Youth Baseball, JP Cooney
 - Arlington Soccer Association, Lizzy Stell
 - Arlington Girls Softball, Dave Lansing
 - Youth Ultimate League of Arlington, Rebecca McSweeney
- **Group Exercise**
 - Have you heard anything this evening that could maximize scheduling efficiency from individual sports leagues?
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Matt de Ferranti County Board Liaison

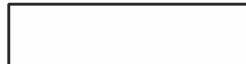
Attest:

Greg Anselene

Greg Anselene, Staff Liaison

DESTINATION 2027

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Community Conditions



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Meeting Notes

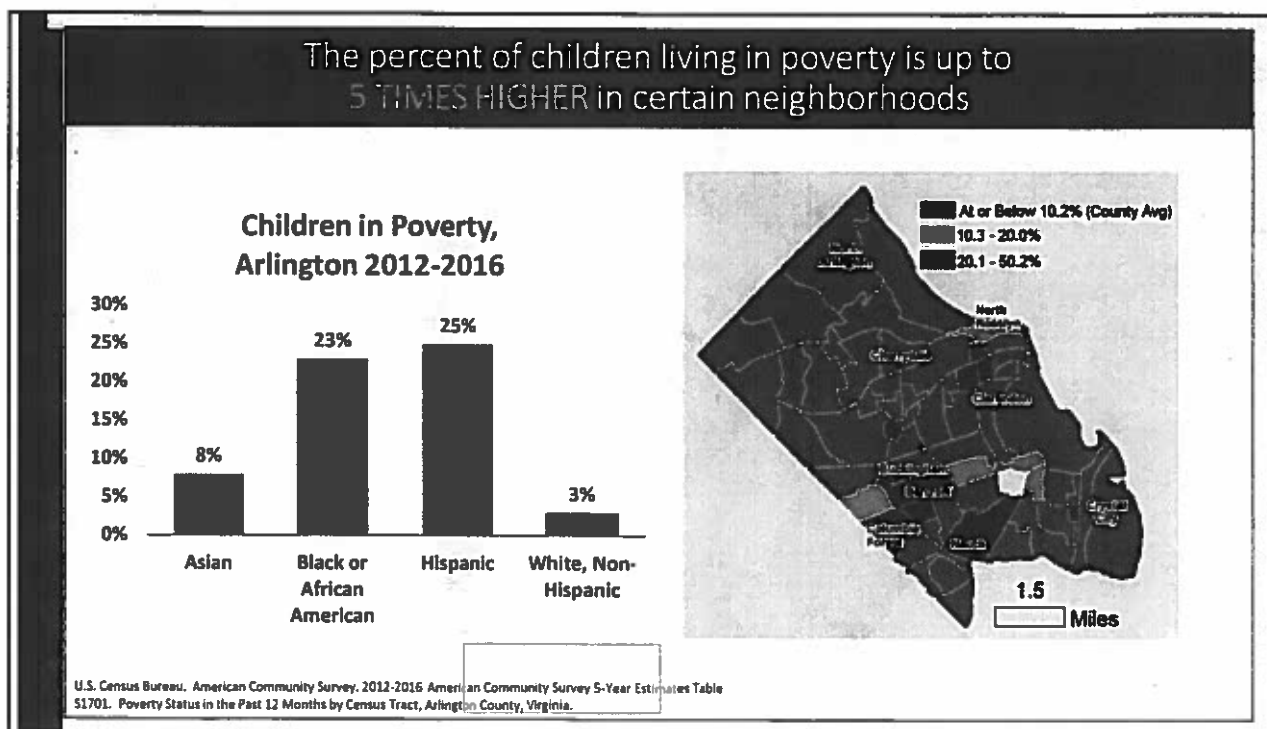
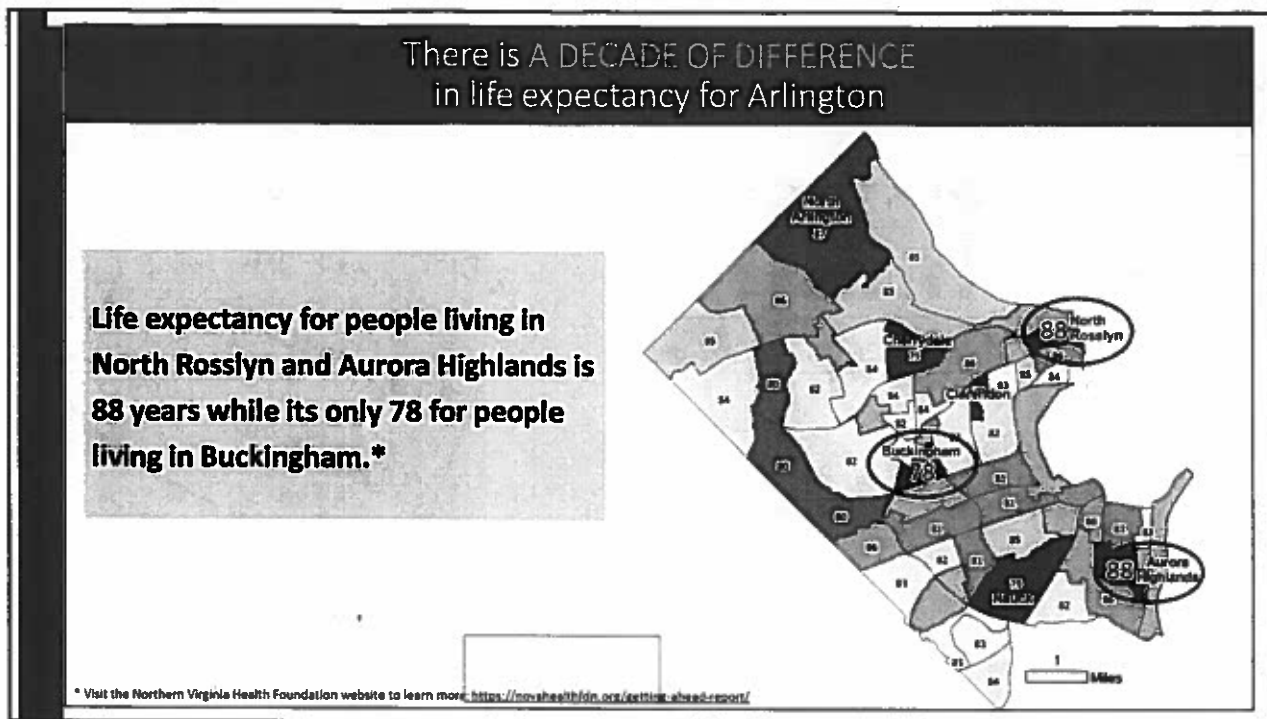
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 - Coaches will be able to export their calendars
- **Field Allocation Guidelines, Greg Anselene, Manager of Sports Leagues and Field Management**
 - Briefly covered the 2016 allocation recommendation guidelines for the allocation of fields
 - Outcomes
 - Tier Priority system: Who receives spaces and why
 - Developmental Sport Process
 - Recognition of the changes in youth sports trends
 - Introduction to sports that do not already exist, but interest exists (i.e. youth field hockey)
 - Defined Weekly Activities
 - Competitive vs. Recreational
 - Defined seasons
 - Timeline will be created for submission of requested permits
 - Will meet yearly with organizations prior to season to discuss allocation of fields
 - Based on usage of previous leagues
- Partner organization scheduling practices and experiences
 - **Arlington Youth Lacrosse Club, Scott Dalton**
 - Problem (Field Space): Lack of field space for the large number of athletes & growth to follow
 - Two teams on one football field
 - Only 1 ½ hours for athletes' young to old
 - Solutions (Field Space)
 - Asked County for assistance
 - Shifted to 1-hour workouts
 - Conducted non-game drills beforehand and cool down in parking lot
 - Meetings with commissioner to divide field space equally, coordinating age groups
 - Deal with space internally and sends out notices when there are cancellations
 - **Ultimate Solution for field space:** Partnered with Marymount to use fields during preseason
 - Problems (Scheduling)
 - Scheduled based on qualifications of referees
 - Solution (Scheduling)
 - Moved some games in-house
 - Can play three games at a time in-house
 - **Arlington Little League, Adam Rasmussen**
 - Problems (Field Space)

- Level of field does not match the age groups
- Two major leagues (House & Travel)
- Specific organizations get their own fields
- Volunteer coaches left to coach late at night
- Not enough field space during the week
- Solutions (Field Space)
 - Insight into fields available by having joint allocation (Google Form & sheets to schedule fields)
 - Designated scheduler to send coaches to fill out form to receive field space
 - Provides DPR with a grid on which of their teams have designated fields
 - Give Back program- Fields are given back when coaches cancel their field space
 - Make-up slots are used as practice fields when not used for makeup games
- **Arlington Babe Ruth, JP Cooney**
 - Problem
 - Lead by all volunteers
 - Unable to contact volunteers soon enough to allocate field times
 - Volunteers are responsible for field maintenance (work full time jobs during the week)
 - Field maintenance is backed up due to weather that volunteers cannot get to
 - Solution
 - Partner with Little League in the Fall season
 - Develop field maintenance volunteer program
 - Use fields more efficiently, train coaches on how to practice with less space.
- **Arlington Soccer Association, Lizzy Stell**
 - Solution (Field Space and Scheduling)
 - Maximize locations with same age and levels
 - Promote a Give Back program to give unused field space to DPR
 - Schedule more teams on field with same ages and genders to deal with rain outs
 - Start a recreational program, Tuesday nights, 8-12 teams with professional coach to show how to utilize smaller spaces
 - Cancel practices for make-up games
 - Shorten practices for more games
 - Use a scheduling system for scheduling field use
- **Arlington Girls Softball, Dave Lansing**
 - Problems:
 - Spring season- space only available during the week on high school fields where high schools have precedence over field space

- Lack of communication between organization and APS on updates with field space schedules
 - Solutions
 - Getting schedules earlier from DPR
 - Increase volunteers to get fields ready for weekends
 - Add a week at the end of season for makeup games but depends on weather
- Youth Ultimate League of Arlington, Rebecca McSweeney
 - Problem
 - Space and time restricted
 - Better promotion of sports to acquire more participants from south Arlington County
 - Solutions
 - Coaches give availability and set schedules
 - Start practices and/or games earlier (majority of athletes are younger)
 - Place multiple teams on a field
 - Gives space back to DPR that is unused
 - Fully scheduled seasons, no makeups
 - Young adults with flexible schedules as coaches + parent volunteers
- Group Exercise
 - **Have you heard anything this evening that could maximize scheduling efficiency from individual sports leagues?**
 - Safely conduct warm-ups and cool downs off fields
 - Encourage coaches to have joint practices on larger fields
 - Clinics for coaches on either team need to be trained on how to share space
 - 15-20-minute overlap for practices
 - Ability to communicate/find coaches to share fields with
 - Google Sheets form to use for updating communication on field space
 - Recruit volunteer parent to coach in the absence of a coach
 - Holding parents responsible for updating coaches in a timely fashion of any events, vacations, etc. coming up
 - An alert system to inform volunteers of requests or changes
 - Communication App for Teams to communicate with one another
 - More batting cages for hitting and pitching to free more field space
 - Lightning alert system instead of the discretion of referees and umpires
 - A system for coaches to see what fields are being used by specific sports
 - **What steps can be taken to achieve maximum scheduling efficiency in the DPR field inventory?**
 - Schedule overlapping practices
 - Same gender/age to practice together. Added benefits: more practice space, end practices with scrimmages; need to find paired coach

- Transparent, shared data on field usage and reliable “give back” program to show coaches where space is available
- Better communication
- **In your opinion, how can the Field Allocation Guidelines be tweaked to achieve maximum efficiency?**
 - Constant communication to coaches that unused fields need to be reported so that they can be used efficiently; needs sufficient warning so that fields can be reused
 - No need for coaches at formal practices, there are still things that can be done on the field
 - Knowing ahead of time that some fields are designated for makeups
 - Find ways to ensure game goes forward even if team is short a few players
 - Google form to be used to send alerts to volunteers of request and changes
 - Apps to help aid in communication with teams, parents (TeamSnap)
 - Increase # of batting cages for batting and pitching to free field space
 - Install a more scientific way of detecting lightning
- **In your opinion, what data should be collected to effectively analyze capacity and field utilization?**
 - Estimated # of users per field
 - # of field hours needed for maintenance
 - Resting hours out-of-season
 - Weather resting hours
- **How do we capture multiple teams on fields (field density)?**
 - Defining appropriately
 - Lighting a field helps more than turfing, especially early in spring and later in fall (more in fall due to weather)
 - Defining hours
 - Need new lighted fields in addition to turf
- **How do we measure “prime time” when we don’t always get all hours at large (HS) Fields?**
 - Need to know how many hours being lost of field time
- **How to measure impact of turf: Compare use of B6 to HS fields**
 - Matching field division to field use/permit; is it feasible?
 - Capture rainouts and show the loss on capacity
 - Have leagues provide estimates of number of users per field



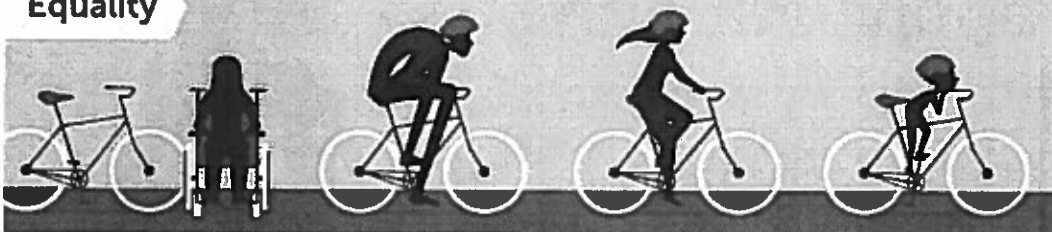
Destination 2027 Agreements

Disparities exist in Arlington

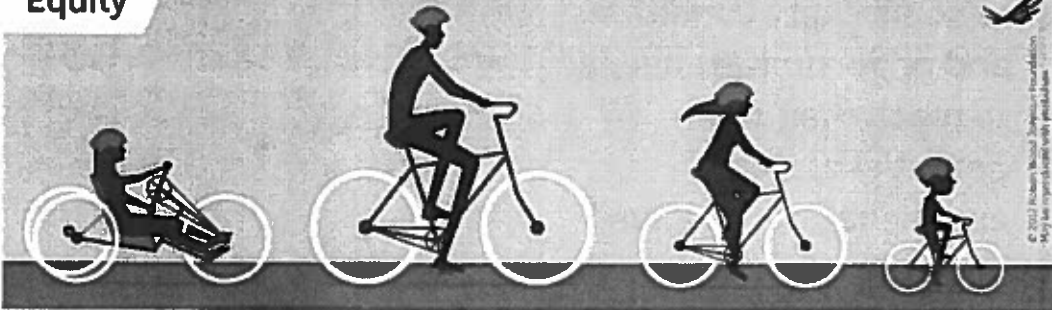
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Equality



Equity



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Arlington County Equity Resolution

Recognizes:

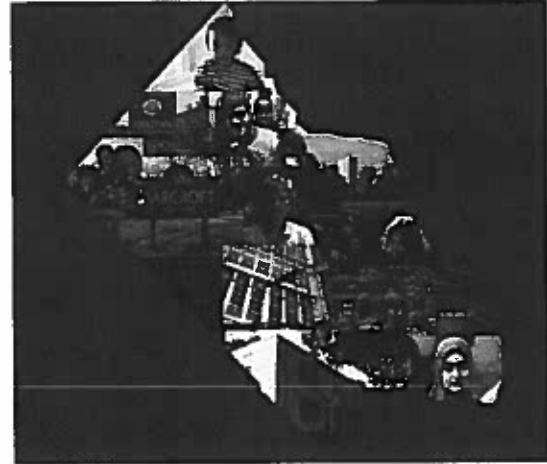
- Disparities exist
- Community conditions affect thriving

Commits to:

- Assessing whether policies/programs exacerbates disparities
- Developing framework for equitable approach to decision-making

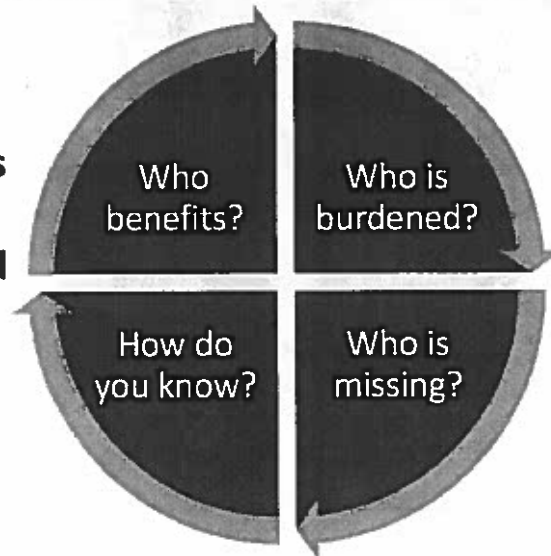
Directs the County Manager to:

- Use equity approach in developing budget/CIP
- Ensure that each department applies an equity framework to one line of business

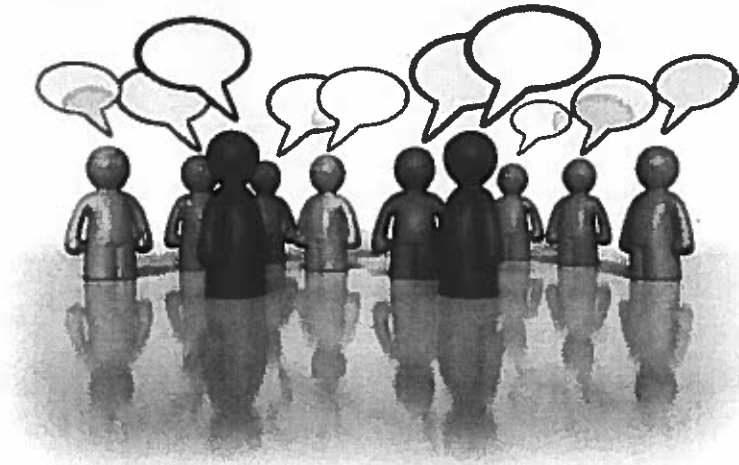


EQUITY IN ACTION

Equity is defined as all populations having access to community conditions and opportunities needed to reach their full potential and to experience optimal well-being.



How might you embed equity into your commission's work?



Questions and Comments?

<https://health.arlingtonva.us/pha/d2027/>

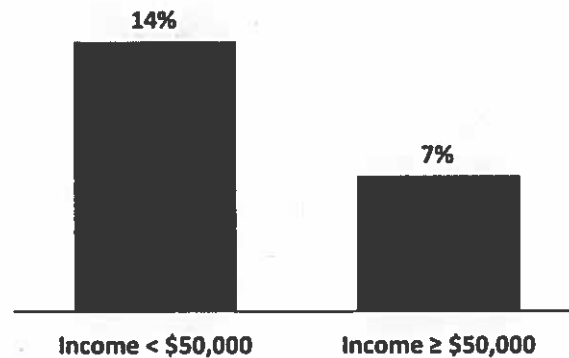
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The percentage of residents reporting frequent mental distress is 2 TIMES HIGHER among residents earning less than \$50,000

Overall, Arlington ranked in among the best Virginia counties for the number of residents reporting frequent mental distress. However, residents earning less than \$50,000 reported a rate twice as high as residents earning more than \$50,000.

Percent of residents reporting frequent mental distress by income



Percent of residents reporting 8 or more poor mental health days in the last month

County Health Rankings. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org>. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data, obtained from the Virginia Department of Health.

Equity Elsewhere

Local Neighbors

- Fairfax County Government and Schools adopted "One Fairfax" Policy jointly
- Alexandria and Montgomery County are developing policies
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)
- Virginia appointed a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



Efforts Nationwide

- Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)

Jurisdictions connected with GARE

