

# Arlington Aquatics Committee

## Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2019

### Syphax Education Center

#### Attendees

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

Staff: Anthony Morton and Helena Machado

#### Approval of minutes

- Minutes for Meeting held on June 18, 2019 were presented and approved
- Introduction of Anthony Morton, DPR, and the Committee members
- FOIA – Committee Business are subject to FOIA; any meeting or communication exceeding two participants is not permitted.

#### Public Comment:

No public comment

#### FY 2021 Work Plan (Cynthia Hilton)

- SC/AC Relationship Update: CB Liaison has spoken to SB liaison and has informed the Committee that they will be seeking input from respective staff
- APS Middle school diving decision was discussed. AC would have liked to have been notified and should be given an opportunity to comment. Committee voted to send a letter in support of keeping Diving as a MS Sport. Janet will draft.
- FY 2021 Budget/O&M Cost Recovery update (Fee Parity). CB & SB will referring the issue to the staff.
  - Chairman Dorsey's response to a patron includes statement clarifying APS' prerogative to determine what fees to charge and how much.
- MOA Revision – No action at this time. Anticipated to return later in the fiscal year likely as part of the budget discussions.
- Ed Center Pool Parking/Meters-Civitan Outdoor Market
  - Elimination of significant number of parking spaces is planned from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Fairfax Dr. along the W-L Campus side. DES is unwilling, at this time, to monitor parking usage and accidents during the two-years (19-21) to reevaluate whether or not some of the spaces could be retained for short-term users of the WL campus.
  - Howard reports that Civitan permit personnel are aware of the issues and may consider changes to the permit in the future. Howard will try to connect with the Civitan leadership about speak on the parking space reduction as this will also impact their program.
  - Kristi will bring the parking concern to the to the Sports Commission.

## Career Center BLPC/PFRC

- Committee met on Sept 17; heard from APS and County Board members and the Career Center Principal; Issues being considered: Increasing Arlington Tech Program and plan for HS seats for some sort of Option Program; planning should not preclude future neighborhood seats. The Career Center is currently proposed as an option program, not a neighborhood school.
- Evaluating growing enrollment over time (See attached data on enrollment) to provide a high-level illustration of the “tipping point” of when a 4<sup>th</sup> pool would be justified.
- What is the actual cost of building a pool? Kristi heard APS Staff members say 40+milling. Staff and other members cautioned the use of a number that is not based on the actual specifications, location and other factors that can affect cost. DC High school built in 2013 cost \$147 mil. The pool cost \$12 mil.
- APS Education Specification for Aquatics Facilities will be included in the minutes for information

## Sports Commission Report (Kristi Sawert)

- SC received reports from different programs and field allocation; Partner organizations communicating about cancellations and using the fields more effectively; poor communication from APS teams; SC responded to the MOU with Marymount University that appears to give space to the University that may impact Arlington

## APCYF Report/Partnerships Opportunity

- Cynthia will be presenting to their meeting on the alignment of Aquatics and the APCYF activity recommendations and support of children and families in general

## Pool Maintenance Issues (Helena Machado)

- W-L construction on schedule to finish by week of Sept 23. IPool got a new whitecoat (complete resurfacing of the plaster finish); CPool was drained to clean and inspect the whitecoat. Construction in the Family Changing rooms still continuing
- W-L also having three compressors for the HVAC equipment in the natatorium and locker rooms replaced over the next 2-4 weeks as equipment becomes available. This is being funded by MCMM
- Air quality study at Wakefield been held up while significant repairs to unit are being completed; hope to resume within the next month

## New business / Announcements

- 2020 Census – Howard noted that promotion of the Census was not in our work plan for the year. The Committee is not going to engage in this promotional initiative.
- Swimmer Contact List – Cynthia will work with staff to create a way where patrons can sign up on a listserv to get information from the AC.
- Upcoming meetings
  - October 17 at Washington-Liberty

**Adjourn: 9:10**