

Minutes – Aquatics Committee (AC) Meeting 17OCT19

Attended: Cynthia Hilton; Marilyn Judson; Janet Eichers; Kristi Sawert; Carla Fletcher; MacKenzie Kearney; Ljudmila Mladenovic; Howard Seamens.

Excused: Guy Land; Ron Kampeas

Staff: Anthony Morton and Helena Machado

I. Welcome, Minutes and Updates

Minutes for Meeting held on September 17, 2019 were presented and approved as amended.

II. Public Comment:

- Lisa (middle school parent). Stating concerns about the Middle School (MS) Diving cuts. Parents are gathering participation data and investigating how the program is promoted at all MS's.
- The AC has written a letter to the SB stating concerns about the process and supporting data leading to the decision to eliminate this program.
- Diving is one of the "no cut" sports in MS. Eliminating this activity results adversely impacts children who may not otherwise have access to the sport.
- The AC has not yet received a response from the SB other than a confirmation that the letter was received. Helena asked to follow up to see if a reply is forthcoming.

III. FY 2021 Work Plan (Cynthia Hilton)

a. SC/AC Relationship

- Conversation with Matt De Ferranti (CB Liaison) indicated that conversations with staff are stalled due to the departure of the Superintendent. CB and SB members have not had a chance to discuss the issue further, and are meeting again in November. Hopeful for an update at the AC November meeting.
- Staff liaisons have not been involved in any discussions pertaining to this topic or fee parity in the upcoming budget cycle.

b. FY 2021 Budget/O&M Cost-Recovery

- FY 2021 SB Budget Guidance – [OCT 3, 2019 SB Meeting](#) Click on link to view SB meeting documents on the 2021 Budget.
- Matt De Ferranti (CB Liaison) give same report for this AC priority as noted above.

c. MOA Revision – Helena Machado/Anthony Morton

- Action on this item may not occur before the Spring after the budget. Staff will bring it up when it is ready for AC to review. Will remain a Work Plan item.

d. Ed Center Pool Parking/Meters-Civitan – Howard Seamens/Kristi Sawert/Cynthia Hilton

- [Parking Details](#) link provided by Cynthia Hilton.
- County plan to remove parking along westside of WL Campus on Quincy St is being delayed until the renovations to Ed Center are complete.
- Elimination of spaces along the WL campus is intended to enhance safety for cars, bikes and pedestrians and control student drop off area for W-L.
- Although Ed Center annex is due to open 9/2021, it is unlikely that Department of Environmental Services (DES) will be able to repave until the spring of 2022 due as September is the end of the paving season.

- AC suggests taking advantage of the delay caused by APS construction to conduct a traffic study including accidents (if any) and parking space usage. Key to increased usage is decrease/eliminate of meter fees after school hours. Hilton to contact DES in January 2020 for an update.
 - Unofficial observations by AC member indicates the meter spaces are primarily used during evening and weekends; suggest a FOIA request for meter records.
 - CIVITAN-county permitting department and leaders of Civitan have been contacted as previously reported. No additional information is available now.
 - Parking zones may be removed in the future due with increased civic involvement.
- **e. Career Center (CC) BLPC/PFRC – Cynthia Hilton/Kristi Sawert**
 - Building facilities should be designed to accommodate long term capacity of school site.
 - APS/ACG staff presentation includes option for a pool onsite, if funds are available.
 - Capacity arguments for a new pool:
 - APS Swim Program (See attached Presentation) and Elementary Swim scheduled for 2019-20 school year demonstrates the pools are at or near capacity to accommodate the current level of enrollment and current curriculum. Addition of elementary school may create a scheduling challenge.
 - APS Aquatic Centers Education Specifications
 - APS staff provided a briefing on Aquatics Ed Specs and how they are used by the design teams and BLPC when a Pool is part of the design process.
 - Motion to amend policy on new pool adopted unanimously – OCT 26, 2017: **“Arlington Aquatics Committee supports an aquatic facility within any High School with 1,200 or more students that can provide an equivalent aquatics curriculum as is currently administered by Arlington Public Schools.”** Motion passed – 10 yes (2 by proxy)

IV. Sports Commission Update – Kristi Sawert)

- **[Destination 2027](https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2019/04/A-Decade-of-Difference-D2027-Report.pdf)** (<https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2019/04/A-Decade-of-Difference-D2027-Report.pdf>)
 - This is an initiative to look at achieving health equity in Arlington by 2027.
 - Swim proficiency data by each elementary and high school will help to make the case about the need for a pool at the CC; staff will check and provide any data that is currently available.
 - DPR is working to meet the Destination 2027 goals to reduce the equity gap in programs and access.
 - Fee reduction options available for economically-challenged.

V. Pool Maintenance Issues (Helena Machado)

- Customer Satisfaction Survey/Staff Retreat (not addressed)
- Crime Data (not addressed)

VI. Old Business

- Swimmer Contact List (not addressed)
- APCYF Roundtable
- MS Dive Program (See Public Comment Notes above)

VII. New Business / Announcements

- APS Policy Revisions – Swimming Pools (not addressed)
- Pool Schedule Lane Discrepancies (not addressed)
- Next Meeting – **November 19 at Syphax Ed Center 401**

VIII. Adjourn: 9:00