

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair	Dave Maher
Justin Wilt, Vice-Chair	Drew Murray
Steve Severn	John Mingus
George Thompson	Megan Sheckles
Kristi Sawert	John Bacon
David Tournquist	Nancy Sharkey
Jessica Paska	

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
 - Sports Leagues discussed their scheduling practices including what steps they take to share field availability when individual practices are cancelled.
 - Sports leagues discussed how they prioritize field allocation by age, location, or purpose (practice/games, recreation vs. travel)
 - Sports leagues discussed their practices for dealing with rain-out conditions
 - Leagues reported that field demand has grown; particularly during prime time (weeknights after 6pm and weekends)
 - Leagues discussed steps they have taken to adjust to increased demand, including shifting certain activities off the field (warm-ups, conditioning, batting practice etc.)
- **Group Exercise**
 - Have you heard anything this evening that could maximize scheduling efficiency from individual sports leagues?
 - What steps can be taken to achieve maximum scheduling efficiency in the DPR field inventory?
 - In your opinion, how can the Field Allocation Guidelines be tweaked to achieve maximum efficiency?
 - In your opinion, what data should be collected to effectively analyze capacity and field utilization?
 - How do we capture multiple teams on fields (field density)?
 - How do we measure “prime time” when we don’t always get all hours at large (HS) Fields?

- How to measure impact of turf versus grass fields
- The Sports Commission will summarize the group discussion and share it with the public.

Matt de Ferranti County Board Liaison

Attest:

Greg Anselene

Greg Anselene, Staff Liaison