

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2019
Langston Brown Community Center
Time: 7:00pm-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair	Dave Maher
Justin Wilt, Vice-Chair	Drew Murray
Steve Severn	John Mingus
George Thompson	Sherry Kohan
Kristi Sawert	
David Tornquist	
Jessica Paska	

Commission Members Absent:

Matthew Galan
Megan Sheckles
John Bacon
Nancy Sharkey

County/APS Staff:

Greg Anselene, DPR
Peter Lusk, DPR

Guests

Steve Finn - Parks and Recreation Commission
Michelle Gregory, DHS
Abby Raphael, Destination 2027 Co-Chairs
Tricia Rodgers, Destination 2027 Co-Chairs
Reuben K. Varghese, MD., M.P.H. Health Director and Chief, Public Health

New Business

[7pm-8:45pm]

- **Safe Sport Discussion; Peter Lusk, Athletic and Facility Services Division Chief**
 - DPR was notified by Arlington County Police Dept on Friday, September 13 of an arrest of a Barcroft Sports and Fitness Employee for Sexual Assault of a minor.
 - Incident occurred in late July or early August and only know of 1 event at this time.
 - DPR Met with parents of the affected programs to discuss and share information
 - County Wide Review is taking place.
 - Questions from the commission included:

- What steps do leagues take to train volunteers; Some leagues have robust per-season requirements.
 - Are facility staff trained and required to follow same procedures as program staff?
 - Should all leagues in Arlington combine resources and standardize training and administration of Safe Sport?
- **Destination 2027 Presentation, Abby Raphael, Tricia Rodgers**
 - Disparities exist in Arlington, This matters, and this is not ok
 - 50% of individual's health is influenced by community conditions. Conditions include Environment, neighborhood, education, social connections, economy, housing and healthcare
 - 10-year life expectancy disparity for people living in North Rosslyn and Aurora Highlands compared to people living in Buckingham
 - 10% of all children in Arlington are living in poverty.
 - Important to look at all groups not just race. LBQT, Disabled, ethnicity
 - On September 21, Arlington County Board passed the Equity Resolution
 - Directs the County Manager to: Use equity approach in developing budget/CIP, and ensure that each department applies and equity framework to one line of business
 - Commission discussed barriers for participants and the work that the sports community is already doing. Great examples are:
 - ASA Real Madrid Program, Girls for Goals, Babe Ruth's Never let fees be a barrier
 - Discussion of Aquatics and the cuts in the APS Aquatics in Schools program. What are the demographics and rates of drownings/near drownings. National rates of the socioeconomic disparities in drownings.
 - How can the Sports Commission use its power?
 - Awareness, share the disparities, identify the appropriate audience
- **Commissioner Updates**
 - **Kristi Sawert- Aquatics Committee**
 - MS Dive Program is being cancelled
 - Quincy Parking project has been delayed for a few years
 - Career Center Field is in jeopardy due to budget cuts of the project.

Matt de Ferranti County Board Liaison

Attest:

Greg Anselene

Greg Anselene, Staff Liaison

