

Arlington Aquatics Committee (AC)
Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2020
Syphax Education Center

Attendees

Members: Cynthia Hilton, Kristi Sawert, Guy Land, Carla Fletcher, Ron Kampeas, MacKenzie Kearney

Visitors: None

Staff: Anthony Morton, Helena Machado (via conference phone link)

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of minutes/Announcements

- Minutes for meeting held on Jan 14, 2019 were presented and approved as is.
- Discussion of vacancies on committee. Recommendation to Carla to reach out to Howard about the Vice Chair vacancy. A County Board (CB) appointee is needed to fill that vacancy.
- Discussion about the Cynthia's leadership, given current challenges, resulted in a motion by Carla for a vote of confidence which passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No public comment

FY 2021 Work Plan

- a. Sports Commission (SC)/AC relationship (Kristi Sawert/Cynthia Hilton)
 - Sports commission objected to the AC's recommendation in the Committee's 2019 annual report about the AC assuming responsibility for all aquatic sport/recreation matters in the County.
 - The AC had issues with the SC's annual report that stated that the AC was a "subcommittee" of the SC and that the SC "oversees" the AC.
 - The SC chair shared a 2008 letter from a former SC chair, Bill Murray, containing a statement that the AC was a "subcommittee."
 - Cynthia reported asking former AC chair, Doug Ross, who documents were distributed to the CB during his tenure. He said that they were directly distributed to the CB and an informational copy of the SC
 - Members noted that the SC was free to attend AC meetings. That the AC was jointly chartered by the CB and the School Board (SB) and the we are within the scope of our charter to communicate directly with those who appointed the AC.
 - Matt de Ferranti, the AC's CB liaison, is asking for staff to make recommendations on how relationship should be depicted.
- b. FY 2021 Budget/O&M Cost Recovery
 - SC opposed AC recommendations on O&M fee/tax support parity, stating that SC the AC had not reached out to DPR community and the SC believes that the DPR community is already paying class/team fees that are too high to add on their full share of O&M costs. The SC is starting their own fee subcommittee to determine what to do. The AC pointed out that these objections were the same as used last year and that in the last 12 months the SC had

made no effort to reach out to the entire swimming community, not just DPR participants. On the other hand, that AC held a public forum, gathered community comments via an online survey, and regularly discussed fee/tax options and plans at the Committee's open public meetings. In light of the CB and SB equity policies, the AC has answered the questions of "who benefits", "who in burdened" and "why" when it comes to aquatic O&M fees.

- Waiting for the Superintendent and County Manager to release 2021 budget to see how AC recommendations for aquatic fees and tax support were handled.
- c. MOA Revision – Tabled to Mar 2020
- d. ED Center Pool Parking – Community meeting Mar 5, 7:00-9:00 pm at Washington-Liberty for a project update.
- e. Career Center (CC) BLPC/PFRC – Kristi Sawert
- APS staff reported that that 420 onsite spaces are reasonable – CPRO (Columbia Pike Revitalization Org.) – local garages are not interested in renting spaces.
 - "Pool and parking" stated by architect are the most important in terms of specs.
 - Discussion about strategies to pursue if the final plan does not include onsite parking.
 - Cynthia reported on SB "chairs" meeting where the Destination 2027 report was highlighted and the AC's analysis of what Arlington communities were underserved in terms of pool access was presented. The analysis shows that the CC site is central to underserved, non-safe swimming populations. The AC's use of disaggregated County data to show inequities was welcomed. Kristi also reported the AC data to the SC "they were very impressed." Cynthia will send data points to the committee.

Sports Commission Update – Kristi Sawert

Nothing additional to what had already been reported.

Pool Maintenance – Helena Machado

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

- a. Long-Bridge Park Pool (LBP): Guest presenter, Pete Lusk, DPR, was unable to attend. Anthony shared updates on LBP. The AC asked Anthony to invite Pete to present at the AC Aquatics Forum on 18 MAR 2020. Guy asked if high school swim meets could be held at LBP.
- b. APS Policy Revision updates: Helena had no updates to report.

New Business

- a. Guy asked for input if HS swim meets could be held at LBP.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.