

Arlington County Sports Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday July 23, 2015
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Room 139. 2700 S. Four Mile Run Dr. Sports office

Attending:

Jennifer Lainhart, Staff Liaison	Craig Esherick, Chair
George C. Towner, Jr., Member	Asha Patton, Member
Heather Cocozza, Member	Members of the Aquatics Committee
David Tornquist, Member	Steve Severn, Member
Mauricio Coreas, Member	Shirley Brothwell, Member
Doug Ross, Member	

Members Absent: Regina Kouba, Member

Agenda:

- I. Long Bridge Park next Steps and Commission Input

- II. Approve Past Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item

Discussion, Consensus & Action Items

I. Long Bridge Park next steps and Commission Input
(7:00-8:00pm)

Presentation provided by Erik Beach of Arlington County, long time project manager of Long Bridge Park project.

Provided history and discussion about Phase 2 and introduced the “Build a Facility” project.

The activity allowed participants to “build” a facility using cards that represented different features of the facility. Each card had a price and revenue potential and a worksheet helped to tally the totals and make sure you had built a facility under budget with the features that you preferred.

After the activity Erik answered some questions. To clarify nothing that was NOT previously in plans has been included in this activity.

The dilemma is that the county only had \$45 million to spend so DPR and the planning committee needs to present to the board an option that will meet the need and stay under budget. We can’t afford everything that

was in the original plans. So we need to decide what elements are the most important to the public and make decisions and present to board.

Discussion about leisure pool dangers. Problems with visibility, staffing and need for trained lifeguards. Reminder that our area is hot bed of competitive swimming and it's very popular and our area breeds good swimming athletes. Note about facilities that other people frequent that have meets every weekend and such are not available to the public.

Someone noted that having at least 2 pools is important (like the current pools).

Also noted that Maintenance plan is not included that would be in the Public Space Master Plan.

II. Approve Past Meeting Minutes
(8:00-8:15pm)

In section II. Move to approve with the following edits: Mauricio was in attendance in June, Regina was not. Section 1 Q about "What's better turf or natural grass?" In section III, note that workgroup charge was updated and not fully adopted at the time and some discussion about Williamsburg including property values, lights make it safer for jogging and walking dogs. Asked for bio for John McLaughlin to get recognized by the board, motion approved.

Action Items:

Jennifer Lainhart will finalize and post to website.

Meeting Adjourned

(8:15pm)

J. Walter Tejada, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Jennifer Lainhart

Jennifer Lainhart, Staff Liaison