

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Langston Brown Community Center, Room 109

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Heather Cocozza, Chair

Steve Severn

Doug Ross

Drew Murray

Patricia Trapanese

Larry Robertson

Justin Wilt

David Tornquist

Shirley Brothwell

Sherry Kohan

Reggie Kouba

Commission Members Absent:

Jessica Paska

John Bacon

County/APS Staff:

Josh Colman, SC Liaison

Guests Present:

Steve Finn, P&R Commission

Please note: Agenda items may not be in chronological order.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes- December 2016

[7:02-7:06pm]

Review and motion to approve meeting minutes, seconded, approved.

New Business

POPS Advisory Committee Presentation on Level of Service (postponed)

[7:06-7:10pm]

- Postponed while waiting for presentation to be completed.
- Questions on receiving some of the information prior to the presentation. Many are interested in benchmarking versus 5 other counties that were similar.

Old Business

Williamsburg Lights

[7:10-8:40pm]

Extended discussion on Williamsburg lights- would like to send a letter to the county board on this topic.

Update on current state of Williamsburg Working Group:

- Work session with County Board on Tuesday night. Entire board in attendance. Workgroup in attendance, as well as additional neighbors.
- Erik gave intro regarding progress from workgroup. Also showed a model that calculates percentage/time with lights- a tool people can use to evaluate different scenarios. Point was to show what you could get out of lights- amount of time, people served, etc.
 - Questions on whether this model can be applied to an existing situation (example Greenbrier). Desire to compare this versus a metric that already exists.
 - Model was used to evaluate a bunch of different scenarios. Factors including curfew, sunset, season, etc.
 - If mitigation happens, this could be a useful tool.
- Discussion on purpose of this meeting- it was a report of finding- opportunity for working group to present what they had worked on to the board. Followed by Q & A. Presentation to board was very similar to what was given to Sports Commission in December.

Musco:

- Musco added information just before last meeting. Neighbors have been asking for photometric data. Musco has said it's a proprietary model and releasing this information would be a competitive advantage for other companies. It's been a big sticking point within working group.
- Musco's initial design was a 5700 kelvin lights. They introduced a lower design (4500 kelvin). Neighbors were suspicious and unhappy about this change.
- Questions on why Musco is used? Musco is recognized as industry leader, can control lights remotely, they offer a global network system. DPR already uses Musco- doesn't make much sense to have multiple lighting contractors for different fields.

Arborist:

- Arborist came in and made argument that the design is pretty minimal in its impact. However, no final design, so arborist was hedging slightly.
- There was not agreement on arborists opinion on the light placement and affect.

Next Steps

- Discussion on bigger processes/workgroups (POPS/JFAC) from Board. Focus from board was on bigger picture.
- Final report has to be delivered at the end of February. In May, the use permit come up for a vote on whether to move forward with lighting the fields.
- Discussion on what's the best way to move forward- in-person engagement is strongly encouraged. More can be done than a letter- could have meetings, in-person discussions, etc.)
- Discussion on lights/turf- what's the best way to advocate for these things moving forward.

Letter

- Discussion/brainstorming on letter to Board.
- What is optimal timing for letter to be sent? What is focus of letter?
- Criteria/Guiding Principles
 - Distribution of lights
 - User benefit
 - Sympathetic to character of neighborhood
 - Lights help maximize county investment
 - Provide more opportunities for users
 - Capacity issues- lights are one of the best ways to accommodate for that.
 - Population Growth
- Discussion on benefit of entire community versus smaller group of neighbors.
 - Point to existing Sports Commission statement.
- Discussion on bigger picture- is anyone looking at bigger picture here? Should make sure the PSMP is being considered.
- Goal is to draft letter prior to March meeting:
 - 1st Part- state support for Williamsburg lights
 - 2nd Part- note issues with capacity/bigger picture.

Sports Commission Annual Report

[8:40-8:41pm]

Report is finished and is being submitted.

Joint Meeting with Park and Recreation Commission

[8:41-8:43pm]

What should be discussed in meeting?

- Active/Passive Fields
- Budget related issues

- Programmed vs. unprogrammed
- Understand more about Park and Recreation Commission

Themes and Projects

[8:43-8:53pm]

- No update on ASF project at Gunston.
- Heather has a group she'll forward to Drew- potential for funding for Gunston.
- Discussion on advocacy for lights- looking at policies relating to lighting turf fields.
- Discussion on neighbors and issues working with county.

Committee Reports

4MRV

[8:54-9:09pm]

Update on 4MRV group and how working group has progressed.

- Letter sent to chair and other group members raised concerns- issues with dismissal of input, surprises in meetings- group shouldn't be voting when not fully briefed.
- Designs released at high level- buildings/fields. Multiple designs presented- consultant will redraw them and go down to three that designer will show.
- Discussion on best way forward with this group. Concern that this has not gone well so far- not sure best way to advocate moving forward.
- Trying to build support for idea of having a multi-purpose facility in the design. Discussion on locations for facility- there are limited options.
- Discussion on feasibility study- what's the best way we could do this?
- Could AED assist with this type of study?

Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Josh Colman

Josh Colman, Staff Liaison