

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 22, 2017
Langston-Brown CC, Room 109
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Heather Cocozza, Chair	Reggie Kouba
Jessica Paska	Justin Wilt
John Bacon	Drew Murray
Steve Severn	Janet Eichers

Commission Members Absent:

Shirley Brothwell	Larry Robertson
Patricia Trapanese	David Tornquist
Sherry Kohan	

County/APS Staff:

Josh Colman, SC Liaison	Deb DeFranco, APS
Diane Probus, DPR	Aaron Wohler, DPR

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

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes- May 2017

[7:01-7:04pm]

Action on the minutes was deferred. There were not enough members in attendance at the beginning of the meeting to approve.

New Business

Pure-Play Presentation

[7:04-7:21pm]

Pure-Play, a Non-Infill Sports Turf company gave a presentation on their product.

- Discussion on the background of Pure-Play- information about the product, use of the product.
- Overview on non-infill synthetic turf

- No rubber infill used. Product is more dense than typical turf.
- Total cost of ownership less over time- no upkeep on infill.
- Tested to FIFA standards
- Shock pad underneath- various options.
- Cheaper and easier to install.
- Discussion on product installation, maintenance, and testing
 - Tested to 30 years of play.
 - Less heat concern- installation has occurred in extremely hot areas of the world. Less heat generated without rubber infill.
 - Maintenance- brushing. Can use a leaf blower to fluff.
 - Weight- 3 times as heavy before rubber, but end use is lighter because no infill. Could be used on a rooftop.
- Questions/Discussion with Sports Commission about product, installation, and specifications.

Benjamin Banneker Presentation

[7:21-7:39pm]

Overview and information on the Benjamin Banneker project from Diane Probus, DPR.

- Discussion and overview of park boundaries, project components, and funding.
- Overview of new amenity areas.
- Renovation information on existing facilities- dog park, parking lot, field, and playground.
- Trail update- improvement of trail safety.
- Stormwater Update
- Information on field renovation- irrigation improvements, new bleachers/bleacher pad, path to bleachers for ADA, expanded field size.
- Discussion on future options for park.

Stratford Park Project

[7:39-8:08pm]

Overview and information on the Stratford Park Project from Aaron Wohler, DPR.

- Discussion on runoff issues in the park and problems with field as a result.
- Overview of project timeline and work with APS.
- Information on retaining walls, tennis courts, basketball court, parking, and lighting.
- Revision of boundary lines and use of bathroom within the school.
- Background information on lighting in general, discussion on height of poles, LED, etc.
 - Nothing finalized at this point- a matter of determining what is adequate and safe for players.

- Higher poles are placed, the better for the courts. DPR looking for safe environment- achieve the lighting that is needed for sports that are being played.
- Feedback on left field angle and dimensions of baseball field.
- Discussion on usage of field.

Public Comment- Gail Harrison

- Comments on lighting relating to Stratford, Wilson, Williamsburg projects and lighting associated with these projects. Discussion of AMA and the risks associated with lights above 3000 kelvin. This is applicable to neighborhood athletic fields- worries about suppressing melatonin from lights. Arlington's exclusive vendor Musco, is pushing 5700 kelvin lights.

County Board Seeking Input on 2018 Legislative Priorities

[8:08pm-8:19pm]

Discussion on ideas for legislative priorities for 2018.

- Ideas discussed: indoor sports facility for Northern Virginia, state reviewing synthetic turf, concussion training/protocol.
- Synthetic Turf
 - Have states conducted studies/review of synthetic turf? Discussion on other municipalities and how they deal with this. Push state to study.
- Concussion Education
 - Requirements involving concussion education.
 - Treatment/Protocol
 - Reporting
- Commission will work on putting together recommendations.

Old Business

Residency Policy for Sport User Group Study

[8:19-8:50pm]

Discussion and recommendations for Sport User Groups residency.

- Concern of committee- need more space.
- Recommendation that a new club only be allowed for a brand new activity
- Discussion/recommendation of 85% residency requirement.

- Discussion on gymnastics/aquatics out of county fees.
 - Falls Church residency discussion.
 - Cost recovery discussion.
- New Sports Clubs Criteria Discussion
 - Application process, growth plans, governing body, general organizational requirements, youth vs. adult.
 - Idea of limiting to clinics only.
- Final Recommendation
 - Probationary period of two years (primary seasons only).
 - Require application process
 - 100% residency for probationary period.
 - Smaller allocation of space in the first year, larger allocation in second year.

POPS Discussion

[8:50-8:53pm]

Review and provide feedback on draft by Sunday, June 25 to Heather.

Diamond Field Fund Update

[8:53-9:02pm]

Status update on Diamond Field Fund projects and update on field fund balances.

- Discussion on revenue, expenses, and commitments to Diamond Field Fund.
- Project updates:
 - Gunston Turf- meeting held June 21 to discuss project and rendering.
 - Greenbrier Storage- goes to board for approval in mid July.
 - Request for \$33,000.
 - Greenbrier Concrete- quotes were dramatically greater than the estimated amount. Project shelved at this time. Would require new approval from Sports Commission- amount is 3-4 times greater than estimation.
- Diamond Field Fund group will begin initial work on ideas for next year.

Membership to PFRC

[9:02-9:04pm]

Commission approves sending letter as drafted to County board.

General Sports Commission Update

[9:04-9:06pm]

Heather announced that she has stepped down as Chair of Sports Commission. Shirley Brothwell has been named the new Chair of the Sports Commission.

Commission Member Reports

4MRV

[9:06-9:08pm]

Update on 4MRV. July 19 meeting- important for sports voices to be heard. Make sure there is support moving forward.

Meeting Ends at 9:08pm

Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Josh Colman

Josh Colman, Staff Liaison