

Aquatic Committee Meeting
Thursday October 26, 2017
Wakefield pool
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Don Hesse, Cynthia Hilton, Kristi Sawert, Ron Kampeas, Janet Eichers, Mackenzie Kearney, Erik VanMedeulbrooke, Helena Machado, Jennifer Lainhart

1. Introduction of new SB Appointed Members

- a. **Ron Kampeas** – early bird swimmer
- b. **Kristi Sawert** – Arlington Heights civic association member, president elect at this time.

2. APS Water Safety & Lifetime Fitness Program

a. Historical perspective and current program overview

Cynthia asked Helena to present this to discuss the program that APS provides and the value. Currently ES and HS programs, no MS program level instructional program due to issues with bussing. There are MS diving and swimming programs. Last year attempted to launch water polo program but didn't have enough interest at that time.

***See Presentation PDF**

3. Boundaries and New School Ongoing Process

a. General information on AC opportunities to participate and advocate for Aquatic Instruction and Aquatics Facilities

Cynthia mentioned that the reason we are discussing is because of the possible new school and whether it would have a pool. Upcoming CIP projects a need for an additional 1300 HS seats, which means we need the equivalent of a HS somewhere. Last May, CIP was going to have 500-600 seats at the Ed Center and 700-800 at the Career Center, and both would be choice programs. The plan was for those programs to operate like HB Woodlawn. But now seems like APS is considering a new neighborhood HS. However, they will move forward with new seats at the ED Center temporarily because new seats will be needed before a new high school could be built and there is not enough money in the current CIP for a complete neighborhood HS. Meanwhile, Ed Center students' swimming needs will have to be accommodated. It is unknown how the additional student population will affect the space and time available for other users of the W-L pool.

There will be no change to the career center for this CIP through 2019. But, they still need additional seats. Community showed advocacy for 4th neighborhood HS because, even with the additional 700-800 seats they would be at least 500 seats short. The advocacy of the community near the career center for a new HS may have shifted the school board's thoughts about the career center site as the location for a 4th HS

Don clarified that if it is a choice school will it participate in the 9th and 10th grade swimming. As currently HB Woodlawn does not participate.

The AC discussed the committee's position on whether a new pool should be a standard amenity in any new APS neighborhood HS. Many agree that there should be. The committee considered whether the new pool at Long Bridge would take away the need. A 2003 study in support of Long Bridge pool documented how many additional lanes are needed to support the aquatic needs of our community, and it was more than the new LBP pool could provide. The AC considered the option of lowering the APS aquatics instructional program standards in order to expand existing pool capacity. Many in the group were in support of continuing to maintain and support the school curriculum in the pools for aquatics safety and fitness. In terms of the capacity gap, some brought up the many outdoor pools and other pools nearby and whether there was a way to use them and discussion about rental of those pools.

Some believed that if students are assigned to a neighborhood high school, then that school should have a pool. Mention of the socio-economic gap of swimming and that some colleges have entry exams which include swim tests. The AC felt that the opinion of local community was an important consideration. The impression was that the Career Center community is advocating for amenities in line with other APS HSs. It was suggested that the committee look at Title 1, federal law as a source of support for a pool to be included at a new neighborhood HS. It was recognized that given the limited space at the Career Center, that there is need to advocate for a pool and others may advocate for accommodation of other sports amenities as well.

Finally, following the conversation a motion was offered by Cynthia:

Arlington Aquatics Committee supports an aquatic facility at a new neighborhood High School that can provide an equivalent aquatics curriculum as is currently administered by Arlington Public Schools.

Cynthia motions was seconded. Six voting members voted for and one abstained.

4. Long Bridge Park brief update and information sharing

Jennifer shared the current progress on Long Bridge and that there would be a vote by the board before the end of the year on the 4 proposed designs. Cynthia mentioned 3 areas of concern: parking, membership fees as related to APS or in conjunction with APS and general understanding of which programs will be displaced to the new pool and/or what the new mix of programming across all aquatic facilities will be.

5. Update on Senior Programs and Parking – Winter session

Parking at Yorktown and Wakefield remain challenging during the school day. Issues with the Yorktown enforcement officer still ongoing, but staff now have access to school spaces, which can help. There are not enough restricted spaces for the users. However, the early class at Wakefield changed their schedule in hopes that they can get in and out before the rush of school.

6. Charter Update discussion POSTPONED

7. Wakefield Pool walk-through and update on Wakefield Fan and HVAC issues POSTPONED

- 8. FY 2017 End of year Financial Report (APS) POSTPONED**
 - a. FY2019 Budget Development Calendar**

Upcoming meetings:

November Tuesday 11/28 at Yorktown- this meeting was cancelled and members attending the Long Bridge Park county board meeting agenda item.