

Aquatics Committee (AC) Meeting

Virtual

Jan 26, 2021

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Call to order at 7:00pm (meeting is being recorded).

Attendees

Members: Jennifer Connor, Kristi Sawert, Edwin Allen, Bonnie Stroup, Howard Seamens, Kathleen Brueger, Paul Guest, Brian Miles, Shannell Shorter

Absent: Carla Fletcher, Trish Madden

Staff: Helena Machado and Maija Paegle

Visitors: 6 guests in Microsoft Teams

I. Welcome, Minutes & Updates

- Meetings will continue to take place the third Tuesday of each month.
- Next meeting: February 16, 2021
- Approval of NOV 17, 2020 minutes motion to approve and seconded; approved unanimously
- Introduction of Current and New Members
- Introduction of Committee Liaisons and DPR & APS Staff
- David Priddy: School Board Liaison

II. APS Instructional Programs and Pathways (IPP) Presentation – Kris Martini – APS Department of Teaching & Learning: Career Technical and Adult Education Office

- Instructional Programs and Pathways (IPP)
- IPP defines the role of neighborhood schools, option schools, and instructional programs
 - Looks at programs PreK through Adult
- Provides a clear instructional vision for the future that aligns with the APS mission, vision, Strategic Plan, and new equity policy.
 - Expand current programs, change programs, create programs, consolidate or eliminate programs
 - Identifies criteria for assessing instructional programs in the IPP
- Facilities and accommodations plan – provide multiple pathways for student success
- Equity and access in all programs
- Guidance from strategic plan, Virginia profile of a graduate, and school board policy
- Jen: Will this include programming outside the classroom?
 - Answer: Yes
 - Tipping point on space, not all the students who should have water safety had space to have those programs.
 - If another school is built, AC wants to be involved in if there is a pool which is dependent on how many students full time students. AC recommends having an aquatics facility in the building if there are 1200 full time students.
 - Resend these recommendation letters to the IPP specifically.

- Edwin: Do we have plans on remote learning for future if needed?
 - Yes, and it might work in positive way for some instructional programs.
- Kathleen: Timeline for public comment on the IPP is the end of February through the beginning of March.

III. Public Comment(s) (2 minutes max)

- Cynthia Hilton – Reported the results of the aquatics fees/budget shortfall. Cynthia sent her survey to a group of APS pool users. Question was posed to the group, what can we do in terms of enhancing revenue (County & schools)? 61% wanted APS staff to do what they could to increase pool capacity as opposed to raising fees. 68% supported wanting APS to programs instead of raising fees. 78% urge the AC to communicate with the County for their need to support a community program to continue with tax support. School board should not use APS tax dollars to support community swim.

IV. Introduction to Upcoming Topics and Future Discussion Items

- a. Budget Discussions – This includes potential future revenue generating possibilities for APS (topic due to COVID-19).
- b. APS Policy Revisions – Use the Arlington Engage page to comment. Look at M-15 policies for swimming pools as well as PIP-1, subcommittee.
- c. SY 2020-2021 Workplan Updates
 - Several items on the work plan including things like parking at the new ED Center.
 - The AC is representing the community and making sure those items are reported to the County Board and the School Board.
 - Any new topics can be added to the work plan by AC members.
 - Focus can stay the same or shift. Topics for the agenda and what is best for the community can be added so they can be introduced to the two boards.

V. Staff Updates

- a. DPR –Maija
 - AAC continues to swim.
 - Currently there are no recreational classes.
 - The Long Bridge facility will be County run so will be a separate membership from the APS pools.
- b. APS
 - Currently, no timeline for ending Phase 3 – continue with reservations at the pools.
 - Plans are being made in preparation for whenever Phase 3 is lifted.
 - 3000-4000 visits per week – revenue and visits are staying steady.
 - For December, 99% of costs were recovered.
 - At capacity every day, every session, and every pool.
 - High school swim caused changes to pool schedules. AAC has stayed flexible.
 - High school swim & dive meets were run over two days due to capacity limits.
 - HS practices continue for the next two weeks.
 - Fewer people are double booking and the waitlist is working well.
 - Edwin: could there be a schedule template posted for the public?
 - Helena: Always trying to add more sessions so do not want to set expectations.
 - Staffing changes could cause last minute changes.
 - May try to create a template when high school season is done.

VI. Liaison Reports

a. Sports Commission – Kristi Sawert (AC Liaison to the Sports Commission)

- The Sports Commission is a group of commissioners appointed by the County Board to advise them on all things sports for the County. Field usage was the main topic of the December meeting. The Sports Commission has historically been committed to AC positions on pools in schools and parking at schools for aquatics.

b. Budget Advisory Committee – Katherine Christensen (AC Liaison to the Budget Advisory Committee)

- The topic of the last meeting was compensation issues as opposed to facilities. Aquatics matter should come up in a facilities meeting.

c. Facilities Advisory Committee – Cynthia Hilton (AC Liaison to the FAC)

- Last meeting specifically focused on the budget and the CIP. The County and the SB will go to a 4-6-year CIP and then next year go back to a ten-year cycle. Three categories of spending: CIP (bond issues – 15+ life expectancy), MCM (Minor Construction, Major Maintenance – less than half a million dollars, i.e. playgrounds, upgrading HVAC systems, and replacing flooring), and operation budgets (i.e. shower head at the pool breaks).
 - CIP direction moved the career center up to second priority because schools will be over capacity by 2025. Security upgrades and HVAC upgrades (little projects), need to have a final budget to know how to proceed (David).
 - Upgrade HVAC systems to get children back in the classroom.
- Kathleen asked about the letter for the AC to report directly to the CB.
 - The Sports Commission's opinion is the AC is a subcommittee and the SC wrote a letter with their displeasure. Currently, neither board has acted.

VII. Adjourn

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.