

# YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 14, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Mt. Vernon Recreation Center

## Summary Notes

**Attendees:** Jim Gibson, Tamika Coleman, Dennis Burstein, Brian McPherson, Lutfi LaSida, John Timmons, Danny Organek, Paul Miller, and Jeff Newhouse  
**Guests:** Dan Roush (DRPCA), Margaret Orlando (DRPCA)

- I. 2018-2019 Youth Sports Advisory Board (YSAB) Objectives
  - a. Connect/ally with PTAs to help form grass-root efforts when necessary.
  - b. Establish better coordination between youth sports and school sports.
  - c. Forward additional ideas/initiatives to Jim Gibson via email for compilation.
- II. Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Update – our guest speaker was unable to attend due to family commitments.
- III. Alexandria Sportsman's Club Banquet
  - a. 63<sup>rd</sup> annual banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018.
  - b. 15 scholarships will be awarded.
  - c. John Riggins is the keynote speaker.
- IV. T.C. Williams Stadium Update - A final community meeting will be held in late spring to discuss stadium usage and scheduling use of the field.
- V. Associations/Affiliates Updates
  - a. Football
    - i. As a new official affiliate, the executive director will begin attending these meetings.
    - ii. Best practices advice will be solicited from other affiliates.
  - b. Baseball
    - i. Board membership requirements have been revised.
    - ii. Player draft procedures have been revised.
    - iii. The city will be hosting the State Junior All-Star Tournament in July.
  - c. Swimming – very excited that Warwick Pool will be open soon.
  - d. Rugby – summer registration has begun.
  - e. Wrestling – youth sports nights at T.C. Williams basketball games was a great success.
  - f. Soccer – ASA will host its first ever residential soccer camps this summer at Deep Creek Lake in Maryland.
- VI. Facilities – Field maintenance training for baseball coaches went well. Implementation also went well.
- VII. Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM Mt. Vernon Recreation Center

### **Attendees:**

Robert Brian McPherson  
Kevin McDermott  
Don Simpson  
Dennis Burstein  
Margaret Orlando  
Jim Gibson  
Jake Wald  
Danny Organek  
Thomas Park  
Jeff Newhouse

### **Guests:**

Dak Hardwick  
John Chapman  
Erika Gulick

1. ACPS Planner Erika Gulick provided information regarding the long range educational facilities plan phase 2. Discussions ensued regarding:
  - a. jurisdictional enforcement (students that are not legal Alexandria residents)
  - b. the substantial annual increases to ACPS enrollment
  - c. athletic field minimum standards
  - d. studies regarding other jurisdictions that are similar to ours
  - e. the need for an official YSAB liaison to ACPS - Robert Brian McPherson volunteered
  - f. FYI 2021 expectation of significant funding for facility expansion
  - g. the concern that Simpson soccer fields are considered for ACPS facility expansion
  - h. aquatic facilities for future ACPS facilities
2. Jake Wald, executive director positive coaching alliance presented a proposal for a comprehensive training program for all volunteer coaches in the city of Alexandria. Discussions ensued regarding:
  - a. fee proposal
  - b. logistics
  - c. content
  - d. methodology for determining outcomes
  - e. input from individual associations

- f. online learning opportunities
- 3. Dak Hardick discussed his candidacy for city council.
- 4. John Chapman discussed his candidacy for city council.

The meeting adjourned 9:04 PM

## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM Mt. Vernon Recreation Center

### Attendees:

Tamika Coleman  
Jim Gibson  
Jeremie Greer  
Robert Brian McPherson  
Kevin McDermott  
Margaret Orlando

Jim Gibson  
Danny Organek  
Jeff Murphy  
Thomas Park  
Jeff Newhouse

### Guests:

Pat Malone  
Justin Wilson

1. The Board is still seeking to refine its goals and objectives. Board members are encouraged send ideas to the Chairman via email.
2. ACPS Relations
  - a. Board members discussed their associations' interactions with ACPS staff and their use of ACPS facilities.
  - b. The new Athletic Director has been invited to our October meeting.
3. TCWHS Stadium Update
  - a. October 2 Planning Commission hearing
  - b. October 13 City Council hearing
  - c. Board members are encouraged to attend both hearings.
  - d. Board members are encouraged to activate their associations' constituents.
4. Guest Patrick Malone spoke about Glory Days Grill opening up at Alexandria Commons Shopping Center. They are seeking to become very active in the support of youth sports associations.
5. Margaret Orlando, Chief of Recreational Services, reminded everyone about the scholarship reimbursement paperwork due date.
6. Guest Justin Wilson spoke
  - a. Supports full implementation of TCW stadium improvements.
  - b. Operational decisions remain with ACPS – not a council issue.
  - c. Supports full and efficient utilization of the current recreational facilities.
  - d. Supports creative solutions for future recreational facility development.

The meeting adjourned 8:24 PM

## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center

### Attendees:

Jim Gibson  
John Timmons  
Jeff Newhouse

Bill Campbell  
Danny Organek

Brian McPherson  
Jeff Murphy

Kevin McDermott  
Thomas Park

### Guests:

William Chesley, Deputy Director, DRPCA  
Margaret Orlando, Division Chief DRPCA  
Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner DRPCA

1. TCWHS Stadium Update
  - a. City Council voted 6-1 in favor of all proposed improvements.
  - b. Opposition lawsuits are still in play.
  - c. June 2019 groundbreaking is a serious goal.
2. RPCA Facility Development Updates - guest Bethany Znidersic spoke about several projects.
  - a. Parknerships
    - i. Brenman scoreboard and batting cages are being installed.
    - ii. Potomac Yard basketball court lighting is fully funded.
  - b. Miscellaneous improvements are being performed/will be performed at Simpson, Stevenson, Ft. Ward, Hoofs Run, and Mt. Vernon.
  - c. Turf replacement is complete at Ft. Ward and Minnie Howard.
  - d. The replacement of the restroom building at Minnie Howard is in the planning stages.
  - e. The new Patrick Henry ES & Recreation Center is scheduled for occupancy in December 2018. Outdoor fields/courts should be open in late 2019.
  - f. A design/engineering consultant has been hired for the Hensley renovation.
  - g. Solicitations have been issued for the hiring of a consultant for the re-design of Four Mile Run Park.
3. Margaret Orlando, Chief of Recreational Services spoke about:
  - a. Funding available to program affiliates for their outreach efforts.
  - b. The city's initiative to study the future funding and priorities of the DRPCA.
4. Program Updates – the various affiliates provided brief updates.
5. Alexandria Sportsman's Club – the benefits of membership, the benefits to the community, and the November 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Redskins Night were discussed.

The meeting adjourned 8:41 PM

## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7:00 PM

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

### Attendees:

Jim Gibson	Tamika Coleman	Bill Campbell	Brian McPherson
Jeremie Greer	Kevin McDermott	Dennis Burstein	Owen Malone
Danny Organek	Jeff Murphy	Don Simpson	Jeff Newhouse

### Guests:

Margaret Orlando, Division Chief DRPCA  
Robert Narvaez, Planner DRPCA  
Maya Solis  
L.D. Platt  
Tom Blackwood  
Robert McGinnis  
Scott Boggess  
Tom Camerlinck  
Julia Guessford  
Tasha Moses

1. Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony – volunteers from five youth sports organizations were recognized for their outstanding contributions.
2. RPCA Athletic Field Masterplan Update - guest Robert Narvaez
  - a. Public surveys have been conducted.
  - b. Personal interviews with interested parties have been conducted.
  - c. A draft masterplan will soon be available for review and comment.
  - d. A brief Q&A session ensued with topics including GWMS, Harris Field, and Hensley Park.
3. Closing Comments
  - a. The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will be hosting a major banquet on 5/28/19.
  - b. The next YSAB meeting will be held on 1/14/19.

The meeting adjourned 7:44 PM