



## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Patrick Henry Recreation Center

### **Attendees:**

Jim Gibson, Tamika Coleman, Margaret Orlando, Skylar Borman, Marvin Elliott, Bill Campbell, Donnie Simpson, Mike Scheuble, Jeff Newhouse

### **Guests:**

Margaret Orlando - DRPCA

Jimmy Roland - DRPCA

Marvin Paz - DRPCA

1. Field Maintenance and Safety
  - a. Jimmy Roland and Marvin Paz discussed their methodology for evaluating field conditions and closure procedures.
  - b. It was emphasized that user safety is the highest priority.
  - c. Fields were prepared for use this Spring three weeks earlier than in previous years.
  - d. A new field maintenance and safety document is forthcoming.
2. Sports Office Reminders
  - a. Applications for scholarship funding/reimbursement must be submitted ASAP.
  - b. Fiscal Year closeout procedures are approaching, so this task needs to be completed with all due haste.
3. Organizational/Affiliate Updates - information was provided by representatives regarding:
  - a. Lacrosse
  - b. Coach-Pitch Baseball
  - c. Soccer
  - d. Basketball
  - e. Volleyball
  - f. Softball
  - g. The May 21st City-Wide Track Meet
  - h. The May 31st Sportsman's Club Banquet

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.



## Youth Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

### Attendees:

Jim Gibson, Skylar Borman, Marvin Elliott, Bill Campbell, Donnie Simpson, John Timmons, Tom Blackwood, Jeff Newhouse

Guests: Margaret Orlando and Debbie Woodbury from DRPCA

1. Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Policy (handout)
  - a. Debbie Woodbury gave a multi-media presentation on the policy that was approved in July of 2019.
  - b. The 5-Tier model was discussed.
  - c. Tier 1 programs and services are defined as providing mostly community-wide benefits. Tier 5 programs and services are defined as providing mostly individual benefits. Tiers 2 through 4 cover the gradations between. The level of cost recovery varies from 0% for Tier 1 to 175% for Tier 5.
  - d. A group exercise was conducted – Board Members were asked to place a variety of programs and events into their respective tiers.
2. Organizational/Affiliate Updates - information was provided by representatives regarding:
  - a. Lacrosse – they are in the middle of their spring season. Guidance was sought regarding how to deal with interlopers encroaching on their assigned field use.
  - b. Little League Baseball – they are also in the middle of their season. Regular play concludes June 4. All Star play begins shortly thereafter.
  - c. T-Ball & Coach-Pitch - their season has gone very smoothly.
  - d. Soccer – the number of participants in all programs, including adult play, now exceed pre-pandemic levels.
  - e. Softball – their season has gone very smoothly.
  - f. Trach & Field – a major meet is scheduled for May 21.
  - g. Sportsman's Club Banquet – their annual banquet is scheduled for May 31. Recommendations for student athlete awards will be accepted until May 10.
3. Sports Office Reminders – scholarship documents and fall field request are due June 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

### **Attendees:**

Tamika Coleman, Jim Gibson, Skylar Borman, Jeff Murphy, Nick Hildebidle, Bill Campbell, John Timmons, Sarah Christie, Tom Blackwood, Mike Scheuble, Jeff Newhouse

Guests: Jim Parker, ACPS  
Dave Brennan, DPRCA

1. Athletic Director Jim Parker spoke at length on several topics:
  - a. Growing relationships with youth sports affiliates
  - b. Increasing diversity of participation through earlier engagement
  - c. Recruiting coaches and training them to provide technical instruction to younger age groups
  - d. Hosting youth games at ACHS facilities to increase interest
  - e. Expecting better results based on ACHS' huge pool of talent
2. A roundtable discussion ensued:
  - a. Establishing foundations and grants to eliminate the financial barriers to increased diversity of participation
  - b. Tackling the transportation issues that prevent participation
  - c. Providing memorable experiences to youths through outings to professional games
  - d. Breaking the cycles of poverty through education
  - e. Increasing interaction between ACPS coaches and youth sports affiliates
  - f. Networking, including a possible end-of-season gatherings/parties
  - g. Middle school sports league possibilities
3. Organizational/Affiliate Updates - information was provided by representatives from wrestling, lacrosse, soccer, futsal, baseball, t-ball, coach-pitch, volleyball, softball, rugby, cheerleading, and basketball.
4. Planning Board – athletic field lighting will be discussed at the October 6<sup>th</sup> hearing.
5. The next YSAB meeting will be shifted to October 17<sup>th</sup> because of the October 10<sup>th</sup> holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.



## Youth Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

### Attendees:

Tamika Coleman, Jim Gibson, Skylar Borman, Jeff Murphy, Nick Hildebidle, John Timmons, Dennis Burstein, Don Simpson, Suzanne Thibeault, Alex Purugganon, Danny Organek, Tommy Park, Jeff Newhouse

Guests: James Parajon, City Manager

Jim Spengler, DPRCA

Beth Znidersic, DPRCA

Dave Brennan, DPRCA

1. Attendees introduced themselves to City Manager James Parajon.
2. A roundtable discussion ensued regarding:
  - a. The services that each affiliate provides
  - b. The number of constituents that use our services
  - c. The economic activity that is stimulated by our services
  - d. Facility needs and capacity challenges
  - e. Legacy governmental practices that should be eliminated
  - f. Past efforts at facility development that were thwarted
  - g. Potential public/private partnerships
  - h. Upcoming budget challenges
  - i. Networking, including a possible end-of-season gatherings/parties
  - j. Middle school sports league possibilities
3. Beth Znidersic summarized the approval of the field lighting proposal and indicated that the first two installations will be Jefferson-Houston and Hammond.
4. Jim Spengler shared that city department heads have been instructed to prepare budgets that include 2% overall reductions because of the effects of the shallow recession.
5. Jim Gibson reminded the Board that volunteer-of-the-year recognition will occur during our December meeting.
6. Jim Gibson and Don Simpson spoke about the upcoming Alexandria Sportsman Club meeting and its Title IX theme.
7. Affiliates provided additional information regarding their fall and winter programming.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



## **Youth Sports Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Lee Center

### **Attendees:**

Jim Gibson, Skylar Borman, Jeff Murphy, Nick Hildebidle, John Timmons, Dennis Burstein, Suzanne Thibeault, Marvin Elliot, Bill Campbell, Tom Blackwood, Tommy Park, Jeff Newhouse

Guests: Numerous

Volunteers from all of the youth sports associations were recognized with certificates of appreciation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.