

**YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
LEE CENTER
7 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Athletic Field Impacts/Facilities Update – Beth Znidersic (Division Chief, RPCA)
2. RPCA Sports Office Updates/Reminders – Tamika Coleman (Division Chief, RPCA)
3. Affiliate Organizations Updates



Youth Sports Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2025
7:00 PM – Lee Center

Attendees:

Jim Gibson, Chair
Jeff Newhouse, Secretary & Alexandria Soccer Association
Tamika Coleman, RPCA Division Chief Recreation Services
David Brennan, Park and Recreation Commission liaison, District 3 Representative
Mike Scheuble, Alexandria Lacrosse Club
Danny Organek, Alexandria Wrestling Club
Bill Blackburn, Alexandria Little League
Marvin Elliott, RPCA, Basketball
Bill Campbell,
Jeff Murphy, ACPS Rugby
Tim Catron, RPCA

Guest:

Beth Znidersic, RPCA Division Chief Park Services

1. Athletic Field Impacts/Facilities Updates

- a. A multimedia report was presented by Beth Znidersic detailing the field use impact of scheduled improvements to the city's athletic fields (see page three for handout).
- b. Other discussions
 - i. Lockett – improvements are being implemented to accommodate increased use during Simpson's closure.
 - ii. Hensley – the first phase is nearly complete with an anticipated May re-opening (the restroom building may require a few more months of work).
 - iii. Witter's turf replacement will feature an organic infill system.
 - iv. Miracle Field's surfacing replacement will occur after camp use, but before the fall season starts.
 - v. Four Mile – laser leveling and bermudagrass sprigging may occur this summer.
 - vi. Boothe's turf conversion is still in permitting. LED lighting conversion is being considered.
 - vii. Simpson – contractor selection will occur later this month. Groundbreaking is planned for July 1.
 - viii. Four Mile #2 is scheduled for a multi-year closure beginning in 2026 to accommodate major sanitary sewer line replacement.
 - ix. Patrick Henry ES outdoor athletic facility completion is anticipated this spring.
 - x. RPCA is studying the potential use of robotic field lining equipment.
 - xi. RPCA is preparing for a comprehensive needs-assessment public survey later this year.

2. RPCA Sports Office Updates/Reminders

- a. Interviews are being conducted to fill Tamika Coleman's previous position.
- b. Field permit issuance is nearly complete.
- c. Discussions were held regarding field security and lighting systems.

3. Discussions were held regarding this Board's structure and composition.
 - a. Chair and officer succession
 - b. At-large members
 - c. ACHS representatives

4. Affiliate Organizations Updates
 - a. Alexandria Soccer Association
 - i. March tournaments are being hosted.
 - ii. April regular season starts with 3,000 +/- registrants.
 - iii. Winter Futsal summary
 - iv. Youth referee training
 - b. Alexandria Lacrosse Club
 - i. Player assessments are complete.
 - ii. League play begins 3/22.
 - iii. Eights divisions with 300+ players are anticipated.
 - c. Basketball
 - i. Officials training underway, including youth.
 - ii. 1,100 +/- registrants
 - iii. 5 select teams will be playing inter-county.
 - d. Baseball
 - i. Player assessments are complete.
 - ii. 700 +/- registrants, including t-ball and coach-pitch (up 5%).
 - iii. Coaching clinic completed.
 - iv. 3/29 opening day
 - e. Wrestling
 - i. Final tournament of seven being held this weekend.
 - ii. 80 participants guided by 15 volunteer coaches.
 - iii. Episcopal's facilities are being used while ACPC sorts out its priorities.
 - f. Rugby
 - i. The pre-season began in January.
 - ii. It is difficult to find opponents for the girls teams.
 - iii. The US is hosting major national rugby events this year; there is hope this will increase interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Athletic Field Impacts - City & ACPS Managed Projects

CY	Jan-Mar 25	Apr-Jun 25	Jul-Sep 25	Oct-Dec 25	Jan-Mar 26	Apr-Jun 26	Jul-Sep 26	Oct-Dec 26	Jan-Mar 27	Apr-Jun 27	Jul-Sep 27	Oct-Dec 27	Jan-Mar 28	Apr-Jun 28	Jul-Sep 28	Oct-Dec 28	Jan-Mar 29	Apr-Jun 29
FY	2025			2026			2027			2028			2029					
Patrick Henry Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Field (ACPS/City)	ACPS Led Project																	
James T. Lockett Jr. Memorial Field	City Led Project																	
Hensley Park Phase I Diamond Fields Renovation (City)	City Led Project	City Led Project																
Minnie Howard HS Project New School & Athletic Fields (ACPS)	ACPS Led Project	ACPS Led Project	ACPS Led Project															
Witter Rectangular (2) Synthetic Recarpeting (City)			City Led Project															
Miracle Field Resurfacing (City)			City Led Project															
Four Mile Run Park Rectangular Natural Turf Renovation (City)		City Led Project	City Led Project															
Simpson Park Diamond Fields (2)(City)			City Led Project															
A.L. Boothe Park Diamond Synthetic Conversion (City)				City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project											
G. Washington Rectangular Synthetic Conversion (ACPS)									* Per the Proposed School Board Budget									
Hammond Rectangular Synthetic Recarpeting (ACPS) *													* Per the Proposed School Board Budget					
Four Mile Run Park Field #2 (City/Commonwealth Project)									City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project
Limerick Field Rectangular Synthetic Recarpeting (City)												City Led Project						
J. Houston Rectangular Synthetic Recarpeting (ACPS) *																		

Legend:
 City Led Project
 ACPS Led Project

As of 02/10/2025

**YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
LEE CENTER
7 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Introduction/Meet & Greet of New Regional Program Director, Calvin Simpson
2. YSAB Chair Updates/Transition – Jim Gibson
3. Affiliate Organizations Updates



Youth Sports Advisory Board
DRAFT Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2025
7:00 PM – Lee Center

***Attendees:**

- Calvin Simpson III, RPCA, Designated Successor to Tamika Coleman as Board Coordinator
- Jim Gibson, Chair
- Bill Campbell, RPCA, Designated Successor to Jim Gibson as Chair
- Jeff Newhouse, Secretary, Alexandria Soccer Association
- Tom Blackwood, Alexandria Little League
- David Brennan, Park and Recreation Commission Liaison, District 3 Representative
- Dennis Burstein, ACPS, Chinguapin Wahoos Swim Club
- Tim Catron, RPCA
- Marvin Elliot, RPCA, City Basketball
- Danny Organek, Alexandria Wrestling Club
- Mike Scheuble, Alexandria Lacrosse Club
- John Timmons, Alexandria Soccer Association

***Note:**

- Please let the Secretary know if your position description needs editing.

AGENDA

1. Introduction/Meet & Greet of New RCPA Regional Program Director, Calvin Simpson III
 - a. Discussions were held regarding his assumption of Board Coordinator duties from Tamika Coleman.
 - b. Discussions were held regarding his previous positions at
 - i. Drexel University
 - ii. Clemson University
 - iii. Fort Belvoir
 - iv. Charles Houston Recreation Center
 - c. Discussions were held regarding his recent promotion to RPCA Regional Sports Director
2. RCPA & YSAB Chair Updates/Transition
 - a. Jim Gibson was thanked for his 20+ years of youth sports advocacy.
 - b. Bill Campbell was introduced as the new Chair.
 - c. Other Board news
 - i. Longtime Board Member, and perennial youth sports advocate Donnie Simpson will be leaving the Board.
 - ii. The Board is seeking nominations for the Vice Chair position.
 - iii. Increased Board participation is being sought from football, track & field, cheer, volleyball, and other sports.

- d. RCPA has a new Director – Hashim Taylor. Most recently, Mr. Taylor served as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he oversaw operations for more than 5,000 acres of parkland, 100 miles of trails, three golf courses, six swimming pools, and several recreation and cultural facilities.
3. Affiliate Organization Updates
- a. Alexandria Little League – we were informed of upcoming special game events with the Washington Nationals and Alexandria Aces.
 - b. Alexandria Wrestling Club
 - i. They are currently in the off-season but looking forward to November’s re-start.
 - ii. The Club is currently hosted by Episcopal High School.
 - iii. Equipment challenges at Minnie Howard Campus have delayed the Club’s use at that new facility.
 - c. Alexandria Lacrosse Club
 - i. Concerns were shared regarding the construction of the new artificial turf field at Minnie Howard Campus.
 - ii. Current construction documents dictate the installation of Unified Field Markings.
 - iii. Sanctioned youth/high school matches cannot be played on fields with Unified field markings.
 - iv. Several members of this Board indicated that they would reach out to ACPS executive leadership to address this issue.
 - d. Chinquapin Wahoos Swim Club – activities will begin after Memorial Day weekend with 200+ participants.
4. Other Notes
- a. It was noted that the Alexandria Little League Opening Day event has been a long-standing, revered tradition that the other sports affiliates should emulate and consider for their organizations. This year’s event was held on March 29th at Simpson Field.
 - b. Membership in the Alexandria Sportsman’s Club was advocated. It was founded in 1947 and operates as a non-profit, civic organization. Their sole purposes are to support local high school athletics and to recognize the achievements of our young athletes on the field and in the classroom. The annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

**YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, June 23, 2025
LEE CENTER
7 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Field Renovation Update – Beth Znidersic
3. YSAB Chair Updates/Transition – Jim Gibson / Bill Blackburn
4. Affiliate Organizations Updates

Youth Sports Advisory Board
Monday, October 20, 2025
Lee Center
7 p.m.

Agenda

1. Field Reports
 - a. Hensley
 - b. Simpson
 - c. Minnie Howard
2. Affiliate Organization Updates



Youth Sports Advisory Board
DRAFT Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2025
7:00 PM – Lee Center

Attendees:

Calvin Simpson III, RPCA, Board Coordinator
Bill Campbell, RPCA, Chair
Jeff Newhouse, Secretary, Alexandria Soccer Association
David Brennan, Park and Recreation Commission Liaison, District 3 Representative
Tamika Coleman, RPCA
Tim Catron, RPCA
Sarah Christie, Alexandria Soccer Association
Mike Scheuble, Alexandria Lacrosse Club
Alex Purugganan, AVA Magic Field Hockey

1. Facilities

- a. Hensley Park - Phase 1 renovation is 90% complete; restroom completion is next.
- b. Simpson Park - extensive renovations are well underway.
- c. Minnie Howard Campus - the turf field is open for use. RPCA programming allocation:
 - i. Monday through Thursday 8 PM-10 PM
 - ii. Saturdays 12 PM-10 PM
 - iii. Sundays 8 AM-2 PM
- d. Four Mile Run - the rectangular field renovation will be completed soon.
- e. Witter and Limerick turf fields - drainage infrastructure repairs are needed before carpet replacement can take place.
- f. Boothe - general contractors are being evaluated in anticipation of summer 2026 groundbreaking.

2. Affiliate Organization Updates

- a. Alexandria Little League
 - i. 2025 Fall season - 393 participants (90 softball, 110 t-ball/coach pitch, 193 baseball)
 - ii. 2025 Spring season - 732 participants (88 softball, 234 t-ball/coach pitch, 410 baseball)
 1. All-Star Highlights:
 - a. 8 Teams, over 100 players
 - b. Fielded 3 softball all-star teams for the first time.
 - c. Majors Baseball - made the district semifinal game.
 - d. IM - Went 6-0 in the District tournament and went to the state tournament in Va Beach.
 - e. Juniors - won the District tournament and finished 3rd in the state tournament in Tazewell, VA.
 - f. Softball Seniors – ALL hosted and competed in the softball state tournament.
 - iii. 2026 seasons - continued growth across all groups is expected. The focus will be on versatility - configuring existing fields to support the full range of smaller-field diamond sports (4-7 baseball, softball, Majors baseball and IM baseball). Dialogue will continue with the City regarding maintenance challenges, storage needs, equipment procurement, and Capital improvements (field lights, batting cages, etc.).

- b. AVA Magic Field Hockey
 - i. Established in 2022 - have since grown to nine teams.
 - ii. Consist of recreational, travel, and tournament teams.
 - iii. Provide four age groups - U10, U12, U14, U16.
 - iv. Participate regularly in the Howard County, MD leagues.
 - v. Have developed into a pipeline for City high schools.
- c. Alexandria Lacrosse Club
 - i. 80-90 fall participants
 - ii. Sent several teams to the NOVA Fall Brawl Tournament at Oakton High School.
- d. Alexandria Soccer Association Fall Season Highlights
 - i. Hosted the Heritage Cup Tournament on October 11-12 with 574 Total Games Played.
 - 1. 370 games were played in Alexandria.
 - 2. 38 games were played in Fairfax County.
 - 3. 166 games were played in Upper Marlboro, MD.
 - 4. 71 Alexandria Teams participated.
 - 5. 34 out-of-town teams were lodged in City hotels.
 - ii. SoccerInSchools Program
 - 1. Backed by U.S. Soccer's Innovate to Grow initiative, this program is a collaboration between ASA, ACPS and the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA), ultimately bringing a soccer unit into every second grade ACPS P.E. class this school year.
 - 2. Over 1,300 second grade students participated in the program, learning skills that are aligned with physical education standards and designed to promote school engagement, better attendance, and a passion for sport. The initiative also provides professional development for PE teachers, offering hands-on training through U.S. Soccer coaching educators so that the program's impact extends beyond its two-week span.
 - iii. SheLeads Initiative - ASA hosted an event featuring keynote speaker Ashley Hatch (Washington Spirit professional soccer player). 200 high school girls attended. Topics included life, sports, professional development, finishing what you start, focusing on the little details that make a big difference, being grateful, trusting the process, and always being prepared.
 - iv. ACPS Intramural Sports - dialogue has been established between ACHS and ASA regarding player participation, player support, de-conflicting programs, and de-conflicting field allocation.
 - v. Recreational Tournaments - ASA is hosting the November Totsfest and Harvest Cup. 90-100 city teams will participate.
 - vi. Academy Program - 24 teams will participate in college showcase tournaments in AZ, CA and FL.

3. Other Business

- a. The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025.
- b. RPCA has a customer service and programming online survey available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Youth Sports Advisory Board
DRAFT Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025
6:00 PM – Lee Center

Attendees:

- Calvin Simpson III, RPCA, Board Coordinator
- Bill Campbell, RPCA, Chair
- Jeff Newhouse, Secretary, Alexandria Soccer Association
- Tamika Coleman, RPCA
- Sarah Christie, Alexandria Soccer Association
- Mike Scheuble, Alexandria Lacrosse Club
- Vince Root, Alexandria Little League
- Bill Blackburn, Alexandria Little League
- Jim Gibson, At Large

1. Facilities

- a. Hensley Park - Phase 1 renovation is complete; restroom completion remains.
- b. Simpson Park - extensive renovations are proceeding on schedule.
- c. Four Mile Run
 - i. The rectangular field renovation is 99% complete and will be ready for spring use.
 - ii. Logistical planning has begun to mitigate the upcoming, temporary loss of the diamond fields.
- d. Witter - turf replacement will begin in June 2026.

2. Affiliate Organization Updates

- a. Alexandria Soccer Association
 - i. ASA is hosting the Capitol Futsal Cup tournament this weekend. Over 300 teams from 25 different clubs will be participating. Featured this year - exhibition matches with professional players who will also conduct clinics.
 - ii. ASA’s futsal league will begin in January. By most metrics, it is the largest futsal league in the country.
 - iii. Life skills training, including resume writing, is now available to all players U13 and older.
- b. Alexandria Little League
 - i. Scholarships (league cost and all required equipment) are available to anyone who needs one. In Spring 2025, ALL provided 17 scholarships (2% of 847 registered participants). In Fall 2025, ALL provided 9 scholarships (2% of 425 registered participants). We also provided 4 scholarships for our Summer/Winter clinics. ALL, to date, has NEVER turned down anyone in need of a scholarship.
 - ii. In Spring 2025, as part of the transition of T-Ball from the City to ALL, we offered free T-Ball to all participants (\$50 fee for T-Ball moving forward). In general, we work to keep costs as low as possible - considerably less than other youth sports programs in the City and lower than other area Little Leagues.
 - iii. ALL is required to use the Little League International Sports Connect system, which does not collect data related to diversity at registration. We do have location data, however, based on registration address. For Spring 2025, 92% of registrants were from an Alexandria City zip code. The percentage breakdowns are:

1. 22301 25.58%
 2. 22302 19.28%
 3. 22304. 21.34%
 4. 22305. 17.61%
 5. 22311. 1.93%
 6. 22314. 13.62%
- iv. ALL has a partnership with ACPS that is in its 5th year - throughout the school year, ALL representatives teach 2 weeks of baseball to every 4th grader in the city during their PE classes, reaching 1400 elementary students annually. Every participant gets an ALL water bottle (with the ALL website address on it leading to a landing page that has league and scholarship information in both English and Spanish) and then we partner with both school administrations and PTAs to get registration and scholarship information out to as many families as possible (when through Parent Square, is provided in the family's preferred language). ALL flyers are all published in the 5 most used languages in ACPS. ALL also participates at school outreach events as much as possible (MVCS Science Night, Polk Family Fun Night, Patrick Henry Fun Run, Cora Kelly Annual Mindfulness Extravaganza, etc...).
- c. Basketball
 - i. The recreational league season began today with 1,000+ registrants.
 - ii. Games will begin January 10.
 - iii. Select basketball has been underway for several weeks and has teams for grades 5 through 8.
 - iv. Referee training will begin later this month.
3. Other Business
 - a. Jim Gibson spoke about the Alexandria Sportsman's Club and encouraged all to join.
 - b. The club was established in 1947 and has several points of emphasis:
 - i. Recognize and support student-athletes.
 - ii. Provide scholarship funding for student-athletes pursuing college education.
 - iii. Build fellowship through the love of sports.
 - iv. Honor the City's history of high-achieving student-athletes.
 - v. Encourage and facilitate partnerships and collaborations between public and private high schools located in the City.
 - c. The club meets at the Boat Club on the third Wednesday of each month, and features dinner with guest speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.