

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, January 11, 2010

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jeff Murphy, Mike Neilson, John Timmons, John Ray, Richard Stone, Donnie Simpson, Bill Rivers

Staff member present: Mac Slover

Guest: Jim Spengler (Director, ADPRCA)

In Jim's absence, Bill started the meeting by asking Board members to review the December minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Bill then asked Jim S. to give an update on the City Council work session on fields and Urban Forestry.

Jim discussed the following points:

- The City needs 21 additional fields to meet the current demand.
- The 21 additional fields would cost \$165 million to purchase the land and develop the fields.
- The 21 field needs could also be met by converting four existing fields to synthetic turf and having them lit. That option would cost about \$7.9 million.
- The City has calculated that 1 synthetic turf field with lights equates to about 7 natural turf fields given factors such as night usage, better overall wear and tear, and availability in inclement weather.
- They also believe that putting in synthetic turf fields only makes sense if you put in the lighting so that you can maximize usage.
- The Department's current proposal is to put an artificial turf field at Ben Brenman Park and also put in lighting at that field, the baseball field, and the tot play area.
- The School Board is still pursuing a turf field at Hammond (Upper), but with no lights (due to neighborhood opposition).
- The Park and Recreation Commission has sent a letter to the Council supporting the Brenman proposal.
- The four synthetic turf fields that Jim sees in the immediate future are Brenman, 2 at Roth-Witter, and one more elsewhere in the City.

After some discussion, Mike suggested that people e-mail the Council as a whole with comments about the situation. Mac will also e-mail the Board members with the contact at the planning staff who is working on the Brenman proposal. That way, Board members can contact staff directly about things like field dimensions, etc.

According to Jim S., construction is scheduled to start at Roth-Witter this summer.

Mac also stated that construction was moving along at John Adams. The old backstop had been removed and the area has been marked off. Planned completion date is May 15th.

Bill then asked Board members to give their sports' status.

Mac:

- Girls Volleyball:
 - Finished in December.
 - Successful season.
 - Has resulted in 2 travel teams being formed.
- Softball clinics should take place in February/March.
- Baseball and softball registration is going on through the 15th.
- Girls Field Hockey:
 - Mac met with the T. C. coach.
 - Moving forward with a summer program – start as of mid-June.
 - Supporting funds coming from outside sources.
- Basketball:
 - 95 teams (one more than last year) – more players as well.
 - Season started last weekend.
 - Charles Houston Rec Center is being used – very nice facility.
 - The 14 & Under Girls and 17 and Under Boys will play games with Arlington County. Worked well in the past.
 - All Coaches will be provided with shirts by the Rec Department – 2 per team.
 - Team pictures will be on the 16th.

Richard (Girls sports):

- GW and Hammond are starting intramural sports between the two schools.
- Various sports will be done.
- Per Mac – the Rec Department will be meeting with TC about the possibility of Fairfax dropping freshman sports due to budget issues.

Jeff (Rugby):

- The Sportsmens' Club will have a Rugby Night on the 19th. Speakers from various rugby organizations are invited.

John R. (Little League):

- They will be doing registration tables at the Rec Center basketball games this weekend.
- They are recruiting for umpires now. They will provide training and will pay them.

John T. (Soccer):

- Soccer has raised its fees by \$15 per year.
- Increase is needed due to large increase in insurance fees.
- They are seeing Financial Aid needs increase.

Donnie indicated that two new Lacrosse coaches had been hired by T. C.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:00. Next meeting will be February 8th.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the January Meeting
- III. Presentation by Ron Kagawa & Beth Carton - Park Planning
- IV. Update on Fields
 - A. Ben Brenman Soccer and Baseball Fields
 - B. John Adams Baseball Field
 - C. Roth Witer Fields
- V. Business Plan Meeting - March 23
- VI. Youth Sports Section Report
 - A. Basketball Season
 - B. Football Hall of Fame
 - C. MARPSA Awards Program
 - D. Softball Clinics
 - E. Baseball & Softball Registrations
 - F. Girls Field Hockey
- VII. Program Updates
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Next Meeting Date – April 12
- XI. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 8, 2010

Summary Notes

Board Members present: Jim Gibson, John Timmons, Dennis Burstein, Jeff Murphy, Bill Rossello, Laura Fries, Richard Stone, John Ray

Staff Members present: Mac Slover, Ron Kagawa, Beth Carton

A summary of the Advisory Board minutes were approved from January 11 meeting.

Laura Fries of the Wahoos Swim team was welcomed as the newest member to the Youth Sports Advisory Board. Laura brings a wealth of community service experience to the board and plans to be an active member as she will represent the swim program.

Ron Kagawa and Beth Carton of the Park Planning Section presented a Comprehensive Park Planning Process on the fields which covers the inventory of general locations, park standards, Master Planning, Capital Development, and Operational Sustainability of new work and replacements of all capital field and park projects.

Ron and Beth presented to the board a draft on the Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Business Plan for the next three years. This business plan is consistent with the City Manager's "Roadmap for Change". Ron and Beth requested to receive any comments on the business plan before the April 2 deadline. They received several comments at the meeting on the plan.

Ron and Beth presented memos outlining the update on the Witter Athletic Field's schedule. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2010 and competition should be in December 2011.

Ron and Beth provided an update on Ben Brenman which included the final approval by City Council to be voted on May 9. Construction would then be scheduled to begin this summer.

The Potomac Yard Development owners plan to move the Potomac Yards Soccer Fields with lights behind the Simpson Field complex soon. A new upgraded power box has been installed by the contractor and Dominion Power. The construction for at least one natural grass field is scheduled to begin installed in FY 2011. It will take at least one full year, before the field can be used due to the natural turf field being installed. The current fields cannot be removed until both fields are in place and functional. The second field will be installed sooner after once the developer is ready to do the work.

In the roundtable discussion, Laura presented information about the swim team and some of the plans for the 2010 summer season. She stated they were going to have an open registration night

at Chinguapin Center on Friday, April 9. The swimmers will be able to meet the coaches and other swimmers as well as register for the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dennis Burstein of ACPS discussed the findings of INOVA on the childhood obesity rates. He stated 18 Francis Hammond and Minnie Howard students will attend the Congressional Fitness Program Conference in April in Washington, D.C. He stated the current Teen Health Clinic is moving to TC Williams in September 2010 and have its own outside entrance for more convenience.

John Timmons stated that the Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA) attendance has flatten out and is a little behind 2009. The fees run \$105.00 for the younger players and \$115.00 for the older players for both seasons. The season is scheduled to start March 27.

Richard stated that travel volleyball is really going well and that girl's fastpitch softball registration is about to close. They are looking for an exciting year.

John Ray of the Alexandria Little League (ALL) stated that try-outs are being held at Episcopal High School in the field house. Their cost for each season is \$75.00 for one child 12 years and younger, \$100.00 for a child 13 – 15 years old and \$150.00 maximum per family.

Jeff Murphy stated Rugby at T.C. Williams has begun. They have 30 boys and 20 girls completing in the Virginia High School Rugby League.

Jim stated that on March 14, the Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program will have a player, Connor McCulloch from the 75 lb. division go into the Fairfax County Youth Football Hall of Fame for the 2009 season. Conner and his family along with his coaches, the Recreation Department Sports staff and Commissioner Jim Gibson will attend the banquet.

Mac announced the Recreation Services Division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is developing a 3-year business plan. As part of the planning process, staff would like to meet with our stakeholders to provide input into this process. He stressed that Community involvement is critical to creating a successful business plan that will meet the needs of Alexandria residents. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 6:30 pm at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center. Jim and John Timmons stated they would be attending the meeting to represent the Advisory Board.

Mac gave a brief overview of the Sports Programs that are currently happening or that are upcoming soon. The basketball season championship games will be held on Saturday, March 13 at the Francis Hammond Middle School. There will be nine games that will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities has been a charter member of the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance since 2002. The Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance is a consortium of Recreation and Parks Departments, organizations representing sports officials, and sport governing bodies in the Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. area.

The mission of the Alliance is to develop and communicate a consistent message that organizations and their players, coaches and spectators will be held accountable to a code of conduct that promotes GoodSports and keeps recreational competitive and non-competitive sporting activities in proper perspective.

This year, the ceremony will be held at the Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission meeting on Thursday, March 18, at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. The 2010 City of Alexandria's Goodsports Athlete of the Year was Alex Duke, was honored for his quiet leadership, positive attitude, respect for others, and good overall sportsmanship in football, basketball and baseball. Coach Walter "Bell" Coleman, Jr. was honored as the 2010 City of Alexandria's Goodsports Coach of the Year for his demonstration of high integrity, ability and contributions in promoting positive sportsmanship to Alexandria youth in football and basketball. Mayor William D. Euille presented each award winner with a proclamation from the City of Alexandria for their accomplishments.

In new business, Jim stated that he is meeting with the Elk's Lodge and Departmental Club on establishing a Scholarship Fund for athletes in the City of Alexandria to attend and play Division II and III colleges. He will keep us updated on this process.

Jim stated that he has invited Yvonne Folkerts, Chairman of the Alexandria City Public Schools School Board to attend the meeting in April to discuss academics issues facing TC Williams High School and the school system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the March Meeting
- III. Roberto Albarracin of BBoyCandy Productions
www.bbcstudio.com – Sports Video Taping
- IV. Yvonne Folkerts, Chairman of the ACPS School Board
- V. Update on Fields
 - A. Ben Brenman Soccer and Baseball Fields
 - B. John Adams Baseball Field
- VI. Review of Business Plan Meeting - March 23
- VII. Youth Sports Section Report
 - A. Basketball Season
 - B. MARPSA Awards Program
 - C. Cheerleading Competition – April 10
 - D. Softball Opening Night Ceremony – April 21
 - E. Hershey Track & Field Meet – May 16
- VIII. Program Updates – See Handouts
- IX. Next Meeting Date – May 10
- X. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the April Meeting
- III. Special Guest: Councilman Rob Krupicka
Alexandria City Council Member
- IV. Review of Planning Commission Meeting – May 4
- V. City Council Vote on Ben Brenman Field & Lights – May 15
- VI. Update on Fields
 - A. John Adams Baseball Field
- VII. Youth Sports Report
 - A. Baseball/Softball Seasons
 - B. Hershey Track & Field Meet – May 16
 - C. Girls Field Hockey
 - D. Other Summer Sports Programs
- VIII. Program Updates – See Handouts
- IX. Next Meeting Date – June 14
- X. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from May Meeting
- III. Special Guest: Dr. Morton Sherman
ACPS Superintendent
- IV. Next Meeting - TBD
- V. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, June 21, 2010

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Mike Neilson, John Timmons, Bob Moir, Brian Donegan, Dennis Burstein, Donnie Simpson, Bill Rivers

Staff member present: Mac Slover

Guests: Mort Sherman (Superintendent, ACPS); Dennis Randolph (T. C. Williams); Steve Colantuni (T. C. Williams), Clark Mercer (Parks and Recreation Commission); Jim Spengler (ADPRCA)

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the time constraints of Superintendent Sherman.

Jim opened the meeting by introducing the guests and indicating that Superintendent Sherman had to leave early to attend two other meetings later in the evening. Jim then asked Mr. Sherman to address topics such as field issues and lights at T. C., as well as anything else he wanted to bring up.

Mr. Sherman presented his views on a range of issues, with emphasis on the following points:

- Future field design efforts by the School system will include the Parks and Recreation Department (ACDPRCA).
- Alexandria has to realize that future designs have to be based on urban concepts – buildings will be going vertical not horizontal due to density of the city and lack of open space. As such, he would endorse fields on the roofs of new buildings.
- The reconstruction of Jeff-Houston would be an example of this, as the existing field will be lost.
- Both Patrick Henry and Cora Kelly will be redone in the near future with grades expanded to Kindergarten through 8th grade (to alleviate pressures on GW and Hammond).
- Particular focus needs to be on development in the West End.
- Focus more on community schools – need more partners to help the kids.
- He would look to help work with the neighbors around T. C. about the lights issue.
- {Dennis Randolph added that there is also a noise issue with the neighbors about the loudspeaker system at T. C. The System seems to violate the allowable noise levels in the City and various engineers have not come up with a solution yet.

- Steve Colantuni also added that there is an agreement (which he hasn't seen) with the neighbors that restrict activities at that field. Mac indicated that he had seen the agreement and would try to get a copy for Steve.}
- Mr. Sherman mentioned that there will be an artificial turf field put in at Hammond – as part of settlement with the building contractor from its reconstruction. Looking for this to also have lights. Hopes that it can accommodate sports as well as Physical Education needs. Design this Fall with construction done by next summer. {John added that the field adjoining Hammond would be too small for any of the sports teams. Particularly with the existing walking track being continued. Mr. Sherman will make sure that field dimensions are addressed during the design to try to maximize use of the new field.}
- There will be one night game at T. C. this Fall. Portable lights will be used and the results analyzed as part of the lights discussion at T. C.
- Polk will have a new gym this October/November.
- MacArthur may be getting an artificial turf play area. The PTA has raised \$70,000 (about half of the funds needed) on its own. {Donnie asked any other interested parties to also contribute so the field can be built. Everyone was impressed by the PTA's fund raising abilities.}
- Mr. Sherman concluded with a statement about the need for a formal link between the ACPS and ACPRCA – particularly on things like the field issue.

Mr. Sherman had to leave for his other meetings at this time.

Mr. Mercer returned to the T.C. field issue and indicated that there supporters in the area for lights and that the Board needed to reach out to them during this discussion. He also said that it up to the ACPS to start the process for lights.

Steve Colantuni said that while lights were important, there were other issues as important at that field – no restroom facilities and no concession stand. Makes home games there difficult to schedule with other schools – or during playoffs.

Bob brought up the issue of use of Bishop Ireton's turf field and that the neighbors also complained about the noise there as well. If T. C. is being discussed, then Ireton should be added to the effort as well.

Jim Spengler echoed the comments from Mr. Sherman and said that the field at Jeff Houston will be lost due to the reconstruction. He then addressed a question raised by John about the timing of field construction at Jones Point. Options are 2 years to build the fields (and close the park altogether) or 4 years with parts of the park remaining open during construction. He felt that construction would be starting this Fall and would follow the 2 year option. However, he pointed out that the fields have been reduced to two small multi-purpose fields by the National Park Service rather than the two larger regulation fields proposed by the City. Probably won't be able to have games on them.

Mac volunteered to re-send the City's field study to the Board members as a reminder of efforts underway.

Jim Gibson emphasized that with the growth in the student population of Alexandria there would be increased pressure for new fields. He reminded members that the mayor would be there at the July meeting and that we should discuss this with him.

There was a general discussion about the need for a closer relationship between coaches at the T. C. level and youth coaches. Steve Colantuni indicated that there was additional safety training going on for T. C. coaches and that he would share that with the ADPRCA for its coaches. Both Mac and Steve indicated that good relationships were building and that both sides wanted to see even more cooperation. T. C. coaches would be invited to youth coaches meetings (Football has already done this).

Steve indicated that he would officially assume the position of permanent Athletic Director as of July 1st and would look forward to working with our Board.

Mac reminded the Board that there would be a field hockey clinic starting on June 22nd and continuing into the summer. This was a new initiative and he was excited about the turnout anticipated.

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for July.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the June Meeting
- III. Update on Landbay K/Simpson & TC Williams HS Issue
(Park Planning Staff)
- IV. Update on Upcoming Field Constructions
- V. Monitoring Developments on the Fields
- VI. Next Meeting Date – TBD
- VII. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, July 12, 2010

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Mike Neilson, John Timmons, Bob Moir, Richard Stone, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley, Mac Slover

Guests: Laura Durham (ADPRCA – planning); Dennis Randolph (T. C. Williams); Steve Colantuni (T. C. Williams); Jim Spengler (Director, ADPRCA)

Jim started the meeting by introducing Laura Durham from the ADPRCA's planning staff. He asked her to address some of the field issues that have come before the Board.

Laura started with the status of the Potomac Yards field:

- They had met with a group of concerned citizens regarding the new fields being started by the developer. This group was comprised of neighbors adjourning the site of the new fields.
- These neighbors didn't realize the impact of the fields until the developer started laying out the field sites.
- As of now, the City is holding to the field plan despite the neighbors' concerns. They will try to mitigate some of the impact on the neighborhood, but it will not stop the fields being put in.
- They are trying to educate the local community about the field needs and the existing regulations being followed.
- There will be a meeting with the neighbors next week. The City will advise us of that meeting time and some of the Board members will attend.
- Jim S. joined Laura in describing some of the concessions being considered:
 - How to generate additional parking without using the alleyway behind the neighborhood.
 - Staggered scheduling of sports events.
 - Adding more landscaping.
 - Move a rear entrance gate to the fields away from the alleyway.
 - Move the perimeter fence some to generate some open space (won't affect fields at all).

Jim S. also pointed out that the fields are on property also set aside for a new school in case the need arises. This is one of two sites being considered for elementary schools to service the Potomac Yards area. Due to the potential for a school there within the next 5 to 10 years, the City will **not** invest the money to make the fields artificial turf. It is also questionable about whether it makes sense to put lights in there given the school situation.

Jim S. then also pointed out that the fields would be the same size as the existing ones being replaced. While the area will be graded for larger fields, the City is not planning on expanding the fields as originally anticipated. There is no money available for the expansion.

He did point out that there would be a net increase in open space at Potomac Yards, but much of it would be cut up in small segments that won't allow for a field to be installed.

Richard made an official request, with the support of the full Board, to the ADPRCA to identify the extra cost of expanding the fields. That way, the Board could see what steps would be needed to raise the funds, if possible. Mac and Laura stated that they would get the information for the Board.

Laura then addressed the T. C. Williams artificial turf situation. There are restrictions on both having lights there and having excess noise being generated (by the public address system). She had the 2004 agreement that the City had entered into with the neighborhood that provided for the restrictions. She gave Steve a copy of that agreement. If lights were to be installed, the ACPS would have to generate a SUP application. She anticipated that there would be a pushback from the neighbors to such an action.

At the conclusion of Laura's presentation, Bill brought up the suggestion that the Board establish a Fields subcommittee to track actions being taken on the fields and to keep the Board up to date on any changes. He also recommended that John Timmons from soccer be the head of that subcommittee since soccer has the biggest field needs.

Jim felt that the suggestion had merit and asked Board members to respond to him by e-mail with their thoughts on the suggestion. John indicated that he would want the endorsement of the Park and Recreation Commission before taking any subcommittee actions. Jim indicated that he would contact Judy Noritake at the Commission and ask for the Commission's approval.

Mac alerted the Board to the success of the field hockey summer program. Very favorable articles in the local newspapers.

The meeting was then adjourned. There will be no August meeting.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the July Meeting
- III. Pros and Cons of Opening Fields for General Public
- IV. Update on T.C. Williams High School Field Use
- IV. Update on Upcoming Field Constructions
- V. Next Meeting Date – October 18 (Due to holiday on 11th)
- VI. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, September 13, 2010

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Mike Neilson, John Timmons, Bob Moir, Donnie Simpson, Skip Goree, Laura Fries, John Ray, Dennis Burstein, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley, Mac Slover

Jim started the meeting by asking the Board members to review the previous meeting's minutes. After review, the minutes were approved as written.

Jim then brought up an unfinished item from the previous meeting. He had discussed the idea of a Fields Subcommittee with Judy Noritake of the Board's parent organization – the Park and Recreation Commission. She elected not to take a position on the subcommittee, so Jim asked the Board members if they wished to pursue it. After a short discussion, it was agreed to have the subcommittee and the initial members are John Timmons, Bob Moir, and Bill Rivers.

The next subject for the Board was a request from the City as to its position on the issue of open fields. This pertained specifically to public use of the artificial turf fields (mostly the one at Minnie Howard). As part of the discussion, the following points were made:

- John Timmons – He's okay with the concept within reason. Somebody needs to monitor the usage and rules have to be developed as to how the fields are used during that period.
- Donnie – There needs to be a policy developed that sets forth the conditions for non-sports usage. We have to be aware of the limited resources that the City has in these fields.
- Mac – The City is considering charging a fee for the usage so they can pay for staff to monitor it.
- Donnie – It may be beneficial to focus on summer or winter time usage since the fields are tied up with sports teams almost exclusively in the spring and fall.
- Jim – Arlington is able to do this, so let's support it and see how we can make it work. Likes the idea of scheduling open play times on the field.
- John T. – As part of the process, we need to make sure what the insurance implications are.

- Mac – he'll research the issue some more and get back to the Board. He will also send the Board a copy of the City's response to Councilwoman Pepper on the issue.
- Jim – Asked the Board to officially endorse the concept of open field usage and encourage further efforts by the City to determine how it can work. The Board unanimously endorsed Jim's proposal.

Mac then addressed the status of the T. C. field usage. He had attended a meeting of the neighbors and T. C. recently. The big issues are a lack of communication and the P.A. sound system. Steve Colantuoni (AD at T. C.) will be having these meetings every couple of months. There definitely feels like there is a lack of trust in the situation. Mac will make sure that the issue is on the agenda for next month and will invite Steve to attend.

Other field updates:

- Ben Brenman
 - Construction of the artificial turf field has begun.
 - Should be done by mid-October.
- Potomac Yards
 - Developer is leveling the field now.
 - In response to the question of why the City had not responded to the Board's official request for cost figures to upgrade to artificial turf made two months ago, Mac explained that staffing shortages had delayed the response. The City now believes that it would cost another \$800,000 to \$900,000 to make both fields artificial turf. It would also be about \$300,000 to install lights there as well.
 - To make the fields bigger (without artificial turf), it would cost about \$65 per square foot.
- George Mason
 - Flood control mitigation work is beginning there. Will reduce the availability of parts of the field there during construction.
- John Adams
 - Baseball field is almost done.

Jim raised the issue of inviting more outside speakers to the Board meetings in the future (the Mayor, Council members, etc.). The members of the Board supported that approach and Jim will see about scheduling future guest speakers.

Laura alerted the Board that at a future meeting she would like the Board to discuss future plans for pools in the City. She would like the Board's support for the development of a plan to increase swimming in the City. She noted that the summer swimming program had its largest turnout this past year with over 130 kids participating.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2010.

(Note: John T. and Mac had to leave during the meeting to attend an ASA meeting).

Official Actions:

- The Board established a Fields subcommittee.
- The Board endorsed the concept of open play on certain of the artificial turf fields (within guidelines developed by the City).

Action Items:

- The fields subcommittee will research some of the field issues and report back to the Board.
- Jim will communicate the Board's position on open usage of fields to the Park and Recreation Commission.
- Mac will research the issue of open usage some more and get back to the Board.
- Mac will provide an updated e-mail listing for all Board members.
- Mac will ensure that Steve is invited to the next meeting and put the T. C. field issue on the agenda.
- Jim will continue to schedule guest speakers for future Board meetings.
- Laura will address the issue of a comprehensive City-wide plan for swimming pools at a future Board meeting.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the September 13 Meeting
- III. Sub-Committee Report on Field Issues
- IV. Update on T.C. Williams High School Field Use
 - A. Football Night Game Details
- V. Budget Hearing Meeting Notice – October 16
- VI. Collaborative Meetings
 - A. (Diamond & Rectangular)
 - B. Next Meetings
 - 1. Retangular – October 27
 - 2. Diamond – November 10
- VII. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Titan Football Tackle & Flag Program
 - B. Girls Volleyball Program
 - C. Lil' Slammers & Fundamental Basketball Camps
 - D. Basketball Registration
 - D. Cheerleading Program – Cheerleading Invitation
- VIII. Next Meeting Date – November 8
- IX. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, October 18, 2010

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, John Timmons, Dennis Burstein, Bill Rivers

Staff member present: Mac Slover

Jim started the meeting by asking the Board members to review the previous meeting's minutes. After review, the minutes were approved as written.

Jim reminded Board members that the first night football game at T. C. Williams would be played on October 29th. He felt that this could provide a good example as to how well the community would support the permanent installation of lights at the T. C. field. All Board members present supported that position and the Board officially endorsed the permanent installation of lights at T. C.

Jim also mentioned that he had sent an e-mail on behalf of the Board supporting the concept of open usage of artificial turf fields under certain conditions. He will provide Board members with a copy of that e-mail.

John then provided an update from the fields sub-committee established at the last Board meeting. Highlights were:

- The potential for lights at the new Potomac Yards fields
- Coordination of future plans for Chinquapin relative to T. C.'s needs
- The status of the G. W. and Land Bay switch
- Status of the Roth-Witter project
- Desirability of a "Miracle" field for handicapped access.

As part of the discussion on fields, Jim offered to send a letter from the Board to City officials formally asking for lights at the Potomac Yards fields. John asked him to hold off on that until he could meet with the developer to see what their position would be.

Relative to the "Miracle" field, Mac stated that a new one had been put in at Manassas Park and that he would see about scheduling a trip there. He also recommended that we coordinate with the Therapeutic Recreation Board on the "Miracle" field initiative.

As part of the efforts of the fields sub-committee, Bill indicated that a handout was provided to Board members that showed the need for better coordination between parties within the City – it identified opportunities that were lost in various projects that would have benefited the youth of Alexandria, as well as opportunities that were taken successfully and ones still to come for the City.

Jim than wanted to identify the sports on the Board to make sure that as many youth sports were represented as possible. Ones identified as having a representation were:

- Football
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Rugby
- Baseball
- Softball
- Swimming
- Track
- Volleyball

Along with the sports, there are two at-large representatives and one representative from the Alexandria City Public Schools.

The one growing sport not represented was field hockey. Efforts will be made to seek representation from that sport.

Sports with seasons going on presented their status:

- Jim (Football):
 - 11 teams in action.
 - Have completed 5 games out of the 7 regular season games.
 - Generally done well; some improvement needed at the elite level.
- Mac (Various):
 - Flag Football
 - Just started this season.
 - 72 kids on 6 teams.
 - Focused on kids too young to play contact football.
 - Mac will provide the schedule to Board members.
 - Volleyball
 - Just started season last week.
 - 2 divisions.
 - Off to a good start.
 - Basketball
 - Camps have been going on for beginning players.
 - Registration for the 2010-2011 season has begun.
 - Cheerleading
 - The Cheerleading invitational will be held at T. C. on December 11th.

- Mac had attended a sporting event in New Jersey and provided pictures of the sporting complex that he had been at. Pretty impressive.
- Jeff (Park and Recreation Commission)
 - There had been a city-wide meeting on kids in Alexandria and how to help them.
 - Being driven by Councilman Krupicka.
 - Focusing on one City-wide approach on kids.

Jim ended the meeting by saying that the next meeting would be November 8th and that he would try to invite the new principal at T. C. (Ms. Maxey).

Official Actions:

- The Board unanimously endorsed the permanent installation of lights at the T. C. Williams' field.

Action Items:

- Jim will provide Board members with a copy of his e-mail on open usage of artificial turf fields.
- Bill will e-mail Jim about meetings set up by the Fields subcommittee so he can attend if he wishes.
- Mac will arrange for a trip to Manassas Park to see the "Miracle" field.
- The Therapeutic Recreation Commission will be contacted about the "Miracle" field.
- John will meet with the developer regarding Potomac Yards.
- Representation from field hockey will be sought for the Board.
- Mac will provide the schedule for flag football to the Board members.
- Jim will see about inviting Principal Maxey from T. C. to the next Board meeting.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the October 18 Meeting
- III. Sub-Committee Summary Report on Fields
- IV. TC Williams HS Friday Night Football Game Summary
- V. Update on Field Renovations & Construction
- VI. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Titan Football Tackle & Flag Programs
 - B. Girls Volleyball Program
 - C. Lil' Slammers & Fundamental Basketball Camps
 - D. Basketball Registration – Upcoming Season
 - E. Cheerleading Program – Cheerleading Invitation
- VII. Next Meeting Date – December 13
- VIII. Adjournment