

Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC)

Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2016

Opening

The thirteenth meeting of the Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC) was called to order at 6:35pm on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in the Landscape Management Building by Eddy Hendricks.

Present

John Dorsett (KRA), Mike Kirby (WKYA), Sherray Gravely (WRL), Renee Bradshaw (ACHR), Eddy Hendricks (SM/CWA), Roberto Ramos (SM/CWA), Kevin Bennington (SM), Sherry Hawkins (SM/CWA), Bob Trahan (ODO)

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from June 16, 2016 were approved as written.

Old Business

Tackle Football Subcommittee Report

Main points of discussion were unlimited weight classes and insurance.

- Unlimited weight classes – in an effort to get more children involved, this initiative will be discussed in the off-season. Representatives from USA Football are willing to come in for discussion. VHSL may also lean towards USA Football guidelines.
- Insurance (one (1) million dollar liability insurance policy) is required by all City and School user groups. This is non-negotiable, ~~and must be on place by July 1, 2017.~~ (rev. 9/21/16)

New Business

Summary of Public Meetings

- 8 public meetings were held during the months of July/August 2016 at various locations throughout the City. Total attendance: 26; 5 of which were not affiliated with Recreation Associations. Several individuals with ties to Recreation Associations attended multiple meetings.
- Survey results, which are statistically accurate and demonstrate the community's needs, were shared at the meetings.
- Challenge: increased awareness (i.e. finding information about Recreation Associations). Link established today on our youth sports page (www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/sports/leagues/Pages/youth-leagues.aspx) that should assist in finding

the appropriate Recreation Association. An enhancement would be to have neighboring associations pop-up also. Considering making the same feature available for independent organizations.

- ActiveNet (new registration software) went LIVE on August 10, 2016. Scheduling software is included which should enable several process improvements for CWA.

Where do we go from here?

- Efforts need to be targeted at how to move forward. Every Recreation Association has “core” interests that can’t be changed/given up. Those should be identified, then move to those that can be changed. To make progress, we need to determine a course of action.
- Mowing issues - Call 385-1100 or use the VB Works app. *(More information about the app: a one-stop-shop for you to report a problem. Whether it’s a pothole, street light out, graffiti, flooding or other local problems that are a safety hazard or eyesore, the VB Works app makes reporting a problem easier than ever. The app uses your GPS to identify your location, provides a list of appropriate issues, and also allows you to snap a photo to add to your service request. Reports are automatically sent to the city and routed to the appropriate city department for resolution. You’ll also be able to follow your issue from the time it is reported until it is resolved.)*
- Bring all Recreation Associations together, and if one is not represented, those present will make a decision and move forward. Consensus may be difficult.
- Partnership Agreement - Establish equal/consistent opportunities for children to participate. How? Pool resources. What happens if an Association fails to meet expectations set forth in the agreement?
- Survey Results - results show community needs differ from what is currently being offered (and how it is being offered). Difficult to pull things from Recreation Associations.
- Football - programs aren’t what they could have been.
- Leadership expects us to go to the community for direction. The survey was one step, now the data from the survey that is relative needs to be applied. RASC can drive the next step.
- Data (from the survey) is in place. Subcommittee reports should be finalized and presented to RASC for vetting. Stress importance of consistent rules and fees across the City.
- Recreation Association ALL-CALL meeting for Recreation Association administration (officers, board members, sport coordinators, etc.) on October 18, 2016. (Time/Location TBD). Tentative topics: survey results, subcommittee

recommendations, U-model, tiered level of service, consistent fee, standard rules, partnership agreement.

- Suggested that RASC meet the week of October 10 for a dry run of the presentation.

Open Discussion

Renee asked it be noted the insurance requirement could have been better communicated; prior to the leagues fall 2016 registrations so the cost of insurance could have been included in budgets (rev. 9/21/16). John said notification was received at the February 2016 Field Allocation meeting.

Renee also asked for the Survey power point by email or some other way (rev. 9/21/16).

Homework Assignment

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Eddy.

NEXT MEETING

September 20, 2016

6:30pm, Landscape Management Large Conference room