

Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC)

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

Opening

The sixteenth meeting of the Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC) was called to order at 6:40pm on Wednesday, December 14, 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)

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from November 1, 2016 were approved as written.

Old Business

None

New Business

Draft of General Program Structure for Future Youth Recreational Sports

Eddy distributed the draft proposal that was developed based on feedback from the subcommittees, survey, RASC, All Call, public meetings, our own expertise as Recreation Professionals/CYSA (Certified Youth Sports Administrators), and City leadership (P&R Administrator, P&R Director, Deputy City Manager, and City Manager).

Discussion/Decision:

- 1) Based on the gap in service created by offering a Spring Flag Football League, it is recommended that this league (as presented – U6, U8, & U10 Flag Football) be moved back to the Fall (which is the “normal” sport season for football). Kevin explained that City Leadership doesn’t support P&R administering tackle football for children under the age of 10. However, there is a possibility for a Spring Passing League (administered by P&R/SM/PAAC Ops), open to all Virginia Beach residents, whereby teams would register with P&R and play weeknight games at the PAAC. Proposed age groups are U12, U14, U16, and U18.
- 2) With so many children playing VBRBL (baseball league administered by the volunteer Recreation Associations), John asked if this league could be represented within the proposal. It is recommended that P&R provide this league for the following ages: U6, U8, U10, and U12.
- 3) Middle School players should be able to participate in recreation leagues, with the exception of tackle football (for player safety).

Next Steps

Timeline for Communication

- 1) Draft will be revised to include feedback from RASC (provided at this meeting), and will be distributed to committee members no later than Friday, December 16, 2016.
- 2) RASC members will share with a few principal leaders within their association to gain additional feedback...with the understanding that this is a draft (nothing has been finalized).
- 3) RASC members will submit feedback gathered no later than Monday, January 9, 2017.
- 4) SM/CWA will compile feedback and send to RASC no later than Monday, January 23, 2017, in preparation for the next RASC meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Timeline for implementation

A final draft will need to be presented to City Leadership, and resources may need to be identified (through the budget process) in order to make any/all recommendations a reality.

Open Discussion

Eddy thanked everyone for their feedback.

Homework Assignment

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm by Eddy.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

6:30pm, Landscape Management Large Conference room