Sports Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 28th, 2026

Virtual Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Time: 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

- April 23rd, 2026, meeting minutes

Old Business

New Business

- Capital Investment Program Presentation by Park Development Division Chief Erik Beach
- Bike Committee Discussion with Chair, Cynthia Palmer
- Proposed Changes to Joint Meeting with PRC
- PSMP Refresh Meeting Update
- 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan Drafts

Commission Member Reports

- Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison Update
- Chair updates
- Open Sports Commission Seats

Upcoming Sports Commission Meetings

- **June 25th (In-person)**
- **August 27th (Field Trip)**
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Commission Members Present:
Chair, Lizzy Stell
Vice Chair, Hamilton Humes
Member, Peter O'Shanick
Member, Joseph Dunn
Member, David Lansing
Member, Preston Redd
Member, Kyle Brown
Member, Sam Watzman (Virtual)

Commission Members Absent:
Member, George Thompson
Member, Meredith Wearing
Member, Megan Sullivan

County/APS Staff:
Ignacio Rodriguez, DPR
Mariah Leonard, DPR

Start: 7:03PM

Public Comment

- None

Approval of Minutes

- February 26th, 2026, meeting minutes
  - Motioned – Joseph Dunn
  - Seconded by Peter O'Shanick
  - Approved
- March 26th, 2026, meeting minutes
  - Motioned – Joseph Dunn
  - Seconded by Peter O'Shanick
  - Approved

Old Business

- Recap of March 2026 Joint Meeting and Budget Presentation
  - SC Members discussed the "tough turnaround" experienced in March after the budget presentation, noting that the joint meeting schedule often leaves the Commission with insufficient time to discuss the budget internally before public comments are due.
    - To address this, the Commission proposed moving the annual joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to a different month, to allow for better coordination.
    - There was strong support for making the formal budget presentation a virtual, recorded meeting. This would allow Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) leadership to present once to multiple commissions

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efficiently, while allowing individual commissions to meet separately afterward to digest the data.
    - Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
        - Members emphasized that joint meetings should focus more on "intersection points" between parks and sports, such as shared facilities and community centers, rather than just social "icebreakers"

New Business

- Update on County Board Meeting by SC Chair, Lizzy Stell
    - Gymnastics Program Status: The Chair confirmed that the County Board has decided to retain the gymnastics program at the Barcroft Community Center.
        - Fee Structure Changes:
            - The competitive gymnastics program will see a 25% fee increase (a reduction from the originally proposed increase)
            - Recreational gymnastics classes will see a 50% increase, bringing them closer to private-sector market rates.
            - Adaptive gymnastics will see a nominal 3% increase for cost-of-living adjustments
    - Winter Restroom Closures: Rather than the originally proposed 19 winter bathroom closures, the Board approved closing 9 bathrooms from November 15 through March 15 as part of the FY27 adopted budget.

- SC Member Discussion on Interests of the Members
    - Recruitment Priorities: The Commission currently has open seats needing to be filled.
        - Members discussed the need for diverse representation and will prioritize recruiting individuals from the following areas: Rowing, Lacrosse, Running, and Tennis, young working professionals and "social sports" participants.
    - Specific Advocacy Areas: Members expressed interest in researching and advocating for.
        - Officiating Quality: A "quality assurance" look at the training and availability of referees for youth and adult leagues, noting a general shortage of scholastic officials
        - Strength Facilities: An assessment of strength and powerlifting equipment at community centers like Long Bridge
        - Sports-Specific Outreach: Continued focus on adult soccer, wrestling (particularly youth and women's wrestling), and aquatics
- Discussion on 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Workplan
    - Chair Lizzy Stell will take the lead on the 2025 Annual Report, while Vice Chair Hamilton Humes will focus on the 2026 Workplan.
    - A key goal for the 2026 Workplan is to invite a representative from a different sports group (e.g., Arlington Soccer, Lacrosse, etc.) to present for 20–25 minutes at meetings to ensure the Commission remains connected to user needs

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Commission Member Reports

- Chair updates
    - PSN Refresh Meeting: A survey regarding public spaces has been completed. A summary of results will be presented on May 27, 2026, at Walter Reed Community Center during the next Refresh meeting.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison Update
    - Liaison Adam Rasmussen provided an update on recent Parks and Rec discussions, noting their shared focus on the budget, gymnastics, and the impact of the restroom closures.

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Adjourn: 8:10PM

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