

VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA

April 22nd Business Meeting Minutes

Location: Herndon Community Center

Meeting Minutes

Welcome - Julie

Connect before Content - Julie

- **Chairperson's Report: Julie**

VRPS Conference – Registration open

Fall Workshops speakers and space needed for the fall

- **VRPS Board Liaison – Steve Torpy**

Directors Conference – approx. 50 Directors in attendance

- No sessions more of a round table with feedback
- Try to incorporate feedback sessions into state conferences, problem solving in small groups
- Questions about Federal grant reduction funding – example: Back to work order effects Northern VA but not Craig County
- More workgroups at conference – Speakers needed for VRPS conference, or Topics requested that you would like to see.

Outdoor Recreation being highlighted at the VRPS Conference in Roanoke

VRPS Board beyond the Playground – Contact Steve if you are interested in speaking on the Podcast

I play too – the ones who work while others play – as professionals we need to find time to play too

August 23 kings' dominion VRPS Trip

Play all Day - June 20th

- **Communications Chair Report (Emma Charles)**

Summer Social at Dave and Busters May 30th - Free for members and non-members on NSA page website.

Sign up for NSA email list - ([Login in](#)> My Profile>My Features> E-Lists)

- **Review & Treasurer's Report**

VRPS tracking funding differently, reports will be made after each event prior instead instead of doing projections.

- **Resource & Specialty Group Reports:**

- o Aquatics

- June 11th at 12:00 – Microsoft teams meeting email Michael Suggs msuggs@pwcgov.org for more information.
- Richmond in person meeting TBD

o Park Operations

- Virtual Roundtable on Project Management – May 11th at 11:00 on zoom. Contact alister.perkinson@jamescitycountyva.gov

o Senior Resource Group

- May 2nd from 10:00am -3pm “ Zen Day” at Beulah Recreation Center in Chesterfield. More information contact Sue Miller (805) 706-2600.
- Last speaker spoke about retirement and the effect that might have on patrons/participants

o Special Events and Marketing

- May 28th at 10:00am – virtual roundtable topic Mental Health & I Play Too. Contact latanja.snelling@fairfaxcounty.gov

o Therapeutic Recreation

- Tuesday, May 27th quarterly meeting discussion topic assessment & inclusion request breakdown. Contact tracy.newsom@jamescitycountyva.gov

o Health and Wellness

o Outdoor Recreation

- Next meeting on May 8th topic Nature Centers. Zoom Contact Hannah Lagana-
bellh@colonialheightsva.gov

o YoPro – Young Professional Network

- Next meeting June 9th at 1:00pm. zoom – Topic: So You Wanna be a Director? Contact Katie MacCammon Kmaccammon@fairfaxva.gov.

o Camp Coalition

- Katie MacCammon Kmaccammon@fairfax.gov

• Around the Room – Updates from Jurisdictions

Loudoun County PRCS: Staff Development day, earth day, Spring photo shoot for families, pizza building workshop, Latino Festival May 4th, Bluegrass festivals wrapping up, Summer Camps, Free Moon Lockett's Bounce Morning, Free water day, Line dancing, free movie nights, candy bar bingo, teen lounge, afterschool supervisor programs. Working to finalize Ashburn Rec and Community Center Opening (Fall Workshop space?) Senior Appreciation Day, Oak Hill Farm State Park – Monroe Document Written on site, Teen Volunteer Program, Play all day VA sunrise yoga at LVCC. Petting zoo at egg hunt, Sterling healthy habit grant – Adopt a demonstration garden bed for learning planting health foods and have field trips set

up to journal healthy habits. Lockett's Easter bunny breakfast, playground with public safety large turnout, creative space in CMRCC, Marketing all events, Arts Plan, Training for Conflict resolution and customer service, documentation is key.

City of Alexandria: New Department Director. Summer Camps filling, Large Rec Program Cheerleading Program, Rec Fest May 3rd

Prince William County: Aquatics gaining as much information as possible, Pool extravaganza, international water safety day all ages, one day camps on teacher workdays, summer camps

Reston Association: Pickleball, pools full, aquatics all staff and camps all staff in may and June, Big Events – Family Yard Sale at Reston Association April 26th

Herndon Parks: Public works partnership for beautification, Camp on the go to reach out to the community, summer camps, nature fest, fishing derby, hiring summer camp staff, successful easter event. Aqua egg hunt, add more sessions because it was sold out. Jr Lifeguard and Jr swimming. Swim Olympics. Kiddie open gym, career days. Gearing up for summer camp. Outdoor egg hunt over 500 people, volunteer appreciation day, new concert series for performing arts, cornhole tournament.

Cunningham Rec: Parks and Playgrounds, Lunch Sponsor, get out and play!

Falls Church: Moving back into a new facility right in time for summer camp, Part Time Temp position to assist. Dance Recital season. City Special Events – Part time temp, position posted for events. Egg hunt success, Memorial Day parade, June concert series, June pride programs,

City of Fairfax: Tax cuts or Tax rates effect services and programming, History Day/Earth Day Combo

Town of Vienna: Special Event heavy in the summer, flashlight egg hunt, EPACT for paperwork has a piggyback clause is other jurisdictions are interested.

Next Event:

• Summer Social

May 30th 3:00 – 5:00pm

Dave and Busters at Fair Oaks Mall – Free and open to all members and nonmembers. Bring a friend!

Workshops:

2SLGBTQIA+ Diversity and Inclusion through Policy and Programming

- Debby Huffman, CPRP and Noah Callahan – [MRPA](#); Lauren Pruitt, ESQ – [FreeState Justice](#)