

**VRPS NORTHERN SERVICE AREA**  
**September 8, 2021 - 10:00am**  
**McLean Community Center & Microsoft Teams**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Abby Kimble, Town of Herndon, Amy Youngs, City of Falls Church, Brian Gannon, Reston Community Center, Cynthia Hoftiezer, Town of Herndon, Divya Vashishth, Fairfax County, Emilie Shumate, Fairfax Park Authority, Jimmy Lyon, Fauquier County, Julie Frederickson, Fairfax Park Authority, Julie Miles, City of Alexandria, Kat Fish, Prince William County, Kelly Koernig, Town of Warrenton, Kevin Williams, Fairfax Park Authority, LaTanja Jones, Reston Community Center, Myla Neal, Loudoun County, Nick Burt, Reston Community Center, Tommy Cureton, Town of Warrenton

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Introductions**

**III. Review & Approval of Agenda** Cynthia Hoftiezer motioned to approve, Emilie Shumate seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes**

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Cynthia Hoftiezer motioned to approve, Emilie Shumate seconded the motion. All approved.

**V. Introduction of New Board Members**

**VI. Review & Treasurer's Report**

- \$370, need \$500 to fulfil yearly obligations

**VII. Board Liaison Report**

- Karen Lussier named to the VRPS Board
- Board Meeting tomorrow
- Conference 200 attendees
- Leadership Orientation scheduled Dec. 2, 10A-2P, Colonial Heights
- Next week- last Real Talk- Trans Community
- Treasurer Meeting with accountant on 22 budget
- Working to hire new executive director

**VIII. Resource & Specialty Group Reports:**

- Aquatics – no report
- Awards Committee – voting concluded two weeks ago – award ceremony will be held at the business lunch on Tuesday
- Camp Coalition – no report
- Health and Wellness – first vote for board in October, accepting nominations for chair & recorder. Discussing mask policies, collective bargaining – shared resources. Next meeting is October 8, 10am
- Park Operations – Kevin Williams - New to PORG
- Senior Programming – next meeting Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Survey going to SRG to determine topics to discuss in November
- Special Events and Marketing – no report
- Therapeutic Recreation – no report

**IX. Chairperson's Report: (Amy Youngs)**

- Work Plan Update – Survey will go out soon to NSA members – responses will shape 2022 work plan. Questions will include ranking NSA goals, educational topics, meeting locations and more. Current work plan can be found on the website.
- Remaining 2021 Meeting & Event Schedule- Meeting Themes – November 17 meeting will be at the Reston Community Center. Business meeting and Roundtable on Equity & Inclusion led by

new NSA board member Hashim Taylor. Board will arrive early for lunch – BYOLunch if you would like to join us.

## X. Subcommittees:

- Social Committee Update - Conference social will be held on Sunday between last session and Keynote dinner on the patio adjacent to the pool. We will have yard games and raffle items. Winter social is the first Friday in January – we are looking for location recommendations.

## XI. Roundtable:

### Reston Community Center

- § Starting fall season
- § Currently hosting in-person and virtual programs
- § Aquatics Manager is open for recruitment
- § Mask mandate in effect per Fairfax County
  - Have seen facility rentals change based upon mandate- some are comfortable and some are not
  - Masks may be removed to eat

### City of Alexandria

- § Open and running fall programs
- § Virtual program weren't really popular
- § Summer camp was successful
  - Outdoor pool was closed during the summer for renovations
- § Have been offering private rentals
- § Hosting Alexandria HD until at-least January
- § Received grants for after school programming (enrichment)
- § All staff must be vaccinated or tested once per week- includes contractors
  - Fairfax County has created an app that allows you to upload your card
  - Test kits are being distributed- paid for by County

### Town of Herndon

- § Not requiring vaccinations
- § Great summer camps- almost exclusively outdoors
- § Fireworks celebration
- § Now expanding hours at the community center
- § Incremental programming
- § Planning some fall events
- § Holiday Arts and Crafts show
- § Tennis bubble goes up next week
- § Brochure printing has been reduced

### Fairfax

- § Cub Run
  - Summer camps were popular
  - Indoor water park was busy
  - Fall classes start next week (registration required)- waiting to see how these progress
- § Kevin
  - PORG Group- playground maintenance course in Leesburg September 14- CANCELLED
- § Emile
  - Hiring Executive Director- awaiting approval from BOS
  - Multiple FT positions
    - ® Lake Fairfax Park Manager
    - ® Maintenance Worker
    - ® Management Analyst
    - ® Senior Park Planner

## Warrenton

- § Facility Services Coordinator starting soon, adding a Programmer soon and exercise staff coming soon. Building Engineer began yesterday
- § Events - Hosting Children's Halloween Parade down main street with Trunk or Treat. Holiday Decorating contest in December
- § Evaluating how they can use AARPA funding

## Loudoun County PRCS

- § Hosted largest tournament to date
- § Master Plan approved
- § Recruiting for Hal and Bernie Hanson Park/HR Recruitment/Project Manger/Marketing Manager
- § CAPRA presentation at NRPA
- § Preschool is up to 80%

## Falls Church

- § Falls Church Festival this weekend- largest event since COVID
  - Bounce-houses/beer garden/games/activities
  - Typically hosts 12K
  - Less vendors and will spread out more than usual
- § Fall classes
  - Enrollments are good, toddler classes doing well outside
- § Looking at moving back to virtual fitness classes
- § Hosted camps in the new HS

## **XII. Adjourn**