

Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council
February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

Present:

Council Members Ron Harpel, Emily Russell, J. Preston Childs, Will Niemann-Ross, Lynnette Buffington, Jane Moore and William Privett.

Staff: Commissioner Reid, Bob Houston, Cassie Swan

II. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes for the January, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted with a couple minor changes.

III. Program and Facilities Updates

- A. The opening festivities for the new multipurpose field at SERA will be March 5 at 1:00.
- B. Chili Chase run in February had 192 participants.
- C. Mud Run in Swan Creek coming up in March. Hoping for 600 participants this year.
- D. Youth Baseball registration under way.
- E. Public meetings for the Mission Led Comp Plan are continuing.
- F. Ft. Nisqually is still closed for about 2 months for remediation.

IV. Run the Park Series update and Swan Creek Mud Run

A. Cassie Swan provided a detailed overview of the 2016 Run the Park Race Series including the dates, times, locations and themes for all the 2016 races. She highlighted the new race in April in partnership with the Tacoma Rainiers and the addition of new kids only runs in May and November. She also gave an overview of the upcoming Mud Run and talked through the individual obstacles being created at Swan Creek for race participants. She answered some logistical questions in regards to the Swan Creek area and talked about challenges in programming that area. It was recommended that she reach out to JBLM about possible future programming ideas that could be done in cooperation with the military.

V. Old Business

A. Joey sent some follow up information in regards to last month's crumb rubber discussion. His research indicated that the system that operates the lights is compatible with the magnetic system that locks the bathroom doors so it will be arranged that the bathrooms will lock about a 1/2hr after the lights are programmed to go off. In regards to posting signs informing the public about the dangers of crumb rubber he replied that the arsenic issue in the soil is a fact with date backup where the crumb rubber issue is still new and very little if any data to back it up. He will continue to follow legislation and all other crumb rubber news as warranted. It was mentioned to be sure and follow up with Pierce County Health and any and all health studies that they may do in regards to this subject.

V. New Business

A. Bob handed out and led a discussion on the Outdoor Fields Inventory Study that he and the Tacoma Public Schools have been working on for quite some time. Both Metro Parks Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools have passed bonds in recent years and the idea of working together in regards to outdoor fields is what formulated this group and project plan. He explained the large data collection which began the process and how that data and the committee's research formulated into Findings and ultimately to a place of recommendations concluding the project. The committee talked about the huge need for this project and that this was something they have talked about in the past and with School District staff that has visited their ALCW Committee. They commended staff for the great deal of work involved in this project and asked some specific questions in regards to Lincoln High School and also Portland Ave. There were some questions and answers in regards to usage numbers and specific user groups. The committee was excited about this plan and wanted to be kept updated on the progress.

VI. Good of the Order

- A. Jane Moore pointed out that there was a conflict with the March meeting so after some discussion the March meeting will be moved up one day to Wednesday, March 23rd instead of the regular Thursday evening time slot.
- B. Next Meeting: Wednesday March 23 at 6:30 in Main Conference Rm.

VII. Adjournment