

Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council  
March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

Present:

Council Members Brian Looper, Jennifer Wynkoop, Jane Moore, Darren Campbell, Steve Wells, Will Niemann-Ross, and William Privett.

Staff: Commissioner Reid, Bob Houston, Joey Furuto, Roy Fletcher

II. Program and Facilities Updates

A. There are 33 flag football teams now playing. Due to muddy conditions, games are shifting to Wilson High School turf fields. Much appreciated coordination with the school district!

B. Saturday will be the annual Mud Run at Swan Creek.

C. Alum treatment at Wapato has been briefed to the Board by the Contractor. Next comes public meetings. Target for application is first two weeks in May, depending on continued cool weather.

C. Commissioner Reid reported that the Legislature continues to deliberate on the Capital Budget. It appears the Eastside Community Center may not get all funds requested. He reported on the recent Board retreat. They worked on Board development, and found they are well along the way, in part due to work done towards CAPRA accreditation. They had policy discussions of sustainability, possible use of LID at Point Defiance, means for expediting development of Waterway Park, and pricing and cost recovery. The Commissioner reported that access to swimming and all other facilities and programs is now linked to eligibility for the school lunch program, easing administration and leading to greater use of MPT facilities. There is concern for traffic flow into Pt. Defiance and that a new parking garage may not be cost effective, since parking is limited only a few days each year.

D. The Commissioner and staff told us about the new Assistant Executive Director, Peter Mayer.

III. SERA Multipurpose Field Update – Roy Fletcher

A. We were given a detailed overview of the status and use of the new turf field at SERA. Staff just finished the one-year warranty walk thru. There are two kiosks at entrances which post schedules. When the field is not reserved, the public may use the fields for informal play. Roy listed the many community groups reserving the field. Parking remains an issue, especially near the Boys and Girls Club, with access by emergency vehicles a special concern. In addition, traffic volumes and speeds raise concerns for pedestrian safety. The field fees have exceeded revenue targets, but this may be explained by SERA being the only comparable lighted field turf facility, and soon Foss and Wilson will also be lighted. Though the school charges less for field use, MPT offers superior field maintenance, including grooming, magnet sweeps and antibacterial treatment. MPT stores replacement field turf nearby so that the replacement turf weathers to match that on the field.

IV. Old Business

A. Jane reported that Walk Tacoma begins its 2017 series two weeks from yesterday and will continue on the first Wednesday each month through October. The first walk is in Wright Park.

V. New Business

A. Will Niemann-Ross was elected Council Secretary.

B. Janet Whaley will be nominated to the Board as a new member of the Council.

VI. Good of the Order

A. Next Meeting: Thursday April 27 at 6:30 in Main Conference Rm. (note date change)

VII. Adjournment