

Vashon Commons Committee
August 5, 2009
7:00pm
McMurray Library

Voting Members Attending:

David Hackett, VPD Board Representative
John “Oz” Osborne, VISD Board Representative
David Wilke, VISD Facility Director
Stephanie Spencer, VISD Athletic Director
Wendy Braicks, VPD Executive Director
Scott Rice, VPD User Group Representative

Also Attending:

Tim Lafferty, VPD Maintenance Supervisor
Ron Krieger, VPD Athletic Fields Groundskeeper
Wendy Paridon, VPD Facility Coordinator
Betsy Frazee, Junior Civic Ballet Artist Director
Pam Saunders-Osness, Junior Civic Ballet Administrator
Michael Soltman, VISD Superintendent
Paul Wallrof, Youth Football

Welcome

Everyone introduced themselves and stated their relationship to the committee. Some new folks were attending.

Procedures and Process for the Committee – David H

David provided a document, Vashon Commons Committee, Rules and Procedures. He noted that one change was needed correcting item 4.0 b. It should read – “In order to act, the Commons committee must have a quorum present, which requires that four of the seven members be present.” There were no other recommended changes but all agreed this would be an evolving document to include new sections as needed.

Scott moved to adopt the Rules and Procedures; Wendy B seconded. All approved.

Interpreting the Interlocal – David H

The question of how to make certain decisions was addressed. The group agreed that using staff to figure out details of the interlocal was correct. The day to day implementation of the interlocal can be done informally by staff using reasonable judgement. If that doesn’t work, the interlocal does provide for a dispute committee to work through issues not clearly laid out in the interlocal. As we proceed, it was agreed that ways to solve issues that come up may become part of policy and procedure as appropriate.

School and Park Levy – David and Oz

Oz and David updated the committee on both districts intention to run levies in November. There was some discussion of how the two levies might support the other.....common theme of maintenance for both. Oz noted that the school board

seems split on the plans for a new gymnasium and/or improvements to the existing. He encouraged the committee to provide input to the school board on this subject. The sub committee to address Capital Facilities Planning, led by Susan Lofland, will be a good source of input for the school bond planning happening this fall.

David noted that a question had come up from the high school on the special fund that has been in place for several years to replenish the specialty light bulbs needed for the theater. Each group who uses the theater for a performance must pay \$50 into this replacement fund. To continue this fund, it needs to be reestablished with the new interlocal. He suggests the committee vote to continue this fund. It was moved and seconded to continue funding the bulb replacement program. David H will bring to VPD board for approval as all fees must be approved.

Policy Format – Wendy and Wendy

Wendy B presented a draft policy format model. Wendy P presented two draft procedures for consideration. All agreed to look these over and offer suggestions, etc at the next meeting.

Field Maintenance and Lighting – Ron and Tim

Ron reported that the pump that went out for the irrigation system of the stadium and practice field is fixed. He reports that the school groundskeepers have been very helpful and he is collecting information on the soils to create a maintenance plan for budgeting and planning purposes. Tim reports that the lighting will need to be provided with diesel generators as the lighting can not run along electrical lines or be added to the practice field with the existing stadium lights. All agreed the lighting must be in place by Oct. 1. A funding source for the lights is still to be determined. The grant writer working for the park district will include this in her search.

Athletic Fields Sub-Committee – Scott R

The members of this committee have been identified: Don Amick – soccer, Wendy P – Parks, Matt Amundsen – Football, Joe Wald – baseball and parks, Hal Smith – Lacrosse. They will meet before the next meeting to report on their short and long range plans.

Action Items – All

It was agreed that the sub-committees should meet before this committee meets again. They should work on providing some draft procedures/policy/recommendations for consideration by this committee. Anything they draft should be made available to this committee one week before the next meeting date so we are prepared to address them.

Next Agenda:

- Sub-committees report – draft policy/procedures for review – All
- Map of VC areas – Final of areas described by interlocal – Tim/Dave W
- Draft maintenance Plan for fields- Tim and Ron
- Field Closure Policy – Athletic Fields Sub Committee
- Scheduling Priorities as described in interlocal - ?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 30, 7:00.

LOCATION CHANGE: Due to the Open House at McMurray School on this night, we will meet in building F, Room 107. (This is next to the band room in the brick building across from the high school gym)