

**Virginia Recreation and Park Society
Central Service Area Meeting – April 5, 2018
New Kent
Minutes**

Minutes are in draft form until approved at the August 2018 meeting.

Attendees: Kim Turner, Marlie Creasey-Smith, Sharon Entsminger, Paul Wilmoth, Jeff Bona, Heather Clement, Nil Patel, CJ Daniel, Tabitha Martinez

Business Meeting

Nil called the Business Meeting to order.

Roundtable introductions.

Minutes from the April 2018 meeting were approved with two amendments.

CSA budget: How to generate funds for the remainder of the year.

Discussion needed for sponsored memberships – is this the best use of the funds? Are sponsored memberships working. Kim said Allison Fox, King William, still wants to be involved.

No funds have been spent or raised at this point.

Workshop: possible for the fall.

Ideas: boards and commissions, bringing fun to parks and recreation, dealing with legal issues, Parks and Recreation toolkit. Should it target a specific work group or be more general to draw participation? Hot topics of interest to everyone – guns in parks, self-defense, customer service, “is that my job?”, dealing with the unexpected.

Senior Resource Group Workshop is in Sept. Annual Conference in Nov. CPSI in Sept.

Southwest held workshop on safety and active shooter. 70 people attended. Very well received.

CSA looking at October 3 as possible date. Chesterfield or Henrico as possible location. Nil will reach out to Aaron, Tabitha and Paul to focus on content. Tabitha and Paul are interested in co-chairing.

Cost to stay in \$25-\$30 range.

Board meeting will be held April 19. Kim will take ideas to the meeting.

By-laws: reviewed by Henrico. Suggested changes to be sent to membership for input back to Heather.

Sponsored membership: Is this the best way to administer this? The expectation is that the member becomes actively involved.

Sending Chair to conference as an idea for use of the funds. Nil to have a conversation with Aaron about this possibility.

CSA Group Meeting

Chair's Report:

LTI – April 15-17 at Wintergreen.

Board Liaison to CSA– Kim Turner

TR resource group info coming out in e-updates

Cunningham playground training – two more to be held. Kim attended, good training for playgrounds or fitness trails.

Partnership with Virginia Dept. of Health, working especially with Southwest communities to help provide recreation opportunities.

Senior Games – Henrico doing a great job

LaTanya Turner is heading up Special Events focus group.

Special Committees

Fundraising: Pickleball Tournament is Oct. 6 at Rockwood Park in Chesterfield. Let Aaron Reidmiller know if you want to volunteer

Roundtable Discussions

Happenings in localities:

Henrico: working on Senior Games, about 950 registered currently, and working on Annual Conference. Heather will send volunteer needs to CSA members. Held job fairs and interviews for summer positions and parks maintenance workers. 45 people came in two hours, hired 23 of the applicants. Had IT services there so that individuals could fill out applications on site. Applicants fill out paperwork then. Conduct CPR in-house and offered free to the new hires. Greenwood Park opened – will be renamed Glover Park. Been busy with events, Ultimate Frisbee there next two weekends.

Chesterfield: just got the first round of applications for summer positions. Camps will start in June. Stonebridge Recreation Center ribbon-cutting on April 11. Finished Jefferson Cup at athletic facilities. Hired TR Specialist, Tory Rogers.

Hopewell: Fireworks show is June 30. Seven-week (shorter than last year) summer programs, ages 3-12. Starting a teen program as well. Arlington Park playground opening in June.

Richmond: Jefferson Cup was in Richmond as well. Volunteer Day at Bryan Park, April 25 with about 300 volunteers. Hiring parks staff and summer positions. Working on skate parks for city, renovating one now – community driven project on old tennis court slab. Re-designing another skate park. Master Plan for city for skate parks. Tennis courts have been used as unofficial skateboard locations. New programming this fall – before and after school skate programs. BMXers' and skaters' needs are now being addressed in the city by working with the groups. Parks and Recreation Board sub-committee focused on economic impact. Committees just started in January. Staff are matched with committees. NRPA is doing an economic impact of Richmond parks for free.

New Kent: Site planning for Pine Fork Park, first park for the county. Aaron has zero content for the President's newsletter. Please send info to Aaron.

Thanks to New Kent for hosting.

Next meeting in Dinwiddie in August.

Adjourned meeting.