

# **Sports Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, May 25th, 2023**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Microsoft Teams meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 219 989 375 762 Passcode: r9W35X**

**+1 347-973-6905 Phone Conference ID: 297 255 665#**

**Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

## **Public Comment**

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of April 27th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

## **Other**

## **New Business**

- Liaison to Parks and Recreation Commission
- Constituent Group Liaisons
- Pickleball Update (Tentative)
- Tennis Ball Recycling Update
- Marymount Letter (Draft)
- Arlington Soccer Community Ball Box
- Arlington Little League Tournament
- Arlington Babe Ruth Tournament

## **Commission Member Reports**

- Chair Updates
- PSMP-IAC Update
- Communications Working Group Update
- PROMISE Working Group Update

## **Upcoming Sports Commission Meetings**

- June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023
- August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023
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- December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

# Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

In Person

Lubber Run Community Center

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

## **Commission Members Present:**

John Mingus, Chair

Jason Despain, Vice Chair

Lizzy Stell

George Thompson

Nancy Sharkey

David Lansing

## **Commission Members Absent:**

Khal Monaro

Greg Gimenez

## **County/APS Staff:**

Nakish Jordan, DPR

Tyler Remerow, DPR

## **Guests:**

Mark Lincoln

## **Start:**

7:05pm

## **Public Comment**

No public Comment

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of February 23rd, 2023, Parks & Rec and Sports Commission Joint Meeting Minutes
  - o Motion - Jason Despain
  - o Second – Lizzy Stell

## **Other**

- Rover Presentation
  - Overview of Arlington County's Rovers roles and responsibilities (Support for Sports leagues, rental groups, APS Facilities and Arlington County Facility Monitors)
  - Request for data and trends regarding calls the rovers receive.
- 2023 Summer Camp Registration Summary

- 2023 Summer Camp registration deemed successful. Marked improvements compared to 2022 Summer Camp registration. Several steps (Virtual waiting room, staggered registration, updated camp refund policy, additional camp slots and additional County staff added for support) taken to ensure easier and more accessible registration.
- Tennis Ball Recycling Update
  - Tennis ball recycling organization “Recycle Balls” researched and will be used to present a pilot program for recycling tennis balls.

## **New Business**

- Marymount University Proposal Discussion
  - Commission votes to pen a letter to the County Board regarding the Marymount University Field Proposal.
- Vice Chair Update
  - Jason Despain agrees to serve as Sports Commission Vice Chair.

## **Commission Member Reports**

- Chair Updates
  - Sports Commission applications are back logged, to be approved for June meeting.
- PSMP-IAC
  - No Update
- Communications Working Group
  - No Update – Brainstorming to tweak/change approach of working group to be more effective.
- Promise Working Group
  - Draft letter to leagues to be shared with Sports Commission soon.

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## **Adjourn:**

8:06pm



**Virginia Little League**

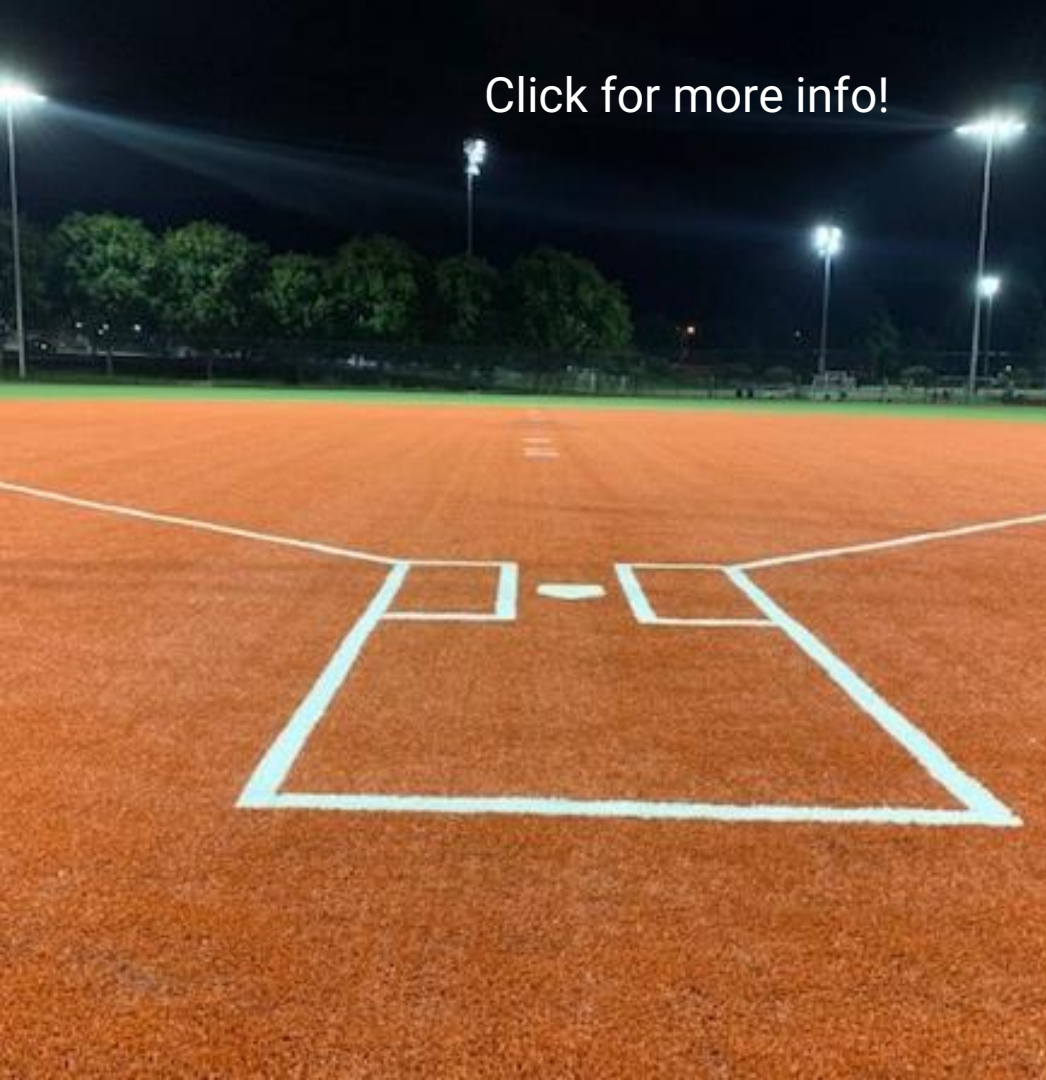
**2023 Intermediate State Tournament**

**Hosts: District 4 & Arlington, VA**



**Dates: Thursday, 7/6/23 - 7/11/23**  
**Location: Gunston Park**

Click for more info!



# Gunston Park

- 1401 28th St S  
Arlington VA 22206
- Fully Turfed Diamond Field.
- Batting Cage.
- Lighted until at least 11 PM.
- Attached to a Community Center and Middle School, as well as a turfed "Bubble"/indoor facility.
- Two adjacent rectangular fields: one grass, one turf.
- Basketball courts, tennis courts, playgrounds for siblings.
- Street parking plus a full lot.
- Proximity to hotels, restaurants, shopping, etc.

# Gunston Park - Issues?

1. 280' Fences

*SOLUTION: ALL will procure temporary fencing for at least 225' game play.*

2. Infield cutout mimics dirt, convertible to 60', 70', and 90' basepaths with painted markings for bases.

*SOLUTION: ALL will explore temporarily painting over 46/60 and 60/90 markers.*

3. Turf can get very, very, very hot during the day in July.

*SOLUTION: ALL will provide fans, water, transportation, and on-site personnel dedicated to player/volunteer/spectator health and well-being.*

4. Portable Mound is multiple pieces.

*SOLUTION: ALL will confirm legality, leave in place for the entire weekend.*

5. Batting cage space is limited; doubles as bullpen.

*SOLUTION(S): ALL will rope off bullpens beyond the temporary fencing, add portable mounds down the left and right field lines. Games should be staggered to allow cage time that will not distract from on-field play (no BP during games). Alternatively / additionally, nearby fields and cages can be provided for pregame batting practice.*

6. Bases are slippery when wet.

*SOLUTION: Bases need to be replaced anyway. Explore quality alternatives.*

# Gunston Park - Perks!

1. We envision an area in the outfield beyond the temporary fencing that will mimic "Home Run Hill" at Howard J Lamade Stadium in Williamsport.
2. In addition to seating near dugouts, a left-field gate will provide access to outfield seating for parents and fans.
3. ALL will set up concessions and food trucks in right field foul territory shade.





# The Many Other Tangential Benefits of Playing Ball in Arlington, VA

**There are many, many, many more hotel options!**

**These could be the same hotels where opponents of the Nationals are staying...**

**We are working with the Washington Nationals to recognize all-stars at a game over the weekend.**

**Proximity to our Nation's Capital will provide numerous unforgettable sightseeing opportunities for players and families!**

**Our sponsor partners will provide great deals on team meals and other outings.**

# Itinerary

## Thursday, July 6

Jennie Dean Park (or Nationals Park?)

- Teams Arrive, Check In - 4 PM
- Parade of Champions - 6:00 PM
- Picnic & Pin-Trading - 6:45 PM
- Manager's Meeting - 8:00 PM

@ Crystal City Sports Pub

## Friday, July 7

Gunston Park - Pool Play, Game 1  
Games @ 8:30, 11:15,

1:30, 4

2 Buses Depart for Nationals Park

5:00 and 6:30

## Saturday, June 8

Gunston Park - Pool Play, Game 2  
Games @ 10, 2, 4:30,

7

## Sunday, July 9

Gunston Park - Bracket Play  
Games @ 9,

11:30

Championship

@ 6:00

## Monday, June 10

Check-Out & Depart

# District 4 Host Committee



**Paul Miller**  
District 4  
Administrator

Experience hosting Juniors Tournament as a past president of Alexandria Little League and as a member of District 4 Staff.



**John Kerins**  
District 4 Chief Umpire

Longtime volunteer with Vienna Little League with experience coordinating umpires for Majors State Tournament in 2021.



**Adam Balutis**  
President, ALL

President since 2005, experience as All-Star Coach at District and State level, and as a Tournament Director.



**Brent Newton**  
Tournament Director

All-Star Coordinator since 2021, longtime coach at multiple levels. Dedicated volunteer since before his kids were playing!

# District 4 Host Committee (Cont'd)



**Shirley Brothwell**

ALL VP Resources

Volunteer for over a decade as Sponsorship Chair, with connections to local businesses and concessions experience.



**Steve Sundbeck**

ALL Chief Umpire

ALL UIC for nearly a decade, with intense knowledge of LLI rules, and State Tournament experience.



**Adam Rasmussen**

ALL Facilities

Has coordinated scheduling duties with Parks & Rec Department for nearly a decade. Able to help with practices, etc.



**Jen Grove**

Merchandise

Coordinator of many ALL Special Events for many years, with connections in the merchandise and hospitality realms.

# Alternate Locations / Practice Fields

1. Barcroft Park, Fields #1, #2, #3, and #4 - 4200 S Four Mile Run Dr, Arlington VA 22206
  - a. Two Grass Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Diamonds with 200' fences
  - b. One Dirt Infield 46/60 Diamond with 200' fence
  - c. One Dirt Infield Adult Softball (Convertible) diamond with 280' fence
  - d. Four batting cages onsite
  - e. Also includes a D1 College Facility, turfed, with two indoor batting locations
2. Jennie Dean Park, Fields #1 and #2 - 3630 27th St S, Arlington VA 22206
  - a. One Grass Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Diamond with 200' fence
  - b. One Dirt Infield Adult Softball diamond with 280' fence
  - c. No Cages
  - d. Open Fencing Down Lines
  - e. Limited Parking
  - f. Historically Significant, as a monument to the end of segregation in Arlington youth sports

# Alternate Locations / Practice Fields (Cont'd)

3. Stratford Park - 4321 Old Dominion Dr, Arlington VA 22207
  - a. Grass Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Diamond with 200' fence
  - b. Batting Cage onsite
  - c. Limited Parking
  - d. Poor Drainage
  - e. Bugs
4. Bluemont #3 - 601 N Manchester St, Arlington VA 22203
  - a. One Grass Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Diamond with 200' fence
  - b. Bullpens, but No Cages
  - c. Open Fencing Down Lines
  - d. Limited Parking
  - e. Sprawling, Open Land with Multiple Fields, Creeks, Nature Space, etc.

# Alternate Locations / Practice Fields (Cont'd)

5. Tuckahoe Park, Fields #1 and #2 - 6550 26th St N, Arlington VA 22213
  - a. Two Dirt Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Diamonds
  - b. No Fencing
  - c. Batting Cage onsite
6. Greenbrier #2 - 2700 N Greenbrier St, Arlington VA 22207
  - a. One Dirt Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Diamond with variable fencing
  - b. No Bullpens, one Batting Cage
  - c. Lighted
  - d. One adjacent High School Softball Field, and one adjacent High School Baseball Field
7. Westover Park - 1001 N Kennebec St, Arlington VA 22205
  - a. One Grass Infield 46/60 Diamond with 175' fence
  - b. Batting Cage
  - c. Tee Ball Diamond Adjacent

# Practice Fields – High School Diamonds

1. Wakefield High School - 1325 S Dinwiddie St, Arlington VA 22206
  - a. One Grass Infield 60/90 Diamond
  - b. One Dirt Infield 46/60 Softball Diamond
  - c. 4 Bullpens
  - d. 4 Batting Cages
2. Washington-Liberty High School / Quincy Park - 1021 N Quincy St, Arlington VA 22201
  - a. One Grass Infield 60/90 Diamond
  - b. One High School Softball Diamond with 200' fence
  - c. One Adult Softball Diamond with 280' fence
  - d. 3 Bullpens
  - e. 4 Batting Cages onsite



# Practice Fields – Adult Softball Diamonds & Other

1. Utah Park - 3191 S Utah St, Arlington VA 22206
  - a. One Dirt Infield 50/70 (Convertible) Adult Softball Diamond with 280' fencing
2. Virginia Highlands Park - 1600 S Hayes St, Arlington VA 22202
  - a. Two Dirt Infield Adult Softball Diamonds
3. Fort Scott Park - 2800 S Fort Scott Dr, Arlington VA 22202
  - a. One Dirt Infield Baseball Diamond

# Umpire Care

## We aim to provide our umpires with:

- Convenient, Reserved Parking.
- Reserved Outfield Space away from spectators to rest.
- Indoor “Bubble” Space for nearby rest.
- Classroom/Community Center Space for Air-Conditioned rest between games.
- Hydration and snacks as needed during games.
- Hydration and meals before and after games.

# Nearby Hotels

Residence Inn by Marriott	2850 S Potomac Ave Arlington VA 22202 (703) 415-1300	Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel	2800 S Potomac Ave Arlington VA 22202 (703) 413-1300
Courtyard Arlington Crystal City	2899 Richmond Hwy Arlington VA 22202 (703) 549-3434	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	2799 Richmond Hwy Arlington VA 22202 (703) 418-1234
Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City	2650 Richmond Hwy Arlington VA 22202 (703) 684-7200	Hilton Arlington National Landing	2399 Richmond Hwy Arlington VA 22202 (703) 418-6800
Hilton Garden Inn	2020 Richmond Hwy Arlington VA 22202 (703) 892-1050	Hampton Inn & Suites	2000 Richmond Hwy Arlington VA 22202 (703) 418-8181
Sheraton Pentagon City	900 S Orme St Arlington VA 22204 (703) 521-1900	Hilton Garden Inn - Shirlington	4271 Campbell Ave Arlington VA 22206 (703) 820-0440

# Financials

Item	Responsibility	Amount
Temporary Fencing	ALL (w/help from DPR, Other Orgs, Field Fund)	
Scoreboard	ALL (w/help from DPR, Other Orgs, Field Fund)	
Merchandise	ALL, Families	
Picnic	ALL (Largely Reimbursed)	
Concessions	ALL (plus Profit)	

# District 4 Host Committee



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District 4  
Administrator

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**John Kerins**  
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**Kathy Evans**  
ALL VP Admin

Experience as president in  
a neighboring District 4  
league, has been to State  
Tournaments, and gained  
knowledge of LLI rules.