

CITY OF SPRING HILL  
SPORTS COMPLEX TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2019  
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chairman Jeff Graves called the meeting of the Sports Complex Task Force to order at 4:14 p.m.

Present were Task Force members Jonathan Duda, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fischer, Paul Downing, Clint McCain and Alderman Jeff Graves, Member absent Rod Holliman, Tim Brister, Jon Stephenson.

AGENDA ITEMS

**Item #1 – Scope of work for updated feasibility study** Jeff and Jonathan met with the leadership of the Sports authority to discuss working together to update the feasibility study so we do not have to bear the full burden of a new study. We need to vet our several options and validate what the feasibility study will look like before we update pending other discussions.

**Item #2 – Update Williamson County Visitors Bureau:** They are interested updating the completed study. However, the original study cost \$60,000 and was split with Williamson county. If we commissioned a new study, it would cost somewhere in the range of \$50,000 to \$75,000. They are interested in coordinating with us but realize most open property available for a sports complex is currently in Maury County, and therefore would most likely not be approved. It was pointed out that a significant tract of land in the North eastern part of the city is in Williamson County. The gaps in the study which primary does not include Spring Hill and the changing landscape of sports in this area necessitate the need to update the study. The Bureau will re-evaluate the study and will reach out to us when they are ready to move forward. We will hold at least for now until we hear back from the visitor's bureau concerning completion of a study or updating of the current study.

The Sports Authority discussed Partnering of public and private partnerships to fund projects. These kinds or partnerships are become more prevalent, due to the need of public entities to have access to capital and a transfer of risk. Design, build, construction and management of the project transfers some of the risk to the private entity. These agreements must be structured properly, it is not free money, funds must be committed and may be more expensive to run. It does deliver project faster, brings in private capital and experts to run the facilities.

**Item #3 – Update Funding Mechanism** Contact at Cumberland Security has been completed, we are working on additional information for discussion at our next meeting. We need to present a complete list of potential funding sources to be a part of our report.

**Item #4 – Update Location Visits in Alabama** We need to delay the trip to Alabama schedule for this Friday. We are still waiting on some of the parties to respond to our requests. October 11<sup>th</sup> date is still good for the South Haven and West Tennessee Sports plex in Jackson.

**Item #5 – Round table discussion**

Jonathan plans to bring an inventory of current data and information to start collecting all of the information to our next meeting. We should be able to begin the process of synthesizing this information into a meaningful report and presentation.


We believe there are two distinct needs in our community, 1) a need for a local sports needs can be placed anywhere and 2) a sports plex that will bring participant from a long distance resulting in economic value to the city.

Battle Creek campus has been revived. County would deed 84.5 acres (45 acres are in a flood plan) to the city in two years. There are several hurdles to overcome to make this acreage into a park or sports use. The Schoolboard did approve the completion of a survey, which will result in additional information becoming available concerning the use of all areas of the property. An engineering studies concerning the road location and standards should be voted upon next week, which will result in additional information that will be helpful in understanding the potential use of this property. The potential area could be as small as 20 acres of usable space. This area would meet the local sports gap that needs to be filled. We should put together a statement that clearly articulates our opinion to support the use of this property for local needs, but this would not provide the kind of space or location for a Sports Plex designed as a regional facility. We will need both kinds of facilities to meet the needs our Spring Hill and this growing area.

There not being further discussion, at 5:06, Mr. Graves announced adjournment of the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the Sports Complex Task Force is Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 4:00 attached

  
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Rod Holliman, Secretary

  
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Alderman Jeff Graves, Chairman