

CITY OF SPRING HILL
SPORTS COMPLEX TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2019
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chairman Jeff Graves called the meeting of the Sports Complex Task Force to order at 4:06 p.m.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Item #1 – Update Feasibility Study Jeff Graves

No new information concerning the updating the feasibility study, we continue to wait on Williamson County to see if they are willing to partner with us to update the current study.

Item #2 – Update Funding Mechanisms Jeff Graves

Jeff met with General Bond Counsel Jeff Oldham, he participated in the funding for Music City Center and the Predators, they discussed several options;

- City can borrow funds and issue general bonds if the city operates and facilities or subcontract to a manager. The City would be guaranteeing payment of the funds. This allows future residents to participate in the funding of these facilities as our community grows.
- Sports Authority or Industrial Board, this entity would issue bonds and pay for funding via operational revenues. A Sports Authority already exists in Williamson County and could partner with us if we have the property and willingness to commit city resources to support a center in Williamson County
- Private, Public, Partnership (P3) Meeting are currently scheduled to evaluate options concerning a P3 agreement. This provides private funding, less risk for the city but a loss of control.
- TIF District Build the facility and then garner support from commercial entities that will benefit from the facilities to support the financing/operations. This is typically used as a Tourist Development Zone. This funding mechanism garners commercial support and limits the amount of public debt that can be used

Item #3 – Update Location Visits in Alabama and West Tennessee Tim Brister

Tim continues to reach out to individuals engaged in the development of Sports complexes in Athens, Florence, Jackson and Southaven. Most people involved in these projects are no longer around. Tim will continue to make contacts and we will decide on site visit schedules at our next meeting.

Item #4 – Review of rough draft statement to BOMA and Battle Creek Property Jeff Graves

The task force reviewed a rough draft of the statement, the task force still believes a statement need to be made concerning the need for several facilities to meet current needs and future opportunity. This statement needs to outline the needs and opportunities to meet these recreational needs of our community. The statement should not recommend a specific property as this is in the purview of our elected officials and committee’s operating on their behalf. The task force will continue to work on the statement for additional discussion at our next meeting.

Item #5 – Discussion of rough draft report

Jonathan Duda presented a draft outline for review. Each member of the task force was asked to review the outline and be prepared to flesh out the outline at our next meeting

Item #6 – Round table discussion

It is important that we provide information to decision makers concerning the extent of the needs for recreational and sports facilities. Currently we are way behind the curve and need to catch up quickly, as no one sees the growth of our community abating anytime soon. Decision makers need to take advantage of current properties and potential partnerships with other governmental entities, private parties or commercial groups when opportunities arise.

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 November 6, 2019 at 4:00.



Rod Holliman, Secretary



Alderman Jeff Graves, Chairman