

## **Virginia Recreation and Park Society**

### **Central Service Area Meeting – March 13, 2024**

**Eastern Henrico Recreation Center**

**1440 North Laburnum Ave**

**Richmond, VA 23223**

### **Minutes**

Attendees: Adairius Williams, Jaas Weffer, Marci Lyn Tyndell, Sharon Entsminger, Karen Gray, Nilay Patel, Derron Patron, Rodneisha Bolling, Melanie Ramos, Shanna Battle, Sureatha McGhee, Marlie Creasey- Smith, Alyssa Ferguson, Abby Clement, Aziah Bell, Rebecca Johnson, AJ McCage, Emmy Richards, Charles Hester, David Potter, Ericka Bynum, Tonya Leabough, Jessie Honaker

#### **Business Meeting**

Meeting called to order.

#### Minutes:

Minutes from the December meeting were shared and reviewed. Moved and second to approve the minutes from the December 2023 meeting. Voting for minutes approved.

#### Networking:

Icebreaker activity led by AJ and Emmy

#### VRPS Updates:

Play all day:

Statewide through VRPS celebrate the longest day of summer. Tab on the website for more information with a marketing tool kit and suggested ideas.

Ideas:

Exercise programs and yoga class at Goochland County

Free archery and sunset archery at Colonial Heights

Emmy: outdoor community pool to stay open late with a party with free entry.

Resource group updates:

Special events: April meeting Charles Bennet from City of Hopewell joining February meeting. Guest speaker talked about AI use and is on the website and has offered to do workshops. Elect chair elect for the group

TR Resource: first opening meeting in February to identify challenges and resources for groups. Lack of id inclusion models and do a deep dive. ID inclusion resources for modification plans. ADA effects on

programming and parks and rec professionals. TR leadership summit on November 13th to include various topics and adaptive sports, sound bath, deep dive discussion. CEUS and lunch \$25 fee

VYPN: launched last summer have had mentorship program and virtual meetings. Upcoming meeting open to everyone generational perspectives. Submit current challenges and deep dive into those challenges and discuss them. March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

Aquatics: in person and online April 10<sup>th</sup> in person and virtual

Parks: webinar March 28<sup>th</sup> \$10 for CEUS

Outdoor: April 11<sup>th</sup> speaker about designation you can receive about bee garden

Summer survival \$35 with lunch included June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Conference Sept 14-17 in Norfolk session proposals are open list of topics on the website they would like to see awards and nominations April 14<sup>th</sup> early bird due May 6<sup>th</sup> is the official

LTI: if interested notify AJ around 75 participants with housing and speakers the next time will be 2026. Completely changed everything and went away from lecture styles and more break out groups April 14 – 16

CSA workshops: June 6<sup>th</sup> about frontline worker training for those working with individuals with disabilities AJ and Tracy are running that in Colonial Heights will include a fee and can receive CEUs.

Special events workshop to be held in Henrico in the fall.

#### Round table discussion:

How to get more people involved in CSA?

Trainings or speakers

Going to facilities to take a tour or have a historian at historic site to give you more information.

Fitness class or offerings to do after the meeting.

Overview of parks and recreation program

Reporting positives that are happening in your agency

Focus topics and deep dives

#### Projects or anything positive we want to share:

Chesterfield: Chesterfield Outdoor Fest April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -2 pm Chesterfield County Fairgrounds

City of Richmond: senior 2k walk May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Henrico: 4<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth over 100 vendors, 18 food vendors, entertainment and 40<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July with US Airforce flyover

And April 20<sup>th</sup> Earth Day event with kayaking and multiple environmental focused vendors and sensory experience and crafts

Possible CSA calendar to share events

Doggy Easter Egg Hunt in Colonial Heights and TR program is free through brands and sponsorships through grants have raised over their goal and send participants to chili pepper game for free and work with Special Olympics

Goochland: offer free concert and food and beer trucks May 31 and July 26<sup>th</sup> at Tucker Park

May 22<sup>nd</sup> deep dive 10:30 -11:30 focus on summer camps and ADA and inclusion request and handling medication

June 4<sup>th</sup> next in person meeting 2-3 pm in Powhatan.

Meeting adjourned