TAC meeting #3

TAC members may offer modifications to these notes by submitted comments to MPRB staff. Requests for modifications must be received within one week of the TAC meeting to allow for public posting within three weeks of the TAC meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

7/13/2023

One thing we learned

- About detailed daily work plan
- That there are union involved that does not allow us to maintain our current fields.
- I would be ok for schools and parents to drag fields or line to help when needed.
- Budget issues and staff
- 1st time here. There are a LOT more layers of politics than I EVER imagined.
- MPRB only sprays Neiman and Parade for weeds. Rest of the fields are full of weeds.
- Staff said they try to drag every diamond before practices, but it’s not happening.
- MPRB staff indicated a desire to schedule practices months in advance as opposed to a weekly basis, as often occurs currently.

One question I have:

- Is there a way for teams to leave note of base/pitching mound distances needed for reservation?
- What guidance can staff give regarding the softball field resolution?
- Is there a couple of hand rakes to be at the field to just rake the bases
- Could we get a list of potential fields for consideration for semi-permanent fencing?
- What to know how this TAC group can get involved in implementing the softball Thompson resolution.
- Across all three tiers- Equipment for each field- IE: Tarps plus weights for mounds and home plates. Actual round baseball specific tarps that adequately cover the surface
- Why can’t we spray a few more fields for weed prevention? We should be able to have more fields with grass that are reserved for games only.
- It would be interesting to see how often suburbs drag their practice diamonds.
- If MPRB is short-staffed, how can we collaborate to help maintain the fields?