

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Amusement Device Technical Advisory Committee**

Summary Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Meeting – Virginia Housing Center

Committee members present: Brian Gentilini, Chairman, Danny Abner, Wayne Fuqua, and Victor Purchase.

DHCD Staff present: Cindy Davis, Jeff Brown, Richard Potts, Travis Luter, and Thomas King

Others present: Neil Holland, Andy Marchetti, Casey Littlefield, Ken Martin, Randy Smith, Senator Adam Ebbin, Henry Watkins, Pete Pidcoe, Ralph Daniel, Laurence Actenburg III, and Rod Rick Moore.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Gentilini welcomed new member Wayne Fuqua to the ADTAC and invited everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

The Chairman opened the floor for the first item on the agenda concerning ASTM Standard F2970-17 and code change proposal AD30-18, submitted by Ron Clements on behalf of Senator Ebbin.

- Senator Ebbin provided a summary of his concerns with trampoline parks and the dangers they pose to the citizens of the Commonwealth.
- Laurence Actenburg III offered a summarization of his personal experience with a trampoline park and the devastating injuries he sustained while at the park. Mr. Actenburg provided some statistics related to trampoline parks and the plethora of injuries individuals sustain which occur at trampoline parks.
- Pete Pidcoe of VCU provided insight into the design of trampolines and trampoline systems. Mr. Pidcoe offered his calculations and findings on how a trampoline system works and the materials they are made of as well as the energy transfer, energy relationship, and diaphragm effect of a trampoline system. Casey Littlefield asked Mr. Actenburg how he felt ASTM Standard F2970-17 would have helped his situation, to which he replied it would be a starting point for oversight of trampoline parks; it would be better than nothing.
- Ralph Daniel from Boomerang Air Sports spoke of trampoline design and training for staff and patrons. He stated that he would like to see Virginia become more regulated, more strict like Pennsylvania.

After further discussion it was generally agreed upon to recommend approval of proposed code change AD30-18, which is needed, and should be included in the 2018 VADR.

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning ASTM Standard F2461-18 and the code change proposal AD40-18. After discussion it was generally agreed upon to recommend approval of proposed code change AD 40-18, which is needed, and should be included in the 2018 VADR.

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning ASTM Standard F2960-16. After discussion it was generally agreed upon that ASTM Standard F2960-16 needed to be added to the 2018 VADR. DHCD staff will draft a code change proposal to present to the ADTAC at the next meeting.

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning ASTM Standard F3054-18. After discussion it was generally agreed upon that ASTM Standard F3054-18 needed to be added to the 2018 VADR. DHCD staff will draft a code change proposal to present to the ADTAC at the next meeting.

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning Go Kart permitting and fees. Ken Martin indicated an adequate inspection of a Go Kart takes approximately 30 minutes and that Go Kart tracks are getting large and including more and more karts; therefore, the inspections are taking longer to perform. He suggested a permit fee of \$55 per Go Kart. This discussion led to a discussion on amusement device permit fees in general including how the fees could be added to the VADR (law or code change) and whether to allow jurisdictions to establish the fees. The ADTAC members generally agreed to defer any final decision on a recommendation to the BHCD until more research was done.

The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion of the next agenda item concerning ANSI/ACCT 03-2016 Standard. Randy Smith provided information on the standard as it related to aerial adventures such as challenge courses and zip lines. The ADTAC members generally agreed to defer any final decision on a recommendation to the BHCD until more research was done.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.