

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
January 28, 2015**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

**Board Members:**

William G. Bouie, Chairman  
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair  
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary  
Frank J. Vajda, Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Mary Cortina  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
Harold L. Strickland  
Michael Thompson, Jr.  
Anthony J. Vellucci  
Grace Han Wolf

**Staff Present:**

Kirk Kincannon, Director  
Barbara Gorski  
Judy Pedersen, PIO  
Barbara Nugent  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Cindy Walsh  
Sandy Stallman  
Janet Burns  
Don Sweeney

Guests: Richard Maple  
Cindy Messinger

Chairman Bouie congratulated newly appointed and reappointed members of the Board – Grace Han Wolf, Linwood Gorham, Michael Thompson, Frank Vajda, and Anthony Vellucci. He also thanked Clerk to the Court, John Frey, for administering the Oath of Office.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** One speaker was present.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Richard Maple upon His Retirement from the Park Authority  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Richard Maple upon his retirement from the Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Cindy Messinger upon Her Retirement from the Park Authority  
Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Cindy Messinger upon her retirement from the Park Authority; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried unanimously.

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- ADMIN-3 Adoption of Minutes, January 14, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1 Scope Approval – Beulah Park - Americans with Disabilities Act Renovation of the Restroom Facility (Lee District)  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the project scope to renovate the restroom facility at Beulah Park to achieve compliance with the ADA; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-2 Approval – Bruin Park Master Plan Amendment (Dranesville District)  
Ms. Wolf made a motion to approve the Bruin Park Master Plan Amendment; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1 Fairfax County park Authority Annual Financial Report as of June 30, 2014  
No action was necessary.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie opened by thanking Supervisor Michael Frey who recently announced that he will not be running for office during the next election. Supervisor Frey has been a tremendous asset to the county, a tremendous asset to Sully, and a tremendous supporter of this Board. Bill added that he would be remiss if he did not mention this first. Supervisor Frey has worked hand in hand on a lot of initiatives throughout the years. At some future point in time he would like the Board to take the opportunity to recognize him in a more formal way.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Ms. Cortina for providing comments at a recent EQAC meeting and noted that his breakfast meeting with Stella Koch has been rescheduled to next week because of the snow.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Grace and staff for a wonderful opening at Spring Hill RECenter. The RECenter is getting tremendous accolades. At the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations last week Congressman Connolly, Chairman Bulova, and Supervisor Hudgins all said what a great place the RECenter is and that they were very happy with the improvements.
- While the Board does have an Arts Council liaison, but there is a call for submission for something they are calling the Creative Aging Festival. Mr. Bouie noticed that on the list of

supporting organizations the Park Authority is not listed. Ms. Pedersen noted that Parks is involved.

- Mr. Bouie reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Bruce McLeod, Chairman of the Park Foundation, to discuss setting up a joint meeting to set priorities for 2015.
- There was significant feedback and lots of press about photographer fees. Mr. Bouie thanked staff and the Board and taking those comments very seriously. He has heard from a number of Board members about some of the things Parks could do to improve the process, whatever it is. Parks is taking steps to do that depending upon what the final decision is regarding fees.
- A number of Board members over the last several months have brought up sensitivity to the encroachment issue. Parks should take the opportunity with its GIS capability and its alerting capability to get some kind message out to people whose property abuts park property about their responsibility what should be done and what should not be done. Part two of that is actual enforcement. Parks will continue to talk about that and how it can be done in a more effective manner.
- Some folks have talked about putting together top ten lists/priorities for the new year. While Mr. Bouie supports the enthusiasm of doing that, he wants to make sure that the Board recognizes that it has a world-class staff, Parks has a lot of things on its plate, are short staffed, have a short budget, and don't need to be going around making busy work for the team. The Board has a work plan that it approves on an annual basis and the director and staff should be directed to maintain the jobs and the things that need to be done on that work plan. If things need to be changed on the work plan, things need to come through the committee process. One would need to get with the committee chair or with the director. If it is important enough to get moved up on the work plan then that's what the Board should do. But the Board needs to keep in mind that it is a policy board, not an operations board. Kirk Kincannon is responsible for directing staff and the team on a daily basis. The Board has entrusted that responsibility to Kirk and expects him to maintain that and if there are a change in priorities he would bring that to the entire Board or to a committee chair.

#### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Kincannon read a letter from a customer with stage 4 breast cancer who wrote to tell what a difference joining the Providence RECenter has made in her life. Shes to work out and swim and has made many friends along the way. She expressed thanks for saving her life and making it worth living.
- Mr. Kincannon announced that Kevin Williams has accepted the Park Management Specialist I position as the "Centralized Grounds Services Branch Manager" for the Park Operations Division. As the Branch Manager Kevin will manage the contracted athletic field

maintenance of over 500 Fairfax County Public Schools' athletic fields as well as supervise the Managers of the Forestry, Mobile, and Turf Crews.

- In response to last week's public comment meeting on fees and the many comments and concerns that we heard about the photographer's fee Mr. Kincannon asked Ms. Pedersen to revisit the particulars of this fee, to assess what others are doing, to meet with the site staff that work with the photographers, and to offer recommendations for the Board's consideration.

He asked her to prepare this material for the Admin, Management and Budget Committee meeting on March 25, so the Board would have an opportunity to discuss its concerns and suggestions. Mr. Kincannon is confident Parks can come up with a streamlined and equitable approach to managing these permits just as we do with our various other business activity licenses. He wanted to clarify one of the things heard during the fee meeting and that was taking five or more days to get the permits. He asked Ms. Pedersen to take a look at when the permits were issued and a majority was let within one or two days. One or two may have been beyond that but staff actually beat the mark of five days.

- In 2014 National Geographic WILD aired a humorous alternative to the Super Bowl called Fish Bowl, in which television viewers were introduced to Goldie the Goldfish. This year fans can watch Goldie and her new co-star, Charlie the clownfish, spend an exciting, fun-filled day at Frying Pan Farm Park. Fish Bowl II premieres Sunday, February 1, 2015, at 6 p.m. ET/PT.

The program was shot on location in early October 2014 at Frying Pan Farm Park. Ms. Pedersen shared the promotional clip with the Board. The editorial shoot was coordinated by the Public Information Office and the staff at Frying Pan Farm Park.

- Mr. Kincannon also shared the Park Authority portion of Chairman Bulova's annual state of the county address. He was honored to be a part of this esteemed group of county division directors who had the opportunity to share our agency's message with the public.

He thanked Ms. Pedersen and her staff for putting together the words/language that he watched on the teleprompter. He really appreciates their work.

- Mr. Kincannon announced that Aimee Long Vosper has accepted the position of Deputy Director of the Park Authority – Chief of Business Development. She will start her duties as Chief of Business Development on February 23, 2015, and will be located in the Director's Office Suite. Aimee's prior experience includes her work as the Director of Planning and Environmental Services for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

**BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Strickland stated that there was a kick-off meeting for updating the Ellanor C. Lawrence Master Plan. He thanked Ms. Cortina for sitting in and for her comments. He also thanked Planning and Development and Resource Management staff, Carol McDonnell from Sully, and John Shafer from ECL. They are trying to integrate the master plan with the stewardship initiative and be sure to look at all the opportunities.
- Ms. Wolf thanked Mr. Bowden and staff for meeting with her and Supervisor Foust to talk about the new signage to be installed at the McLean Community Center compound. Staff worked really hard with the Community Center and citizens to come up with a design that would include an LED screen that would have movable letters. She stated that she would keep everyone posted as the project moves forward. It is a brick front curved LED sign with the logos of the different organizations in the compound.
- Mr. Vellucci recalled that most of the people at the fee meeting last week were from the Braddock District. They are pretty emotional about this. He passed out a letter from Supervisor Cook addressed to the Park Board that asks that the Board reevaluate the photo fees.

Mr. Vellucci opined that the amount of revenue that Parks receives from the photo fee may not be worth the bad press it will get from the Washington Post and the Fairfax Times if Parks doesn't take action.

He thanked Mr. Bowden, Mr. Johnson, and their staff for a meeting with community representatives from Old Forge Surrey Square to move forward the playground. Their fundraising began in late October and has just reached \$20,000 and will be seeking a Mastenbrook Grant soon.

- The Friends of Audrey Moore RECenter kick-off meeting will take place on Thursday, February 5, at 7 p.m. at Braddock Hall. If anyone would like to attend they would be welcome.
- Mr. Thompson noted that one of Boy Scouts that attended the last Board meeting called him and made two suggestions that could potentially make a lot of sense. He thought it was great that a young man who interacts with our parks left the meeting and thought about things that he thought would make life better for him and his friends. The first was consideration of some type of multi-visit pass for the Burke Lake mini-golf, such as go there ten times and get two rounds free, buy twelve rounds and get some sort of discount. This would enable him and his friends to have something to do in the summer and they could get a little discount and young teenagers would have something to do.

The second suggestion was also for Burke Lake. He plays a lot of disk golf and his family only has one set of disks, so he thought it would be a great idea if Parks had a disk rental so that he could introduce his friends to the sport without having to throw the disk, mark where it is, back up and let the next child throw it and go back and forth.

Mr. Thompson thought both ideas were creative and worth consideration and offered them up for something to consider. He thanked the scouts that do so much and especially for him reaching out.

With regard to the photography fees, the timeline may be as fast as can be done. While he accepts it he also believes it would behoove Parks to move as quickly as reasonable, and as quickly as possible because it needs all the information. There appears to be some misunderstanding on the part of the folks that testified about implementation of a new fee. It is not a new fee. Supervisor Herrity's office received a number of calls and he has asked Mike to let Parks know he is opposed to the fee in hopes that Parks will reconsider and do something different.

Mr. Thompson reported that the transportation project is moving forward near Patriot Park as they try to move forward with the extension of Shirley Gate and other work that has to be done. This is a key piece to Parks' planning for the future.

Mr. Thompson stated that Supervisor Frey has been a great asset to this county. As an elementary school volunteer Mr. Thompson worked on Supervisor Frey's nomination race the very first time he ran for supervisor. Supervisor Frey has done a tremendous amount for the county, for parks, and the community as a whole. He has done it for sports, historic preservation, and any number of things. Mr. Thompson publicly thanked Supervisor Frey for everything he has done.

- Mr. Vajda invited everyone to join him on Thursday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the Parklawn Elementary School where Parks will begin the process of revising the master plan for Green Spring Gardens.
- Ms. Quintana thanked staff for the all-color Parktakes. This brings Partakes into the 21st century and makes it much more readable and accessible with the map work. It really brings home the great products and services Parks offers. A special thanks to staff for taking this to the next level.

Ms. Quintana thanked the citizens that came out to the fee meeting. It was discouraging that more people didn't talk about some of the many other fees on that particular agenda, but she was pleased with the turnout and loves the public engagement. It does help to create better policy when more people are engaged at the appropriate time.

She forwarded staff her recommendations and takeaways from the 20 speakers, ten of whom were from the Braddock District; eight from the other jurisdictions, and two that were not residents of Fairfax County. Only 18 of the 20 were actually addressing the fees; a couple were random comments.

Ms. Quintana expressed her disappointment as to how Parks got to that place. The Board has committees and when there is a concern, the first concern the Board heard after having engaged in a public process regarding fees four years ago was testimony here. It was apparently a Braddock District resident of which she is also a resident, to her knowledge the Braddock District representative did not bring that issue to the chair of the Budget Committee, nor the Park Services Committee for review, analysis, or input.

She asked Mr. Bouie and the appropriate committees to look at the governance rules as a body to ensure that all board members understand clearly what the process is that it needs to follow when these issues arise and what its obligations are to this organization so that it is not undermining the very work that its award-winning staff and leadership are trying to do as an organization. She asked that this be taken into account.

- Mr. Quincy stated that there was good news from Tysons. The first 1½ fields at Tysons are near completion and he is looking for a ribbon cutting sometime in the spring. The fields are located off Westpark Drive. Kudos to Mr. Bowden and his staff for bringing this to fruition.

Mr. Quincy participated in the ribbon cutting of the Providence Community Center near Fairfax Circle. It's a very impressive county building and community center, primarily for seniors, but it is a county center not a Parks' center.

He seconded the comments that were made earlier about encroachments. Parks needs to get the word out and better educate, and even include better enforcement of encroachments. What Parks is doing now is not working. He has seen some evidence of that in the Providence District. Parks needs to draw the line, not come down with a hammer, but through education and when it comes time to enforce, Parks needs to enforce. As stated by Ms. Quintana, if Parks has a rule that it is not going to enforce than it probably shouldn't be a rule.

- Ms. Cortina stated that she regretted that was unable to attend the public hearing on fees last Wednesday, as she was testifying before the Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) public hearing on behalf of the Park Board. In the statement, she mentioned several Park Authority programs, such as the new Urban Park Standards, the revised Natural Resource Management Plan, the Needs Assessment that is underway, and a pilot forest management program at EC Lawrence.

For many years now, EQAC has strongly recommended additional financial resources to protect the Park Authority's natural capital. That has not had much effect, so she proposed

we work together to find new solutions. In the past, our strategy was simply purchasing land to protect it. And voters have been very supportive of park bonds for land preservation. But preservation alone is not sustainable. We can no longer simply own these properties – we must manage the land, and act as responsible stewards. The Board of Supervisors has done so much already. They rezoned large swaths of land to protect watersheds and water quality. They passed a strengthened Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. They provided dedicated funding for storm water management and even deeded land to the Park Authority for stream protection. Mary sees this as the last unfinished link in the strategy. We need to reframe the discussion and formally evaluate alternatives to fund protecting the land and forests those streams run through – and work toward a more holistic approach to managing our natural resources and achieve our stewardship goals.

Ms. Cortina also thanked Mr. Strickland, for including her in the Stewardship Education Center meeting last week with staff. The center has much potential for Parks mission and to serve future generations of Fairfax residents. There is still more work to be done by Park Authority staff, Board, and the community to develop a clear vision and scope for this project before it moves to the capital development stage.

On Sunday evening, Ms. Cortina attended a celebration hosted by the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) on passage of the Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan. It was well-attended by elected officials, including Congressman Connolly, Supervisor Hudgins, a State Senator and Delegates. She thanked our partners at FABB for advocating for trails outside, as well as inside parks, and for taking up the cause to make parks a priority destination for transportation planners in “Safe Routes to Parks.”

Ms. Cortina mentioned that there is a Federation of Friends meeting on Saturday, February 21, 9-11:30 a.m., at Frying Pan Park and all Park Board members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Strickland added that he had invited Mary to come out to a significant planning process at Sully and he had invited her out because she is a Member At-large and brought that perspective to the table. That is something all the district representatives should think about is to give a role to its At-large members in the major projects.

He had invited Mr. Khan out when they were looking at the ball fields in order to get cricket in there.

He asked the other district reps to invite the At-large members to sit in on planning sessions. They bring a different perspective than the district reps.

Mr. Strickland thanked Mary and Faisal for their participation.



Ms. Cortina seconded what Ms. Quintana had said about the Parktakes, that it is really great and really liked the editor's letter and she encouraged everyone to read it.

- Mr. Batten noted that he and Ms. Cortina have had a number of conversations regarding county things in general and some things in the Lee District in particular. She has some significant interest in what they are doing and what they will be doing along Highway 1. A meeting has been established to deal with some things that are necessary to the concerns expressed regarding new master plan for biking. Supervisor McKay has set up a meeting which Ms. Cortina has been invited to attend on March 4. They will be looking at things in general and certain areas of concern impacting Huntley Meadows in particular. Ms. Cortina also brought to his attention some of the kind of concerns that have been expressed by some of the folks that she was able to spend some time with at the reception they had.

While Mr. Khan is a business man and has to commit a lot of time to his business he has also expressed an interest in doing a lot of community type things. He views the county as his community.

Mr. Batten thanked Supervisor Frey. While Mr. Batten has been on the Board for 11+ years and hasn't had a whole lot of opportunities to personally speak to Supervisor Frey. He has at some of the joint meetings with the Board of Supervisors and he has followed the kind of information based upon what his Supervisor tells him about the interactions. Supervisor Frey has a commitment to this agency. Parks will miss that kind of commitment and hopes that whoever is elected by the folks in Sully will also have that kind of commitment because he has been very good to the Park Authority. Mr. Batten is very thankful for that and wants to make certain that the record reflects his comments.

Mr. Batten thanked Messrs. Bowden and Zeigler and the team for the good work on working out a contract with Verizon on the Byron Park telecom situation. The Board has talked a great deal about telecom revenues and the use thereof. There is a rather significant negotiation underway at Byron Park which can over a 20-year period either gross or net Parks about \$2+ million. Plus there will be some revisions to the areas that will give Parks and those that use the park for baseball.

Mr. Batten thanked Ms. Wolf for the article on how the DC metro region is expected to grow by 2030. The kind of change and demographics of what will be happening in and around this area to him as a person who has chosen to retire here is very, very interesting and significant to become more knowledgeable of and certainly as a Park Authority in Fairfax County, (as we call it the greying of Fairfax County) well there are a lot of things that are going to be taking place in this environment. There are going to be things that Parks can have some impact on toward enriching and enhancing the quality of life as well as being cognizant that these are the things that impact us.

- Mr. Gorham stated that he wanted to talk about the upcoming election of officers, frankly positive he hoped, and sincere. There is no mystery to anyone around here that he was hoping that the Executive Board would change a little bit. Over the last couple of years there has been a lot going on and there has been good reason for that not to happen. Mr. Gorham is aware that Mr. Kincannon has expressed that he would like to have Mr. Bouie at his side for at least another year. Mr. Gorham thanked Mr. Bouie for hanging in there adding that he is doing a great job and asked him to keep up the good work and that he has enjoyed working with him.

Mr. Gorham thanked Mr. Quincy for his dedication and said that he is looking forward to the day when he is sitting behind that chair.

He thanked Mr. Vajda for his service and a special thanks for giving someone else the opportunity to share the position moving forward.

Lastly, Mr. Gorham wanted to sincerely thank Mr. Strickland for his many, many years of dedicated service; many years of leadership; and in the leadership role of being the chairman. Mr. Strickland has a great legacy in this Park Authority and Mr. Gorham thanked him for it. Much of what we celebrate today is because of Hal and his leadership.

Mr. Gorham asked Mr. Strickland to consider putting somebody else in the role as treasurer on the slate.

- Mr. Khan thanked Ms. Messinger and Mr. Maple for the tremendous work they have done with the Park Authority. He wished them good luck for the future and added that he hoped that Parks could use them some way going forward because of their experience and expertise is worth a lot. That is something Parks should think about.

Mr. Khan seconded Mr. Thompson's comments about the scout's recommendations. Parks needs to make sure it does whatever it can to make it easier for youth and getting them engaged.

In response to Mr. Batten's gracious remarks, Mr. Khan said that he is always available for whatever the Board needs for the county being an At-large member, not only for cricket.

Mr. Khan thanked the Executive Committee, all of them, Messrs. Bouie, Quincy, Vajda and Ms. Quintana, for doing a tremendous job. He indicated that he hopes the future will be like the recent past was, performance-wise, so the Board can build on that.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2015**

Mr. Batten indicated that he had spoken with each of the Board members and thanked them for their candor and the information they chose to share with him and their positions on a number of different items and processes.

Board members because it is important that they know how he feels to be given the opportunity to serve again as chairman of the Nominating Committee. He thanked his colleagues that served on the committee: Ms. Cortina, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Khan in a most special way.

Mr. Batten stated that the Nominating Committee provided each Board member with a slate of candidates for the positions that are available for the year 2015.

Mr. Batten, Chairman of the 2015 Nomination Committee, stated that the Nominating Committee offered and recommended Mr. Bouie to serve in the position of Chairman of the Park Authority Board. Mr. Batten called for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mr. Batten MOVED the nomination be closed.

Mr. Vellucci stated that last year he had abstained from voting on this. He believes that the composition of the Board did not reflect what the Board was in terms of junior and senior members and his comments did not get into the minutes so he wanted to be sure that they get into the minutes this year.

Mr. Vellucci said, "I had a very long discussion with Kirk (Kincannon) yesterday and really wanted to thank Bill also for the job he has done this year in transitioning us from an old director to a new director and I think that needed, that needs to go into the minutes to reflect the job that Bill (Bouie) has done and the appreciation that we all should have for what he did. And that's sincere; it really is, especially given the trouble that I have probably caused you over the year sometime. And so with that I should support Bill as the Chairman for this next year. Thank you."

Mr. Vajda called for the nominations to be closed; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Batten called for the vote. Mr. Bouie was unanimously elected Chairman of the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten stated that the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Vice Chairman was Ken Quincy. Mr. Batten called for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mr. Thompson called for the nominations to be closed; seconded by Mr. Vajda.

Mr. Batten called for the vote. Mr. Quincy was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten stated that the Nominating Committee's recommendation for the office of Secretary was Kala Leggett Quintana. Mr. Batten called for nominations from the floor.

Mr. Gorham indicated that he had a nomination and apologized, stating that it was completely unplanned. He had every intent supporting Ms. Quintana for another term but certainly he has said many negative things to this Board and he's tried to improve that and he thinks he has succeeded for the most part, but he doesn't think he has ever heard anything so negative and so personal, so direct, as the five minute thing the Board just heard about Tony. So, in that light and he wished he had more time to think about this, knowing whether it's the right thing to do or not he offered Mr. Thompson up as a replacement for Ms. Quintana. He just never heard anything like that. Mr. Thompson declined. Mr. Gorham stated he was sorry to hear that then offered up Ms. Cortina as a nominee. Ms. Cortina also declined.

Mr. Gorham asked Ms. Quintana to try to be more positive.

Ms. Quintana stated that she would not get into this with Mr. Gorham, but she has sat in meetings many times listening to him attack personally members of this Board.

Mr. Batten interrupted and stated that there are two things that are extremely critical to any organization and individuals and that is integrity and respect for each other. He stated that he did not need to remind them, but chooses to remind all of the Board members that that is something that is expected of all members.

Mr. Vajda called for the nominations to be closed.

Mr. Vellucci said that he intends to support Ms. Quintana for the position. A lot of her perceptions are not well-formed and obviously she did not see the litany of emails that went back and forth over the course of six weeks. And so for that he understands. He does believe that he advocated for his constituency. He believes his constituency advocated for parks. He cannot control the actions of other people. He can give them counsel. They choose to follow it or choose to do their own thing. His job is to advocate for his constituency and believes he did that with the utmost integrity. How they interpret that, and how they affect that and execute it is up to them. For the record, he stated that he informed Ms. Leopold to get with Judy Pedersen several times and to work things out with her. He told her the Board will approve 90-95% of what staff proposes. When she was not able to work something out she brought it to the Board in a different way.

Mr. Vellucci supports Ms. Quintana for the position and just wanted to get his comments on the record.

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion to close the nomination.

Mr. Batten called for the vote. Ms. Quintana was elected as Secretary with a vote of 11 to 1, Mr. Gorham voting NAY.

The Nominating Committee recommended Harold L. Strickland to serve as Treasurer. Mr. Batten called for nominations from the floor.

Mr. Vellucci offered himself up as a nominee for the position of Treasurer; seconded by Mr. Gorham.

Mr. Thompson called for the nominations to be closed; seconded by Ms. Cortina.

Mr. Batten announced that the nominees for the position of Treasurer were Harold L. Strickland and Anthony J. Vellucci.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to allow each candidate to have two minutes to address the Board. Without objection Mr. Batten asked Mr. Vellucci to address the Board.

Mr. Vellucci said that there is no way to doubt Mr. Strickland's capabilities and competencies in doing the Treasurer's position. He has been the chairman of the board for a number of years and Mr. Gorham encapsulated many of the contributions he has made. Mr. Vellucci said that there was no way to doubt that Mr. Strickland could do the job. Mr. Vellucci said that he was basically looking at was a succession and diversity issue. If the Board keeps reelecting past leaders, when does it actually develop the junior leaders of the organization who are going to be taking over in the next five to ten years. So, the question before the Board is basically does the Board want more senior members on the Executive Committee or does it want to open it up to new ideas, new members, and basically take into account succession and diversity and bring in new members. It's very simple, so he threw his hat into the ring.

Mr. Vellucci thought Mr. Vajda was going to be running and he was ready to support that. When Mr. Strickland threw his hat into the ring and Mr. Vajda bowed out Mr. Vellucci thought it was an opportunity to balance the Board to have an equal number of junior and senior members. He looks forward to working with everybody.

Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Vellucci and asked Mr. Strickland for his comments.

Mr. Strickland said that Mr. Vellucci made some good points. It's an open election. Those that feel for some reason that they want to run should do so. He appreciates Mr. Vellucci stepping forward. The Board has had the Nominating Committee for two to three weeks. In trying to work with the Chairman and the Nominating Committee Mr. Strickland early on said that he wanted to lend his support with whatever knowledge and experience that he has to Mr. Bouie, who has served now for seven years. Mr. Strickland knows how tiring being chairman can sometimes be. The duties are not just every now and then, but seem to be almost continuous. Mr. Bouie has done a great job and Mr. Strickland wanted to step up again and lend his support.

He knows most of the processes in the county has a lot of contacts in the county, has a lot experience in the county. Parks has a lot of things facing it in the coming year that need some immediate attention. Mr. Kincannon pointed out a lot of those things. Mr. Strickland said that maybe he is just hardwired to do these things. He is dedicated to the Parks. It is something he feels he wanted to do, so like Mr. Vellucci who had his reasons; Mr. Strickland put his hat in the ring too.

Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Strickland.

Mr. Batten called for a vote of the Nominating Committee's recommendation, Mr. Strickland. Mr. Strickland received 10 votes.

Mr. Batten then called for the vote for the candidate nominated from the floor, Mr. Vellucci. Mr. Vellucci received 2 votes.

Mr. Strickland was elected Treasurer for 2015 by a vote of 10 to 2.

Mr. Batten congratulated everyone for their demeanor and decorum and for just being a good group of people to be privileged to serve with on this Board.

Mr. Batten announced the 2015 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Officers:

Chairman	William G. Bouie
Vice Chairman	Ken Quincy
Secretary	Kala Leggett-Quintana
Treasurer	Harold L. Strickland

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Batten announced that the installation of officers would be effective immediately. There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten wished the newly elected officers the very best of success in all endeavors and to know that everyone is very supportive of them and will be going forward throughout this year.

Mr. Bouie thanked the Nomination/Election Committee, Messrs. Batten, Thompson and Khan, and Ms. Cortina for their participation.

Mr. Bouie concluded the meeting by stating that he looks forward to a great 2015 and thanked everyone for their support from the Board and staff. He thanked everyone for all their creative ideas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 9:12 p.m.

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Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on February 11, 2015

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant