

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
March 25, 2015
As Amended**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:32 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*
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer*
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci
Grace Han Wolf*

Staff Present:

Kirk Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen, PIO
Deborah Babcock-Daley
Barbara Nugent
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Cindy Walsh
Brian Williams
John Zeigler

Absent*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Speaker: Joanne Elder Topic: Surrey Square Park Playground

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Resolution – Honoring Patty Paczan upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Ms. Paczan; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

- Mr. Kincannon introduced the newest group of Certified Park and Recreation Professional staff members. The CPRP certification through the National Recreation and Parks Association is designed for the entry to mid-level professional to directors. Attaining the CPRP designation shows that you have met education and experience qualifications, and illustrates your commitment to the profession as well as your knowledge and understanding of key concepts within parks and recreation.

The number of FCPA Certified Park and Recreation Professionals has increased six times since 2013. In 2013 four staff members were certified and this year 21 staff members received their certification.

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Within the Park Authority the positions that are Certified Park Recreation Professionals range from agency Director, Division Director, Branch Managers, Visitor Services Manager, Management Analysts, Aquatics Directors, Land programmers, Fitness Director, and an Administrative Assistant.

The State of Virginia has approximately 133 county/municipalities and 238 people with CPRP. There are 33 Fairfax County employees who currently have a CPRP. This leaves an average of 1.5 CPRP per other county/municipality.

2014 - 2015	Prior to 2015
<p>Michelle Alexander Deborah Babcock-Daley Marc Barton Julie Beck</p>	<p>Todd Johnson Kirk Kincannon Brian Laws</p>
<p>Todd Brown Josh Colman Nicole Falceto Christopher Goldbecker Dan Grulke Nicole Falceto Barbara Nugent Stephanie Powers-Loughry Natalie Sandelli Britta Stratford Julie Tahan David Wyttenbach</p>	

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes, March 11, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting
 Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Scope Approval – Playground Replacement and Related Work at Surrey Square Park (Braddock District)
 Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approved the project scope for design and installation of replacement playground equipment and related work at Surrey Square Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

A-2 Scope Approval – Hidden Pond Park Parking Lot and Shelter Improvements (Springfield District)

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope to design and construct improvements at Hidden Pond Park including a new parking lot, multi-use outdoor shelter and related work; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

A-3 Scope Approval – South County Middle School Synthetic Turf Fields (Mount Vernon District)

Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the project scope to develop synthetic turf fields at South County Middle School; seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson asked if the current plan that the Board is about to approve include the safety fence. Mr. Bowden indicated that the Board was approving the funding for the project scope, not the plan.

The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

A-4 Scope Approval – Lee District and Providence RECenters - Americans with Disabilities Act Renovation of the Family Changing Rooms (Lee and Mason Districts)

Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the project scope to renovate family changing rooms at Lee District and Providence RECenters to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

A-5 Approval of Sully Woodlands Regional Master Plan Core Properties Conceptual Development Plans and Park Name for Sappington Property (Sully District)

Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the Sully Woodlands Core Properties Conceptual Development Plans and the name of Halifax Point District Park for the Sappington property; seconded by Mr. Batten.

INFORMATION ITEM

- I-1 Needs Assessment Update
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Quincy indicated that the Chairman was on assignment.

- Mr. Quincy, Providence District, reported that he attended a Community and Neighborhood Leaders conference held at Luther Jackson Middle School. This was the county's first attempt at such a conference and it was well attended. The Park Authority had a very nice display.

Following the conference he received a number of comments, including one by a woman that said that Parks needed more money.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon announced that Wi-Fi access is now available in the Park Authority boardroom, thanks to a county project to extend the network for non-county business to all floors in the Herrity Building.

On your wireless device, look for and connect to the network named guestservices to make use of this feature. Treat it as a public network on which information you send and receive is not specifically protected by the network itself.

The Park Authority's Automation Services Branch participated in the project by making the initial request for service, coordinating placement of access points, and identifying areas of planned use.

The guestservices network is available for citizen (and staff) use at all golf courses and is coming to the RECenters this fiscal year.

- The partnership between the Park Authority and DPWES Stormwater Management Division for the restoration of Brookfield Pond has been awarded a prestigious 2015 BUBBA Award by The Chesapeake Stormwater Network for innovative storm water management practices. The Best Urban BMP in the Bay Award contest (BUBBA) annually recognizes the best urban BMPs that have been installed in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The project was awarded second place in the Habitat Creation Category.

The Chesapeake Stormwater Network is an association of composed of 7,000 stormwater professionals primarily within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed but also includes a number of members from other areas of the country and the world! Through this expansive network of individuals, the Network is able to align and integrate the efforts of thousands of individuals working on the stormwater problem across the Bay.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay recognized the Park Authority/DPWES Partnership and the Project Teams award winning accomplishment at a recent Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

He congratulated Mr. Bowden and his staff for the fine work, along with Resource Management staff and Park Operations staff that may have been involved in the project, as well as Park Services staff that may have been involved with the bike path.

- Park Authority staff along with Neighborhood and Community Services, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Health Department met at the request of Chairman Bulova with several residents from the Reston area that have concerns relating to the synthetic turf infill product that the county is using. The group provided an update on information they have been gathering over the last many years. Their primary concern relates to recycled tires and potential carcinogens. This work was reviewed by the county Health Department and Dr. Addo-Ayensu who are the experts in the field. Parks relays upon them to perform and review the research relative to any of the studies that are out there at the national and local level. The county wants its residents and youth to be safe. Dr. Addo-Ayensu is reviewing the additional information that was provided.

Staff has been looking at an alternative to the crumb rubber that is currently being used. Great Falls Nike Park currently has the new infill product. The group demanded that all synthetic turf installation be stopped and that organic compounds be used.

The concerns were addressed previously, but Dr. Addo-Ayensu is taking another look and will convene another internal group meeting to look at the information provided. Parks will follow the Health Department's lead based upon its determination.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan reported that the cricket program had an excellent start at Luther Jackson Middle School on March 19. Over 40 kids showed up and a number of potential participants were identified. The program kicks off on Thursday, March 26. Once a week kids will be coached and will start to build the program.

He thanked Messrs. Bouie, Quincy, Vajda, and the entire Board for their support.

Mr. Khan indicated that they also discussed potential field trips during the summer timeframe with the after school specialist.

He thanked Judy Pedersen for the work she did with regard to the citizens' concerns about photography fees.

- Mr. Gorham thanked the Board members for their support for the South County Middle School turf fields. He especially thanked Mr. Bowden, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Scott for the public meeting.

- Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Bowden and Ms. Stallman for attending a meeting called by Supervisor McKay regarding the Franconia Park Master Plan. There are some issues that need to be dealt with; however, the group did arrive at a course of action.

He thanked Mr. Bowden and Ms. Stallman for participating in another meeting to discuss the bicycle master plan and some of the concerns regarding one trail that the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park feel may be infringing on the park. He also thanked Ms. Cortina for her participation.

Mr. Batten reported that he and Ms. Thaxton of the Park Foundation had attended a meeting of community leaders organized by Wegman's local management team to meet with local leaders in advance of the store opening to learn more about the neighborhood. They don't make assumptions that each new place is the same, and they appreciate the communities help to understand how the community works and what Wegman's can do to help. In fact, learning about the diversity of the neighborhood always helps them serve their customers and employees better. The new store will be opening in the Alexandria area in June.

During the meeting he called attention to Huntley Meadows Park and the new store manager indicated that he would arrange to take a group of his staff to the park. Mr. Batten noted he would advise Mr. Munroe when they would be coming.

Mr. Batten and Ms. Thaxton pointed out that Parks' budget has been restricted and by several other participants who sang the praises of the Park Authority. It made Mr. Batten quite proud that others talked about the kind of meaning Parks has to the community at large. Food for Friends talked about the impact Parks has had on the lives of some of our homeless and many of the lower economic situations and Parks serve and provide access for their children as well as to them.

- Ms. Cortina called attention to the cover story of the April issue of Washingtonian Magazine called *Capital of the Future* which contains an article that says, *Here Comes the Neighborhood* and it's about Fairfax County's Tysons Corner plan. The quote is, "The redevelopment of Tysons is the most important urban redevelopment in the country, possibly the world. If they do this right it will be the model, it's big." The other quote reads, "It's the most ambitious suburban redevelopment project not just in Washington, but in all of American history." The quote is from Christopher Leinberger, Professor of George Washington University and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program.

While Parks may take this for granted, knowing that it is big, but not realizing just how big this is. People are coming from all over the world to see what is going to be done.

The article contains a big picture of the Greenway and the article also talks about the 160 acres of parks and open space to be used for arts and culture.

Ms. Cortina wanted to highlight the work of the Park Authority, Ms. Stallman and her group, and an amazing feat of securing parkland in this area. She thanked Mr. Quincy as well for putting Parks at the table for this project. It is a really big deal and people want to have green livable spaces in these cities of the future. It's keen to the quality of life, especially as the density increases.

Ms. Cortina reminded everyone that the cancelled meeting of the Federation of Friends has been rescheduled and will take place on Saturday, March 28, from 9-11:30 a.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park.

- Mr. Batten noted that Wegman's asked that he advise the Board that while it has filled 535 of 575 positions at the store it had 8,000+ applicants and still has 40 leadership positions and others to be filled.
- Mr. Thompson, in Ms. Wolf's absence, announced that the Korean-American National Sports Festival is coming to Fairfax County on June 19 through June 21. They are using facilities and bringing folks to the county. They are looking for volunteers to help execute the games. They are hosting a 5K that is open to everyone, but most of their games are open to folks that are at least 50% Korean. The event takes place every other year some place in the country and will be in Fairfax County at the end of June.

Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Johnson for spending the last 3½ years attending meetings regarding the Field Allocation Policy in an attempt to revise and update that policy, which was last updated in 2008. The Athletic Council has unanimously passed the Field Allocation Policy on March 18. It will come to the Park Board as an information item and the Board of Supervisors has to pass and adopt.

Mr. Thompson thanked staff for working to implement the two Boy Scout recommendations at Burke Lake Park. He ran into one of the scouts and his parents recently and the scout was overjoyed at the idea that his recommendation was actually going to become real. It helped to show that Parks does listen and folks can have an impact.

Regarding the Wi-Fi, Mr. Thompson wondered if Parks shouldn't have a long term goal to try to fit Wi-Fi into all of its parks and facilities. Mr. Kincannon indicated that Mr. Finegan is putting together in IT plan. The RECenters are and golf courses are in the plan.

- Mr. Vellucci stated that he is looking forward to the Federation of Friends meeting on March 28.

On March 18 DPWES had a ~~partners~~ *pardon our dust* meeting and ~~are~~ *has* started the dredging of Woodglen Lake. They began to drain the lake on March 12 and hope to have the ~~dredge~~ *draining* completed by the ~~middle~~ *end* of April. The contractor will then do the dry dredge and hopes to have that completed sometime in October. A number of members of the

Friends of Woodglen Lake attended the meeting and asked for the potential of a social trail that could go around the lake once DPWES did its reforestation. Tony is looking forward to working with staff to determine if that could happen.

On March 19 he sat in on a Friends of Royal Lake meeting and they basically have put their effort on pause pending the outdoor physical equipment study that the Park Authority is currently doing.

On March 23 he attended a Friends of Audrey Moore RECenter leadership meeting. They will hold a full membership meeting on March 26.

April 11 is the Pohick and Accotink Watershed clean up in the Braddock District. Anybody that would like to come and pick up trash is welcome.

May 4, Royal Lake will be the site of a visit of the Governor sponsored by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and DPWES to highlight the success of the Pohick Watershed updates. That includes Woodglen Lake, Royal Lake, Huntsman Lake, and Lake Barton.

Mr. Vellucci mentioned that he recently read that Dow Chemical has a press release about a new synthetic turf material.

He thanked staff and everyone for the meetings that were held regarding the photography fees and that a compromised was reached. He believes there are lessons learned and that there should be a lessons learned team that sits down to streamline operations in the future. He would be happy to be part of that team.

- Mr. Vajda stated that he looks forward to the Federation of Friends meeting on Saturday, March 28.

He thanked Ms. Pedersen for an outstanding effort in resolving the photography fee issue.

- Mr. Vellucci added that with the rules on committee, there is an agenda item that has been on the agenda for a number of years and that's committee reports. He believes that in the future the Board ought to expect that committee chairs that have had a committee meeting since the last board meeting provide a short update of what occurred at that meeting so that it goes into the minutes so that board members, if they did not attend the committee meeting can make themselves aware of what occurred so they are prepared for the next board meeting.

Mr. Thompson stated that staff will look into the process.

Ms. Gorski noted the policy on committee meetings, and the FOIA requirements for those meetings.

Mr. Gorham reiterated that policy.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:27 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for:

- (a) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(3).

Seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

C-1 Acceptance of Donation of Property Located in the Mount Vernon District

Mr. Gorham made a motion to accept the donation of property located in the Mount Vernon District as discussed in closed session; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

C-2 Approval of a Nonbinding Letter of Intent and an Offer Range for Property Located in the Dranesville District

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve submittal of a nonbinding letter of intent and an offer range for property located in the Dranesville District; seconded by Mr. Vellucci. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Strickland were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Quincy adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

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Minutes

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Minutes Approved at Meeting
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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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