

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
July 8, 2015
As Amended**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Judy Pedersen
Todd Johnson
Cindy Walsh
Barbara Nugent
Brian Williams
Janet Burns
Debbie Babcock-Daley
Sandy Stallman

Guest: Buddy Rose

***Absent**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brett Michael

SUBJECT: Clemyjontri and Langley Fork Parks
community impacts

PRESENTATION

P-1 Introduction of 2015 Summer Interns

The Park Authority has 36 summer interns, three of whom were able to attend the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Buddy Rose upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Buddy Rose upon his retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Ms. Cortina and Mr. Batten. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Strickland, Thompson, Gorham, and Vellucci were absent.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of the Minutes, June 24, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting

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Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Strickland, Thompson, Gorham, and Vellucci were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Resident Curator Program

No action was necessary.

I-2 Stewardship Update

No action was necessary.

I-3 Needs Assessment and Bond

Ms. Stallman presented background information on the Needs Assessment process, products, and decision points as they relate to the future bond process.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie congratulated everyone that was involved with the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG). It was an outstanding event, outstanding facilities were great, the people were great, and everyone had a great time. He also thanked Kirk Kincannon and staff for all that they did to make this a fantastic event.
- Mr. Bouie attended the Children's Citizenship Ceremony at Sully earlier in the day. Twenty-six children from 14 nations became citizens of the United States. All the parents and guardians were delighted. The kids took the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Frey attended what may be his last children's citizenship ceremony and it was significant for him to be there. He talked about the history and Sully Plantation.

- Mr. Bouie informed the Board members that they will be asked to vote on three awards nominations at the July 22 board meeting.
 - 1) The Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award – Paula Elsey was nominated for work on the Civil War Sesquicentennial signature events, Ox Hill opening, officer on Friends of Archaeology and Cultural Resources, member of the Sully Foundation.
 - 2) The Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award –FCPS Science and Environmental Education curriculum/program includes MWEE Program, Get to Green, and years of coordination for training their teachers on environment education inside and outside the classroom.
 - 3) The Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award – joint nominees are Supervisor Michael Frey and Hal Strickland.

Staff will prepare the appropriate board item for action on July 22, 2015.

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- The fireworks at Lake Fairfax Park on Independence Day were well-attended. Staff did a tremendous job. Mr. Bouie is looking forward to the opening of the Water Mine expansion scheduled to take place on August 1 at noon.
- A notice was sent to the Board regarding the opening of registration for the Virginia Senior Olympics. Mr. Bouie again encouraged the Board members that are eligible to participate to sign up for at least one event. He commented that Mr. Quincy will participate and is hoping that Messrs. Batten and Vajda will figure out something. Mr. Bouie will represent Virginia in Minneapolis this weekend in a sport that is not filmed.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- On June 25 a group of RMD site managers worked alongside new members of the Historic Site Volunteer Corp to put the Turner Farmhouse "back in order". This new program idea was born from a curator meeting in which a member of the public asked Cindy Walsh if was there anything they could do to help with the care of these houses now. After a meeting with this gentleman and with the leadership of Todd Brown and Bill Godfrey, the program became a reality and the first project was underway. The RMD site management team used this as a team building opportunity and worked alongside the three volunteers for the day pulling weeds, cleaning every room in the house, picking up trash and making this house shine. Along with the recent exterior painting and repairs managed by Park Operations and their grass mowing, this house has begun to look like a home again.

At Mr. Kincannon's request Cindy Walsh provided photos and a brief video of the work being done at the site. Mr. Kincannon extended kudos to staff that worked on the project: Michael McDonnell, Carol McDonnell, Kevin Munroe, Kiersten Conely, John Shafer, John Callow, Yvonne Johnson, Noreen McCann, Dave Ochs, Mary Olien, Mike Henry, Bill Godfrey, and Todd Brown. He also thanked volunteers Jim Cudlip, Steve Jones, and Ed Ehlers.

- Mr. Kincannon thanked the Board for its support during the past year and recognized the great work that all the Park Authority divisions, branches, and work groups staff undertook this year to meet service delivery and budget goals. Especially given the economic climate, increased public demand and reduced general fund operating support in 2015. To end the fiscal year with funding that will be reinvested in our 65-year-old park system is a testament to the focus and dedication of our Park Authority staff to its public service.

BOARD MATTERS:

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- Mr. Khan thanked Mr. Kincannon and staff for a successful completion and great facilities for the WPFG.

He also commented on the U.S. Women's World Cup Soccer win.

- Mr. Batten watched the entire final game of the World Cup and noted that the commentators mentioned that it was the most watched soccer game in the history of World Cup soccer. He is looking forward to watching the ticker tape parade that will be held in New York City on Friday. He encouraged everyone to watch.

Even though a young man lost his life, Mr. Batten was extremely proud of the way Fairfax County represented itself at the WPFG.

He added that he is please that he and his wife recently made the decision to stay in this area for some time. He is happy that they have returned to this county for and has had the opportunity to serve on this board.

Concerning the Save the Date notice the Board received with regard to the joint retreat of the Park Authority and Park Foundation Boards, Mr. Batten asked everyone to please make certain that they place March 5 on their calendars and to do what they can to attend the retreat.

- Ms. Cortina congratulated the Park Authority for the WPFG.

She thanked Barbara Nugent and Brian Laws for passes to the Water Mine and noted that while she was at Lake Fairfax Park she and four boys watched the woman's rugby match. As she was leaving the park, she had passes leftover for the Water Mine, so she handed them to members of the Canadian team who really looked like they needed to cool off. Other members of the team joined them in the pool even though she did not have tickets for them.

The Water Mine staff is extremely professional and vigilant. Being there with four boys a mother really needs to have a 1:1 ratio of mother to child, but because of staff's vigilance she felt comfortable even though she was out numbered 1:4. She stated that she recommended that the manager at her community pool visit the Water Mine to see how staff there operates.

Ms. Cortina thanked Buddy Rose for the work he has done for this organization. She admitted to calling Trail Buddy Park Buddy and suggested that the work he has done will encourage staff to include historical and cultural information to the application. This is a great service to the residents.

Ms. Cortina attended Huntley Meadows' 40th anniversary event and noted that it was a wonderful event. Supervisor McKay had good things to say about the park and staff.

It was sad to say goodbye to Kevin Munroe on Tuesday, July 7.

Ms. Cortina thinks that Kevin Munroe exemplifies leadership. A leader is not the person at the top of the pyramid, it's really everywhere you are and everywhere you work that you speak up, you have passion, you inform, and you educate. She noted that she and Mr. Munroe disagreed on trails in the park, but after he explained his position, she understood and supports what he is trying to do there. It's important to have no fear in telling people what is right and what needs to be done from their perspective and share that with leaders and other employees inside or outside of the organization. She encouraged staff to be like that.

Ms. Cortina reported that there is a meeting of large friends groups at Green Spring Gardens on Saturday, July 11. This meeting was organized by the larger friends groups to network and to learn from each other, and to build better connections. She was invited as a guest and will report back to the Board.

- Mr. Quincy indicated that he had heard the smaller friends groups are feeling left out.

He seconded the comments about the Children's Citizenship Ceremony held earlier in the day adding that it is one of the most stirring events of the year. He stated that he would attend even if he was not with the Park Authority. The parents of these children have already gone through the long and difficult process of becoming a U.S. citizen.

On Tuesday, July 7, there was an article in the Washington Post about playgrounds. It mentioned some Park Authority playgrounds and some in Arlington. It noted that people are expecting destination playgrounds, with that comes significant costs. While there is no cost to visit playgrounds, we are obligated to provide them to the community to fit their respective needs. Mr. Quincy recommended that everyone read the article.

- Ms. Quintana attended the citizenship ceremony and was reminded of all the things we offer; our history is also our future. The comments addressed how much potential we have as a community based on the level of diversity that we have in Fairfax County.

The participants in the WPFG had no idea how diverse our community is and that we embrace everyone. That was exemplified with the loss of Investigator Silva. Our community has a great respect for our first responders who are always there for us when we need them. Their hearts were broken when the incident happened and we were there for them. The Fairfax community and its first responders embraced Investigator Silva's family and teammates as their own.

Ms. Quintana could not be prouder of staff and the citizens of Fairfax County. She publicly wished her husband a Happy 17th Anniversary. Without his help and support it would not be possible for her to contribute to Fairfax County. Without his contribution she

could not help make this a better place. She sends her love and gratitude to him. They will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, July 11.

- Mr. Vajda was not able to attend the Children's Citizenship Ceremony but has in the past. The ceremony is tremendously gratifying, emotional, and very stirring.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. Ms. Quintana 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. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Strickland, Thompson, Gorham, and Vellucci were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Quintana 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. Wolf and Messrs. Strickland, Thompson, Gorham, and Vellucci were absent.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

C-1 Addition of Property Located in the Mount Vernon District to the Work Plan

Ms. Quintana made a motion to add property located in the Mount Vernon District to the work plan as discussed in closed session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Strickland, Thompson, Gorham, and Vellucci were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on July 22, 2015

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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