

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Minutes
September 21, 2015**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Member:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chairman
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer
Walter Alcorn
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
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns

Absent*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Julie Ben-Achour

Topic: Marmota Farms

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN1 Resolution Honoring Kala Leggett Quintana upon Her Departure from the Park Authority Board

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Kala Leggett Quintana upon her departure from the Park Authority Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Ms. Wolf were absent.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes, September 9, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting. Mr. Vellucci made a motion to amend the minutes to clarify the statement reading “This is the third year following the show of the last two performances that there have been campfires for roasting marshmallows/building community.” The new language reads, “This is the third year following the shows of the last two Braddock Nights performances at Royal Lake Park that there have been campfires for roasting marshmallows/building community.” Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Ms. Wolf were absent.

APPROVED AND SIGNED OCTOBER 14, 2015

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 FY17 Budget Submission, Fund 30010, General County Construction
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY17 Budget Submission for Fund 30010, General County Construction; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Ms. Wolf were absent.
- A-2 FY17 Budget Submission, Fund 10001, General Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY17 Budget Submission for Fund 10001, General Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Ms. Wolf were absent.
- A-3 FY17 Budget Submission, Fund 80000, Revenue and Operating Fund
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the FY17 Budget Submission for Fund 80000, Revenue and Operating Fund; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Ms. Wolf were absent.
- A-4 Approval of Proposed Changes to Easement Fee Schedule
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the easement fee schedule; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Ms. Wolf were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 FY17 Budget Submission, Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund
No action was necessary.
- I-1 FY17 Budget Submission, Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie welcomed Walter Alcorn, from the Hunter Mill District and Reston, VA. Mr. Alcorn brings a deep breadth of experience to the Park Authority and has been involved in a lot of civic activity and served on the Planning Commission for a number of years.
- On a sadder note, Bob Simon, founder of Reston, died earlier in the day at the age of 101. He was active until the end and will be greatly missed. He was a friend and mentor to Mr. Bouie for a number of years. Bob was not only involved in everything that went on in Reston, but in everything that went on in the state of Virginia, Northern Virginia. Nationally, he was a world renowned architect.

Hopefully we will live by the seven principles that Reston was built on and will continue to move those forward and continue his legacy.

Mr. Bouie asked that everyone keep Bob Simon's family in their prayers. He will advise everyone when the public tributes will take place.

- Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Strickland for inviting him to the Supervisor Michael Frey toast and boast. Over 300 people attended the event including senators, congressmen, and everybody that was anybody in the political realm that Michael Frey touched.

Mr. Bouie had an opportunity to speak with Chairman Bulova the day following the Needs Assessment media event. He also spoke with Supervisors McKay and Herrity on the results of the survey and what we can do to shore up those results and continue to make Parks a great park authority going forward.

- Mr. Bouie had a chance to participate in Northern Virginia Senior Olympics and before that he and Mr. Quincy participated in the opening ceremony. Over 800 seniors signed up this year.

Mr. Bouie won a gold medal in his event which was played at Audrey Moore RECenter. That provided him the opportunity to mosey around the RECenter and see and hear a lot of things. Staff was doing great things. Mr. Bouie had not had an opportunity to visit the senior center and spent some time there. It was great to be there during that time of day.

Mr. Bouie noted that his softball event was going to take place at Wakefield Park on Tuesday, September 22.

Mr. Bouie congratulated staff for the great job they are doing at Audrey Moore.

- The first sanctioned racquetball tournament was held at Stratton Woods Park last weekend. Forty-three players from seven states participated from 9 a.m. to the final which ended at 10 p.m. Saturday.

There was parking everywhere due to the number of events going on at the park – baseball, flag football. Wayne Brissey and his crew do a great job of keeping the park up. Mr. Bouie thanked them for everything that supported the event.

- Mr. Bouie wished everyone happy holidays to those celebrating Yom Kippur.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon reported that he and Mr. Quincy attended a meeting with the School Board, but would defer his comments to Mr. Quincy. Mr. Kincannon thanked John Berlin for a great presentation, one that he had presented to the Park Board a few months back. It was very enlightening to the School Board. Ms. Walsh, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Williams also attended.

- Over 500 visitors attended the annual Virginia Indian Festival Saturday, September 12, at Riverbend Park despite rain throughout the day. Georgetown Pike, one of the main arteries for visitors from the Herndon/Reston area and west, was closed due to a downed power line. The site prepared for the anticipated weather by putting up large tents throughout the event area to provide a more comfortable experience. All of the tribes, except one were able to participate. The tribes and other participants were very pleased with the accommodations. This year's event featured the Rappahannock Tribe as the food vendor and site staff increased the interpretation of the longhouse.
- On September 6 Sully Historic Site celebrated 40 years since the historic restoration of the site. Over 200 visitors enjoyed free tours highlighting the architecture of Sully, structural changes made by various families and restoration efforts of the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) from 1959 through the present. In 1975 FCPA opened the site to tourists on a regular basis. Visitors also enjoyed historic games, carpentry demonstrations, and refreshments in the 1794 kitchen, provided by the Sully Foundation, Ltd. Special remarks were delivered by Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, Sully District representative of the Park Authority Board, Hal Strickland, and Donald A. Hawkins a member of the 1960 Historic American Building Survey team. There was a special exhibit on original pieces of Sully and a video (unedited) about the restoration of Sully by Michael Rierson, former FCPA manager who was on the original 1974 restoration team.
- Patriot Day Golf is a nationwide fundraiser that Golf Enterprises supports by raising money for the Folds of Honor organization. The Folds of Honor mission is to provide scholarships and assistance to the spouses and children of those killed or disabled in service to America.

The annual Patriot Day Golf fundraiser was held over the Labor Day weekend (Friday-Monday) and FCPA golf sites collect voluntary donations from golfers to help support the work of the Folds of Honor. This year our sites collected \$2,562.34 from 275 golfers. Jefferson Golf Course collected the largest amount at \$1,801.15 from 129 golfers.

Golf Enterprises has been participating in this annual fundraiser since 2010 and has raised \$11,793.59 from 2,509 golfers for this worthy cause.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Vajda fulfilled his promise to provide stats on the Mason District summer concert series. Thanks to Supervisor Gross' record keeping, the program at Mason District Park which is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings hosted 7,000. The greatest event was Capitol Steps, which hosted 700; the amphitheater seats 600.

The children's programs are held every Saturday morning; counting parents and children the event hosted another thousand.

The cultural heritage programs at Ossian Hall hosted over a thousand.

Overall, over 9,000 people attend the summer concert series in Mason District. Thanks to Exxon-Mobile (which is moving out of the area) and the cell tower Parks is able to host these programs. Attendees are also encouraged to make tax deductible contributions to the Park Foundation.

- Mr. Vellucci reported that Braddock District-wide Accotink/Pohick Watershed Clean Up was held on Saturday, September 19. He commended the Friends of Royal Lake, the Friends of Rabbit Branch Stream Valley, the Friends of Accotink Creek, the Friends of Lake Accotink Park, and the Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley, and all the volunteers who helped make the watershed and stream valleys a little bit cleaner.
- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for Burke Lake meeting. His sense is that the community is supportive of what Parks is looking to do with regard to the renovations at the golf course. He thanked staff for the time and energy put into the meeting.

Thanked Ms. Walsh her efforts working with the Resident Curator Program.

Thanked Ms. Baldwin and Mr. Johnson for work on issues at Burke Lake Park regarding some encroachment issues they are trying to resolve. It is important to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

Mr. Thompson encouraged staff to move forward with the ropes course and start thinking about a timeline in order to keep the community informed.

He welcomed Mr. Alcorn and is looking forward to working with him.

- Mr. Alcorn thanked the board and staff for warm welcome. He stated that he has a lot to learn.
- Mr. Strickland reported that he and Chairman Bouie attended an appreciation banquet for Supervisor Frey along with 300 others. Mr. Bouie had the opportunity to visit with Chairman Bulova, three past chairmen of the Board of Supervisors – the Honorable Tom Davis, the Honorable Kate Hanley, and Congressman Connolly – and Supervisors Pat Herrity and Gerry Hyland. All of them spoke and included comments on Supervisor Frey's commitment and support of parks, especially ballfields, his love of history and open space. Supervisors Cook and McKay also attended.

Mr. Bouie sat next to Chairman Bulova and Mr. Strickland overheard Mr. Bouie expressing to Chairman Bulova that "citizens love their parks." Later during the evening Bill added, "so much so, the citizens are wearing the parks out." Even later Mr. Bouie was overheard

expressing the need for more open space and parks. Mr. Strickland commented that Chairman Bouie earned his pay that evening.

In Supervisor Frey's closing remarks he expressed his thanks to Parks for its role in the quality of life of the Sully citizens.

Mr. Strickland thinks everyone had a good time.

Mr. Strickland welcomed Mr. Alcorn and stated that he was looking forward to working with him.

- Mr. Bouie added that Congressman Connolly sports the need for parks and told Chairman Bulova to give Parks what it asks for.
- Mr. Quincy an IMA event was held at Nottoway Park on Friday, September 18, with a group of CPAs. It was a very energetic group, jumped right in, and wants to continue in this effort.

Continuing Mr. Kincannon's comments on the meeting with the School Board at its work session earlier in the day, Mr. Quincy stated that Mr. Berlin did a superb job. Mr. Berlin updated information provided to the Park Board earlier this year and included some information about the Needs Assessment, which was helpful. Comments from the School Board were very positive. They had specific comments and had some questions. The budget issue came up. They asked how we could carry out our respective missions with the budget situation as it is. Mr. Kincannon elaborated and then the School Board commented about more collaboration and partnerships, as well as the increasing dependence on volunteers. They also continued discussion on how school kids could be more active as volunteers in park efforts.

Mr. Quincy welcomed Mr. Alcorn and noted that he had worked with him in the early stages of Tysons Corner.

Mr. Quincy commented that he and Mr. Bouie are doing their best to represent the Park Authority during the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

Mr. Bouie noted that while he had only one gold medal so far, Mr. Quincy won two gold medals and two silver medals so far, and congratulated Mr. Quincy.

- Mr. Batten welcomed Mr. Alcorn.

Mr. Batten represented the Park Board at the Park Foundation Board meeting on September 15 along with Ms. Vosper and Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Hedetniemi commented to Mr. Batten that Parks has gotten somebody very special in Mr. Alcorn and he will make a positive contribution. She is very happy that Mr. Alcorn has consented to be a part of the Park Authority Board. Mr. Batten offered his and all members' help in anyway.

Ms. Vosper made a presentation on the Needs Assessment survey to the Foundation board. There were a number of questions on how they could help convince the community at large to support the bond issue. He thanked Ms. Vosper for a job well done.

Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Bowden for working with Supervisor McKay on the Audubon field project. When they get the field in place it will make a difference to a lot of children and parents. Initially Mr. Batten thought there were about 700 trailer homes but was informed that the number is actually closer to a thousand, that's a thousand families.

The Park Foundation continues to recruit new members to its board. A new member has recently come on board and his name will be submitted to the Park board for approval at the second meeting in October. Ed encouraged everyone to find those folks that have a passion for parks and are willing to commit themselves, their time and their resources to help Parks make it a better environment for everyone. And, at the same time win another gold medal award.

- Mr. Gorham stated that he will do his part to get everyone home as quickly as possible. With that, Mr. Gorham extended a warm welcome to Mr. Alcorn.
- Mr. Khan welcomed Mr. Alcorn and added that he looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Khan thanked Mr. Bowden and crew for putting in the fence at Oak Marr. It will save several balls from going into the woods. His cricket team has three or four more games and then the tournament will begin. He will invite everyone and hopes to see them there. His team is undefeated.

ELECTIONS

Mr. Batten, chairman of the Nomination Committee, announced that the board would hold elections for the seat of secretary recently vacated by Ms. Quintana. The members had received a copy of the report from the Nomination Committee. He announced that two members were seeking the office, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Vellucci.

Mr. Vellucci withdrew his nomination.

Mr. Batten announced that Mr. Thompson was the sole candidate for the office. Mr. Batten called for a vote; seconded by Mr. Vellucci. Messrs. Bouie, Quincy, Strickland, Vellucci,

Alcorn, Vajda, Batten, Gorham, and Khan voted AYE. Mr. Thompson abstained. Mary Cortina and Grace Han Wolf were absent. The motion carried.

Mr. Batten announced that Mr. Thompson was the newly elected secretary of the Park Authority Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on September 21, 2015

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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