

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

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  
Michael Thompson, Secretary\*  
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer\*  
Walter Alcorn  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Mary Cortina  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
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  
David Bowden  
Barbara Nugent  
Todd Brown  
Janet Burns  
Bobbi Longworth  
Anne Cissel  
Carol McDonnell

**Absent\***

**Guests:** Edward L. Long, Jr., County Executive  
Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer  
Sully Foundation:  
Lee Hubbard, Vice Chair;  
Chip Paciulli, Treasurer;  
Paula Elsey, Secretary;  
Beverly Horton, Member  
Anne Stuntz, Member

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No speakers were present.

**PRESENTATION**

County Executive Edward L. Long, Jr., and Chief Financial Officer Joe Mondoro provided a presentation on the Lines of Business exercise the county is currently undertaking.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring the Sully Foundation Ltd. Upon Its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring the Sully Foundation upon its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.

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ADMIN-2 Adoption of the Minutes, October 14, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda.

Mr. Alcorn made a motion to amend the attendance list; seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.

At 8:07 p.m. Mr. Bouie called a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1 Appointment of Rich Harpe to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve appointment of Rich Harpe to the Foundation's Board of Directors; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.
- A-2 Letter of Endorsement to the East Coast Greenway Alliance for the East Coast Greenway segments in Grist Mill and Laurel Hill Parks (Mount Vernon District)  
Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the letter of endorsement to the East Coast Greenway Alliance for the East Coast Greenway segments of trail in Grist Mill and Laurel Hill Parks; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.
- A-3 Approval – Ruckstuhl Park Master Plan (Providence District)  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the Ruckstuhl Park Master Plan; seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1 Annual Fee Review Calendar – FY 2016  
No action was necessary.
- I-2 Fairfax County Park Foundation Audited Financial Statements  
No action was necessary.
- I-3 Green Spring Gardens Draft Master Plan Revision for Public Comment  
No action was necessary.
- I-4 Natural Resource Management Plan FT15 Accomplishments and FY16 Plan  
No action was necessary.

I-5 Cultural Resource Management Plan FT15 Accomplishments and FY16 Plan

No action necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Vellucci put forward a motion for a resolution for the adoption of a Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Encroachment Management Plan.

Whereas the Fairfax County Park Authority is the single largest real property owner in Fairfax County with over 23, 500 acres and 420 park facilities located throughout the county in each magisterial district for the benefit of Fairfax County citizens; and,

Whereas some citizens whose property borders Park Authority property have taken it upon themselves to encroach upon Park Authority property which is public land; and

Whereas the Fairfax County Park Authority has taken various measures to limit encroachment and educate the public regarding encroachment with limited effectiveness, to wit, Park Authority Regulations §1.15 Protection of Park Property, Sub-Paragraph B. Encroachments, and, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/archives/encroachment.htm>; and

Whereas the Fairfax County Park Authority Board of Directors has a fiduciary responsibility for the stewardship of the public's property that it has been entrusted with;

Be it now resolved that the Fairfax County Park Authority Board of Directors, seeking to provide proper stewardship of the public lands it has been entrusted with hereby direct the Director, Fairfax County Park Authority to develop a Fairfax County Park Authority Encroachment Management Plan to more actively and aggressively address encroachment infractions upon Park Authority property.

Mr. Batten seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about the merits of approving the resolution versus the chairman directing the director to start pulling information together to bring back to the board with a very detailed presentation about what's happening. What Parks is seeing. What it is doing. What the actions are that Parks is putting into place relative to its current Strategic Plan and the NRMP and CRMP as staff looks at defining the need for an encroachment plan. Staff wants to be sure that the board

has all the information related to what it would take, what it would mean, what Parks is doing now, what it's missing, and where additional resources are needed.

Following discussion, Mr. Vellucci tabled his motion; seconded by Mr. Batten.

Chairman Bouie directed Mr. Kincannon to come back to the board with the information that was discussed to help the board make an informed decision on the importance of this issue and how it should move forward.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie noted that a number of emails have come in concerning the Pimmit Barn situation. Staff will come back to the board with information on where Parks is with the easement that Washington Gas is trying to acquire in that area.
- Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Health Department, sent a message concerning the synthetic turf fields. The EPA is going to do a study on the effect to kids. When the results of the study are in, she will share the report. Until then, the status remains the same—they are not dangerous and the county will keep monitoring the situation.
- Mr. Bouie extended congratulations to Mr. Khan. The cricket championship was held on Tuesday, October 27, and Mr. Khan's team won. Mr. Khan was the MVP. Messrs. Thompson, Quincy, and Bouie had the opportunity to meet the entire squad.

Mr. Bouie stated that the league is to be commended for the tremendous job, not only with the adults in the cricket community, but with the programs that they started with kids. Anyway Parks could support Mr. Khan's efforts would be fantastic.

- Mr. Bouie reminded the board that the next board meeting will be held on Tuesday rather than Wednesday. There are two meetings in November – committee meetings on Wednesday, November 4, and the following Tuesday, November 10, committee meetings will be held, followed by a board meeting.

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Kincannon reported that earlier in the day he had the pleasure to speak at the Green Spring Volunteer Luncheon. Green Spring has 140 volunteers. It's an incredible program. Ms. Olien told the director that there was a record turnout to hear the new director; about 65 people attended, which is about 20 more than they have had in previous years. So word is getting out that good things are happening with the board and with staff. Parks has the support of the Board of Supervisors as well. Mr. Kincannon thanked the volunteers and gave accolades for the great partnership and the work they have done. He talked about the great

work volunteers do throughout the county and how they truly support Parks to provide the best service to the community.

- Mr. Kincannon reemphasized the upcoming board schedule for November and December. As Mr. Bouie noted the meetings in November are on the 4<sup>th</sup> (committees only) and the 10<sup>th</sup>. The December meetings will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> (committees only) and on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kincannon reminded the board that the dates are on the board calendar, and recommended they check the schedule online.
- Mr. Kincannon also reminded the board that the holiday reception this year will be held on December 11 at Twin Lakes.
- On October 24 Sully Historic Site hosted Historic All Hallows Eve. This annual family event explores the origins of our modern Halloween customs and its link to harvest time. Tours of the first floor of the 1794 house highlighted Halloween traditions of the 1950s, volunteers produced a skit featuring scenes from the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. One hundred twenty patrons learned about cooking in the open hearth, historic herbal medicines, helped make apple butter, heard traditional folk tales at the slave quarter and visited the “fortune teller.” Children played in the maze, made a paper pumpkin to take home, trick or treated at the historic buildings, and visitors toured the site on the hay wagon.

Mr. Bouie turned the floor to Ms. Pedersen who introduced the new Deputy PIO, Anne Cissel. Ms. Cissel came to Parks from the Health Department where she has been since 2012 and served as the primary online communicator. Ms. Cissel’s background is in English literature and she is a graduate of Columbia University. In the few weeks Ms. Cissel has been with Parks she has raised the social media profile substantially.

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Vajda had no matters to bring forward.
- Mr. Bouie congratulated Ms. Wolf. She announced that she had gotten married last week.

Ms. Wolf invited everyone to bring come out to Colvin Run Mill on Saturday, October 31, Halloween, and bring the kids, it’s free. There will be crafts, hands-on activities, a grain grinding demonstration, and trick-or-treat around the site. Colvin Run is the only working mill in Fairfax County and the fall is a great time to come out to the site.

- Mr. Vellucci thanked Ms. Stallman and Ms. Dorlester who met with the Friends of Royal Lake on Thursday, October 22. The interesting thing they discovered was that the exercise stations that are on the trail do not have to comply with the ADA. That is a significant

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change and changes the entire dynamic of what the Friends group is trying to do. There will be another meeting to figure out what they are going to do now that that's off its shoulders. Mr. Vellucci thanked the board for having a wonderful discussion on encroachments.

- Walter Alcorn had no matters to bring forward.
- Mr. Strickland was absent.
- Mr. Thompson was absent.
- Mr. Quincy reported that the Annual Providence VolunteerFest was held on Saturday, October 24. This is an event held by Supervisor Smyth's office and Parks is involved. A mini-golf tournament was held for disadvantaged children at Jefferson District Park. Merrifield Gardens contributed the prizes.

An equestrian demonstration was held at Oakton Community Park. The event was attended by the director and his wife. This event was run by the Spirit group and it had a couple of horses there giving rides and some riding exhibitions. It was very well attended.

There have been some IMA projects at Nottoway, Idylwood, and Borge Street Parks. There were a many volunteers, kids, and adults alike.

The Great Falls Sierra Club performed its annual cleanup of Scotts Run. It was very gratifying to see all the volunteers, and discouraging – almost as much as encroachment – to see the amount of trash that's pulled out of our parks, such as tires, beer cans, pieces of lumber, baseball bats, and everything. They had collected five or six bags of things that would fit into bags. Mr. Quincy stated that he shared Mr. Vellucci's feelings about encroachment, but the trash issue is even worse.

- Ms. Cortina thanked Mr. Bowden, Ms. Cronauer, Mr. Boston, and Transportation staff for coming out to the public meeting on October 15 for the project to pave part of the CCT in Wakefield Park. Fifty to sixty people attended the meeting. A number of people were opposed to the project, not wanting to lose the character of the park with the off-road mountain biking and they were also concerned that the CCT might turn into the W&OD trail-become too fast and not safe for children and families. Majority of the people were concerned about the project. Ms. Cortina appreciates the fact that Mr. Bowden and his team told the attendees they would take a look to see if they could accommodate all the uses as well as the needs of the entire CCT.
- Mr. Batten congratulated Mr. Khan on his victory.

Mr. Batten thanked Ms. Baldwin for dealing with him and Supervisor McKay on Mount Vernon Woods situation.

Mr. Batten reminded the board to think in terms of valuable candidates for the Park Foundation Board.

- Mr. Gorham asked for a resolution of condolence to the friends and family of Howard Bowdring who passed away at the Mount Vernon RECenter. Mr. Gorham would also like a resolution of support and appreciation to staff at Mount Vernon RECenter who, he was sure, is struggling with the incident.

After discussion, Mr. Bouie stated that he would draft a letter to the family and staff on behalf of the board.

- Mr. Khan said that he cricket team had a great year. They played 16 games and lost only one, won the championship. He thanked Messrs. Quincy, Thompson, and especially Mr. Bouie for showing up. He thanked everyone for showing up and those that tried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on November 10, 2015

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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