

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
February 4, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Walter Alcorn
Edward R. Batten, Sr.*
Mary Cortina
Maggie Godbold
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci
Grace Han Wolf

***Absent**

Guests: Paul Emerick, County Attorney
Marc Gori, County Attorney
Beth Teare, County Attorney

Staff Present:

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
Cindy McNeal
Eric Inman
Brian Williams
John Stokely
Liz Crowell

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:37 p.m. Mr. Thompson MOVED the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for:

- a) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (7).
 1. Callaghan, et al v. Park Authority, et al.
 2. Kaveh Sari v. Board of Supervisors et al
 3. Columbia Gas

Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson MOVED the Park Authority Board 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

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motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

- C-1 Callaghan, et al v. Park Authority, et al
No action was necessary.
- C-2 Kaveh Sara v. Board of Supervisors, et al
No action was necessary.
- C-3 Columbia Gas Update
No action was necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – January 13, 2016
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Scope Approval – Burke Lake Clubhouse Replacement, Driving Range Expansion, Public Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Installation and Related Site Improvements (Springfield District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope for the Burke Lake clubhouse replacement, driving range expansion, public sanitary sewer line extension installation and related site improvements.
- Ms. Cortina inquired whether all community meetings and Friends’ meetings had taken place to ensure Parks did its due diligence. Mr. Thompson indicated that several meetings were held with various groups and by the district supervisor.
- Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.
- A-2 Scope Approval – Lake Fairfax Park – Americans with Disabilities Act Replacement of Bathhouse “C” Serving Tent Camping Area and Restroom “B” Serving Picnic Area (Hunter Mill District)
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the project scope for Lake Fairfax Park – Americans with Disabilities Act replacement of bathhouse “C” serving tent camping area

and restroom "B" serving picnic area; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

A-3 Reallocation of Bond Project Fund Balances for McNaughton Fields Park Renovation (Mount Vernon District)

Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the reallocation of bond project fund balances for McNaughton Fields Park renovation; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

A-4 Authorization to Advertise Notice and Hold a Public Hearing Regarding the Exchange of Langley Oaks Park for Langley Fork Park (Dranesville District)

Ms. Wolf made a motion to authorize the advertisement notice and hold a public hearing regarding the exchange of Langley Oaks Park for Langley Fork Park; seconded by Mt. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously, Mr. Batten was absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Encroachments

Mr. Kincannon provided a presentation regarding the Park Authority's approved policies and plans that currently include encroachment language, an overview of the current processes, case studies of closed encroachment issues, and additional initiatives underway. Mr. Kincannon also identified the process needed to develop an Encroachment Plan.

Mr. Gorham indicated that he had no idea Parks was dealing with encroachments as much as it is, but just the fact alone that the agency is falling approximately nine cases behind every year shows that Parks needs to address the encroachments. Staff recommendations, timeline, and priorities are spot-on.

As the instigator of this presentation, Mr. Vellucci apologized for the amount of time staff put into the presentation. However, it has been an important exercise because it did relay a lot of information he was unaware of. While he asked for a plan to formalize the issue, he feels the plan is already there it just needs to be committed to paper. As landowners, Parks has a fiduciary responsibility to its constituents to protect the land. He suggested making this a line item for the Board of Supervisors and to ask for its help.

Mr. Kincannon noted that since 1988 Parks is dealing with twice the population, 100 more park sites, and fewer full-time staff. Park staff is incredible for having kept it up for so long.

Mr. Alcorn suggested that it's important to frame it up as to why it's important. Instead of making it sound like Parks is trying to protect its turf. It's necessary to somehow estimate the environmental damage that is being done by encroachment in terms of

impervious surface, the effect of stormwater run-off, diminished habitat, and things like that is probably is going to get resonance from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kincannon agreed, noting that through the MOU and legislative this is Parks charge.

As Parks brings this back to the board for budget options in 2018 is that it takes the information and the actions and wrap them into the existing NRMP, which is where this program should reside.

Mr. Vellucci indicated that he intends to bring an edited motion back to the Board, which he will work on with Mr. Kincannon that will satisfy everybody.

Mr. Bouie indicated that encroachment should be a topic of conversation in a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie extended condolences to Ms. Longworth and her family, whose mother passed away. He asked that the board be notified of any arrangements.
- On Tuesday, February 2, The Board of Supervisors took action to name the animal shelter for former board member, Michael Frey; an honor well-deserved.
- The recent snowstorm took its toll on the roof of the Visitors Center at Sully. The center will be closed until an assessment can be made. Mr. Bowden indicated that it would reopen in three weeks.
- Mr. Bouie noted that former member of the Board of Supervisors, Elaine McConnell, passed away about two weeks ago. She was a supporter of Parks. A field at Patriot Park had been named in her honor. Condolences to her family and friends.
- There is some legislation related to synthetic turf fields that may be introduced in Richmond calling for a three-year moratorium on turf. Parks has made it known that it is still working with the Health Department, saying that it is unaware of any inherent health risks but are open to any discovery that may come and will reassess if that time comes. The Athletic Council came out with a letter to the Board of Supervisors strongly stating the same thing. In terms of actual findings, nothing has changed except that we have an advocate out there stirring up the pot.
- While a number of board members have met with their Supervisors concerning the bond. Mr. Bouie encouraged those that have not to meet with them soon. He the board members to come prepared to the next bond project discussion.

- Mr. Bouie noted that Mr. Kincannon released FY 2016 Third Quarter General Fund Budget Submissions to the board earlier in the day via email.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon reported that Parks is getting ready to start its LOBs presentation. Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer is going to present a high-level overview of Human Services, Libraries, OP3, and Parks on Friday, February 5, to the Board of Supervisors. This will precede his LOBs presentation scheduled for February 23. He invited the board to attend, adding that he would advise the board of the time as the date gets closer. The information will be posted online about one week to ten day prior to the presentation.
- 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning are collaborating on a series of efforts to celebrate the anniversary. An exhibit was installed in the case in the Fairfax County Government Center which highlights one of the key elements of this federal legislation, which was the establishment of the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. The National Register is part of a program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and cultural resources. Over the past 50 years, 59 properties and districts located in Fairfax County have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The video may be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/historic/hp50.htm>. Channel 16 will be presenting monthly videos focusing on National Register properties. As well, symposia will be held in April and in the fall celebrating this important historic event in the County, the Commonwealth and the region.
- Mr. Kincannon announced that Kevin Fay has recently tendered his resignation from the Park Foundation Board due to his work schedule.
- It's time to begin thinking about representation at the Board of Supervisor's budget hearings and the Planning Commissions CIP hearing. Mr. Kincannon suggested that anyone that would like to speak at the hearings should be in touch with the Park chairman. Barbara Gorski will make arrangements for speaking dates/times.
- Hats off to staff for the great job they did during Snowzilla. As a result of the snowstorm Mr. Kincannon realized that Parks is in need of some money for the purchase of snow equipment from the Character 60 items.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Kincannon on his presentation regarding encroachments. It was very revealing, informative, and comprehensive.
- Mr. Gorham thanked staff for attending the groundbreaking for McNaughton Fields Park.

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- Ms. Cortina thanked the citizens for attending the public hearing regarding the fee proposal, adding that it is very important for the public to participate.

She thanked staff for working on the display case at the government center.

Ms. Cortina also thanked Ms. Nugent for helping with periodic concerns.

The Federation of Friends meeting will be held on February 27 from 9 am to noon at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center.

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to report.
- Ms. Wolf had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci requested that the list of his top ten concerns for 2016 that were shared with the board be entered into the record as follows:

“Braddock District Park Authority Board Rep 2016 Top Ten Concerns / Priorities

1. Royal Lake Dredging
 - a. Park availability through dredging operations
 - b. Aquatic wildlife conservation – Royal Lake Mussel Rescue Party
 - c. Use of dredge soil to replenish eroded parts of park – natural soccer field.
2. Friends of Royal Lake Outdoor Exercise Equipment
 - a. Continued strengthening of Friends of Royal Lake
 - b. Acceptance of fitness equipment / Mastenbrook Grant request
 - c. Acquisition and installation of outdoor fitness equipment
3. Completion Lake Accotink Park Use Study / Master Plan Kick Off
 - a. Continued strengthening of Friends of Lake Accotink Park
 - b. Identification of park amenities to be funded with 2016 bond
 1. Vehicular loop with pocket parking
 2. Outdoor fitness equipment installation
4. Monticello Park
 - a. Completion of park design / permitting
 - b. Construction of first Braddock District Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA)
 - c. Identification of second Braddock District OLDA site
5. Audrey Moore RECenter
 - a. Continued strengthening of MooreFriends – Friends of AMRC
 - b. Identification of RECenter improvements to be funded with 2016 bond
 - c. Installation of pilot slack line incidental to Skatepark
6. Long Branch Stream Valley

- a. Life estate acquisition of Olley Lane property to realize Woodson - Wakefield trail continuity
 - b. Resolution of conflicting stream valley easements
 - c. Continued FCPA support (material) of Friends group for repair of LBSV trail
 - d. Community support for trail construction / paving decision.
7. Rutherford Park
- a. Venue for Braddock Nights Summer Concert Series during Royal Lake dredging ops
 - b. Fund raising for outdoor fitness area
 - c. Master plan mod that moves the "Apparatus Area" from the RPA nearer to the tennis courts
 - d. Acquisition and installation of outdoor fitness equipment
8. Oak Hill Park –
- a. Establishment of new Friends group - Friends of Oak Hill Park
 - b. Potential loop trail development
 - c. Identification / markings of graves
 - d. Historical interpretive signs
9. Royal Lake Park / Lakeside Park / Kings Park West Park Consolidated Master Plan Update
10. Fairfax County Park Authority Encroachment Management Plan"

Mr. Vellucci thanked Dave Bowden, John Lehman, Kelly Davis, Mohamed Kadasi, and Ed Richardson for showing up and presenting a Monticello Park design meeting on February 1. There was a lot of support for the dog park and people wanted to know when it could be put in the park.

The Friends of Oak Hill will meet on February 29 at Braddock Hall at 7 p.m.

The Friends of Royal Lake has finished its fundraising drive and raised approximately \$12,000 and will be applying for Mastenbrook Grant application in the future for outdoor physical fitness equipment at Royal Lake.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Mr. Kincannon for the presentation on encroachments. It convinces him more than ever that Parks needs an encroachment plan.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Ms. Godbold thanked Mr. Kincannon and staff for the orientation.

She also thanked Judy Pedersen for helping her with the quick turnaround to put together an article for her Supervisor's newsletter.

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- Mr. Thompson thanked all staff for helping with the public comment meeting on proposed fees.

He thanked Dave Bowden for preparing a response to the inquiry from the Hillside Ridge Community Association regarding trails near Hidden Pond.

He thanked staff that have been meeting with members from the Athletic Council regarding the Needs Assessment.

Mr. Thompson extended his condolences to the family of Elaine McConnell. She was a huge advocate for the community and for parks. She and staff worked to combine various properties and right of ways leftover from building the parkway to put together Patriot Park. Her legacy also includes her work as an educator, including opening the first school for learning disabled children in the DC metro area. As a dyslexics who also continues struggle with learning disabilities her work in this area was and continues to be a model for the whole school system in the county.

- Mr. Quincy seconded Ms. Cortina's comments regarding the public comment hearing on fees.

Just days before the snowstorm an IMA project at Nottoway Park was carried out with 82 volunteers. This again stresses the importance of volunteers to our mission.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2016

Mr. Khan, Vice Chairman of the Nominating/Election Committee stated that the 2016 Election of Park Authority Board Officers was placed on the Agenda and duly advertised. He thanked the Ms. Cortina, and Messrs. Thompson and Mr. Batten for serving with him on the Nominating/Election Committee.

Having previously distributed copies of the committee's memorandum regarding the Nominating/Election Committee Report dated January 13, 2016, Mr. Khan reported the names of the Committee's nominees:

Chairman:	William G. Bouie (Incumbent)
Vice Chairman:	Ken Quincy (Incumbent)
Secretary:	Michael Thompson, Jr. (Incumbent)
Treasurer:	Mary Cortina

While expressing the capabilities of the current slate and without disrespect, Mr. Vellucci voiced his objections to Messrs. Bouie and Quincy holding office for another term and suggested changes to the bylaws to address term limits.

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Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of chairman. Mr. Vellucci made a motion to add himself to the slate. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Thompson moved the nomination for Chairman be closed; seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Vajda called for a vote to elect Mr. Bouie to serve as Chairman. The motion carried, Ms. Cortina, Ms. Wolf, Ms. Godbold, Messrs. Alcorn, Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, Vajda, Gorham, and Khan voting "AYE"; Mr. Vellucci abstained and Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice Chairman. Mr. Vellucci made a motion to add his name to the slate. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Thompson moved the nominations for Vice Chairman be closed; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Vajda called for a vote for Mr. Quincy to serve as Vice Chairman; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Wolf, Ms. Godbold, Messrs. Alcorn, Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, Vajda, Gorham, and Khan voting "AYE"; Mr. Vellucci abstained and Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. Hearing none, Mr. Alcorn moved the nominations for Secretary be closed; seconded by Mr. Vellucci, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Khan made a motion for Mr. Thompson to serve as Secretary; seconded by Mr. Gorham. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. Hearing none, Mr. Alcorn moved the nominations for Treasurer be closed; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Vajda made a motion for Ms. Cortina to serve as Treasurer; seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Batten was absent.

Mr. Khan announced the 2016 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Officers:

Chairman:	William G. Bouie
Vice Chairman:	Ken Quincy
Secretary:	Michael Thompson, Jr.
Treasurer:	Mary Cortina

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Installation of Officers

Mr. Khan announced that the installation of officers would be effective immediately and they would serve until the elections in 2017.

On behalf of the Nominating/Election Committee, Mr. Khan congratulated the 2016 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Officers and thanked the Board members for their support during the nominating process. Mr. Bouie thanked the Nominating/Election Committee, Mr. Batten, Ms. Cortina, and Messrs. Thompson and Khan for their participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 9:18 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on February 24, 2016

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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