

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 22, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 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  
Mary Cortina, Treasurer\*  
Walter Alcorn  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Maggie Godbold  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
Frank S. Vajda  
Anthony J. Vellucci

**Absent\***

**Staff Present:**

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Judy Pedersen  
Barbara Gorski  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
Roberta Longworth  
Cindi Steger  
Margaret Thaxton  
Howard Albers  
Cindy McNeal

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers were present.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A-1 Reappointment of Stephen C. Thormahlen to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the reappointment of Stephen C. Thormahlen to the Park Foundation Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent

A-2 Appointment of Michael Gailliot to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Gailliot to the Park Foundation Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

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- A-3 Park Foundation FY 2017 Fundraising Projects  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the list of projects for fundraising by the Park Foundation in fiscal year 2017; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-4 Scope Approval – Lee District Park Family Recreation Area Phase III Development (Lee District)  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the project scope to design and construct Phase III improvements to the Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-5 Scope Approval – Ashgrove to Westwood Center Drive Trail (Hunter Mill District)  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the project scope to design and permit 740 linear feet of 10’ wide asphalt trail and one stream crossing in the Old Courthouse Stream Valley near the Spring Hill Metro Station in Tysons; seconded by Messrs. Khan and Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-6 Reallocation of Bond Project Fund Balance for the Pohick Stream Valley – Liberty Bell Trail Project (Springfield District)  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the reallocation of bond project fund balance for the Pohick Stream Valley – Liberty Bell trail project; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-7 Trailside Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Central Springfield Little League (Lee District)  
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request for Central Springfield Little League in the amount of \$20,000 to replace dugouts and fencing on all ball diamonds at Trailside Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.
- A-8 Adoption – Policy 307 Sponsorship  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt Policy 307 – Sponsorship; seconded by Mr. Bouie.  
  
Mr. Vellucci asked to change one work to make the policy more cohesive. Change the word ‘partnerships’ in numbered item 4. under “Policy Statement” to ‘relationships’. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

- I-1 Fairfax County Park Foundation FY 2017 Meeting Dates  
No action was necessary.

- I-2 RECenter Systemwide Feasibility Study  
No action was necessary.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to Va, Code Ann. Section 2.2-3711(7) to

- 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).
- b) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Quincy for chairing the June 8 board meeting in his absence.
- Mr. Bouie stated that he was sorry to lose Grace and that she would be missed.
- Mr. Bouie congratulated and thanked staff and the board members that attended multiple planning sessions, ribbon cuttings, and such over the last three or four weeks.
- The Park Authority has an appointed position to the Tree Commission through the Board of Supervisors. Bill had asked Tony Vellucci to serve as the Park Authority representative on that board and his name will be put to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Tony has a passion for that and will do Parks great good by being there. He thanked Tony for agreeing to take the time to serve.
- The Design Museum Foundation named Clemyjontri to its Extraordinary Playscapes Exhibition Tour located in Boston June 8-September 5, 2016. Bill noted that the announcement was placed in board members mail packets.

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Ms. Pedersen shared a video posted on YouTube of the ribbon cutting ceremony and outdoor fitness gym at Gum Springs Community Center in the Mount Vernon District. Supervisor Dan Storck provided remarks about the partnership Parks had with the Department of

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Neighborhood and Community Services. Mr. Kincannon thanked Mr. Bowden and his staff, Ms. Baldwin and her team, and Ms. Pedersen for putting together the event.

Mr. Kincannon stated this was great partnership between various funders including; NCS, FCPA and Greenfields Outdoor Fitness who provided grant funds.

- On June 21 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized a transportation, parks, and human services bond referendums for this fall's election.

This action allows the county to petition the Circuit Court to order the referendums. It will be on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot if ordered. Under state law, the county must petition the court to put the referendum on the ballot.

Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" on these three bond questions totaling \$312 million.

If approved, the money is intended to provide:

- o \$120 million to help pay for the county's share to Metro's capital improvement program that includes safety and system maintenance projects, new rail cars and power upgrades for running eight car trains, additional buses for operating Priority Corridor Networks, and rail station improvements to increase the capacity of the system's infrastructure.
- o \$107 million to fund priority needs identified in the county Park Authority's needs assessment (\$94.7 million) and sustain the county's capital contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for another four years (\$12.3 million).
- o \$85 million to replace the Sully Senior Center and a new Lorton Community Center (\$37 million) and renovate, expand or replace the Patrick Henry, Embry Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's emergency shelters (\$48 million).
- In order to fulfill a long-term goal of providing a healthy and positive place for its residents to enjoy the quality of life and to contribute to the sustainable development of Chung-cheong-nam-do province, a Korean delegation met with Sara Baldwin and me and representatives from NCS this morning. The delegation came to the US to benchmark the programs that are offered at the county level and to conduct some site visits of some sports facilities. Their next visit is to Niagra in New York. Parks' presentation was well-received. He thanked Sara for putting the presentation together.
- Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and its staff members Jim Dewing & John Shafer, have been recognized as the 2016 Employer of the Year by the Virginia Division on Career Development and Transition. The award recognizes a business or corporation that has promoted and provided the enhancement and employment of individuals with

exceptionalities in order to promote and support their full participation in the community. ECL park staff has facilitated nearly 6,800 hours of onsite learning opportunities to over 200 students with disabilities. In particular, Naturalist Jim Dewing, or “Ranger Jim,” was cited for his work during the past five years partnering with a Special Education Elective, Landscape and Design. He helped develop a curriculum that incorporates Work Based Learning as well as park history, horticulture, and landscape design and maintenance. The Employer of the Year Award was presented at the I’m Determined Student and Parent Summit on June 17 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Jim Dewing will be accepting the award for the park.

- The Park Authority received seven awards at the annual National Association of Government Communicators Conference two weeks ago in Washington, DC. Four of them were first place awards, and Promotional Services had a hand in five of the seven awards.

Promotional Service’s Karen Thayer was honored with a First Place Award for an article in Parktakes Magazine entitled, “1963 Record-Setting Swim Team Shapes Up for Old Times’ Sake.” In addition, Thayer received a second place award for her writer’s portfolio.

Great Parks-Great Communities: FY2015 Strategic Plan Report also won a First Place award, and he congratulated Joanne Kearney, Cindy Fortuno, and Sara Baldwin, who worked diligently on that project.

Communicators from the Public Information Office, Production Services and Resource Management Division partnered to take home first place honors in the Shoestring Budget category for the Park Authority’s “65 Years of Making Parks Count” anniversary celebration. Among those receiving that honor were PIO staff, including Judy Pedersen, Anne Cissel, Mary Nelms, and Carol Ochs.

RMD’s Dave Ochs received a first place award for a web article entitled, “Riverbend Park’s Adapted Kayaking Program.”

Helping Our Land Heal, a brochure explaining a pilot ecological restoration project, won second-place honors in the category of brochures/booklets.

Rec-PAC’s K-12 Educational Program, Be a Buddy Not a Bully, received an Award of Excellence.

The Park Authority’s seven honors were third-most awards presented to any government agency in the nation, and we received seven of the 40 awards that were presented to county agencies.

- The Sully Antique Car Show was another great success with the largest number of show cars in recent history and our second highest revenue in the past 15 years! The beautiful weather and low humidity allowed the owners of nearly 400 classic and antique cars to show them at their best. Just under 3,400 paid visitors spent a wonderful day looking at cars, listening to music, shopping in the flea market and enjoying funnel cake, ice cream, sizzling treats from the grill and fresh squeezed lemonade. The Model A Ford Club presented retiring show coordinator, Barbara Ziman, with a hand drawn picture of the historic buildings with Model A Fords in the foreground, commemorating the excellent relationship enjoyed by the club and Fairfax County Park Authority.
- Fireworks, food, and family fun are on tap for this year's July 4th Festival at Lake Fairfax Park.

Thousands of guests are expected to show for a day of activities including

- Splashing into the Water Mine
- Carousel rides, pedal boat rides, tour boat excursions and a puppet show at 3:30 p.m.
- A picnic lunch or dinner – bring your own or buy from vendors
- Listen to rockabilly, blues, soul, and classics from the 50s to the 70s as performed by The Hard To Tell Band from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- And of course – FIREWORKS at 9:15 p.m.!

The event itself is free, but we'll be charging a parking fee of \$5 per car this year. Spectators that walk or cycle will not be charged.

- It's officially summer time and Park has begun in earnest to prepare for more than 31,000 children to attend camps totaling more than 1800 weeks of camps during the summer. Our vendor partners provide valuable camp offerings and we are excited to watch them grow with us. By the end of June Parks will have trained more than 500 staffers who will provide programs for children throughout Fairfax County. Many locations provide extended care which aids working parents. Through the generosity of the Park Foundation close to 50 children who are in transitional housing will have a summer of fun unlike they have ever had before. More than 40 school sites will host our very popular RecPAC program which begins the first week in July. The Water Mine is becoming a favorite again among the tweens and teens and our pass holders has seen an increase and for the first time we worked with CertifiKid and provided a method to gain access to the Water Mine through their marketing efforts.
- The boardroom will be undergoing some renovations so please make a note that the board and committee meetings scheduled for July 13 will take place in rooms 106/107 on the first floor. Along with the renovations, the boardroom will be repainted.

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Mr. Bouie noted that he had three comments to add:

- He congratulated Mr. Thompson for his appointment to the Board of Directors of Visit Fairfax.
- He has been named to the Board of Directors for Leadership Fairfax.
- He and staff will be presenting a read-out of the Needs Assessment to Congressman Gerry Connolly and his staff next week.

He added that if there are others that would like a presentation, they can be accommodated.

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Khan had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham thanked Judy Pedersen, her staff, and all those that helped with the two ribbon cuttings on Saturday, June 18.
- Mr. Batten had nothing to report.
- Ms. Godbold announced that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, for Ellanor C. Lawrence Master Plan Revision at the Sully Government Center Community Room, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, in Chantilly.

Ms. Godbold will be meeting with Mr. Gary Flathers to try to get him to join the Green Team.

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci thanked Ms. Walsh for the Encroachment Education presented by Tammy Schwab at the Resource Management Committee meeting.

Very apropos, there was a kidnapping at Royal Lake Park, actually a mute swan-napping. Someone came onto park property and took the mute swan. Cindy Walsh indicated that staff had nothing to substantiate the relocation of the swan, but expect that it was a rehabilitative effort.

In the end the mute swan no longer resides in Royal Lake, which brings the mute swan population in Virginia to 307.

The issue of encroachment is alive and well. Tony continued that we need to realize that there is not an awareness that it is public property or under Parks stewardship. People cannot go onto park property and do whatever they want to do.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Ms. Cortina was absent.
- Mr. Thompson, Springfield District, thanked Mr. Kincannon and Ms. Baldwin for figuring out that there was a weather station put up on park property.
- Mr. Quincy noted that a public meeting was held concerning the DPWES/FCPA joint effort to do some stormwater work in Nottoway Park. It was a very successful meeting. There was a fair turnout and we received some good comments. It again pointed out the need to fix what we have. There is some severe erosion in Nottoway Park and other parks as well.

Following Mr. Vellucci's comments, DPWES has found a lot of dumping, more than we had thought. They found roping materials, hardware, auto parts, and grass. It's happening not only with homeowners, but also with commercial entities.

Mr. Quincy appreciated the update on the encroachment education and hopes that the commercial arena is included.

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At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to enter into closed session to

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Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Thompson made a motion to certify that the Board, to the best of its knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened were



heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

C-1 Adding Property Located in the Sully District to the Workplan

Ms. Godbold made a motion to add property located in the Sully District to the Workplan as discussed in closed session; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Batten. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

C-2 Park Authority Director's Performance Evaluation

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the director's performance evaluation; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:30 p.m.

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on June 22, 2016

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant