

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
July 13, 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
Walter Alcorn*
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Maggie Godbold
Linwood Gorham
Timothy B. Hackman
Faisal Khan
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci*

Staff Present:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, PIO
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant
David Bowden
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns
Mike Baird
Diane Roteman

Absent*

Guests: 2016 Summer Interns

PUBLIC COMMENT: No speakers were present.

PRESENTATION

P-1 Introduction of 2016 Summer Interns

Ms. Roteman, Manager of Human Capital and Development Services, presented the 2016 summer interns. Each intern present introduced themselves. A list of all the interns with a brief description of their backgrounds, their goals and aspirations, and their duties as interns is attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes of the June 22, 2016 Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy made a motion to the minutes of the June 22, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Hackman abstained. Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci were absent.

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ACTION ITEMS**A-1** Naming of Child Care Room at Oak Marr RECenter in Honor of Kathleen Cahill (Providence District)

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the naming of the child care room at Oak Marr RECenter in honor of Kathleen Cahill; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci were absent.

A-2 FY 2018 Proposed Budget Requests – Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the submission of the FY 2018 proposed budget requests for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1** Resident Curator Program Update

No action necessary.

I-2 Strategic Plan Goal – Encroachment Education Update

No action was necessary.

I-3 FY 2016 Changes to the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution

No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie wished everyone a Happy New Year – Fiscal New Year that is. From a fiscal standpoint the board as seen the results of staff's hard work.
- Ms. Cortina, Sandy Stallman, Aimee Vosper, and Mr. Bouie had an opportunity to meet with Congressman Connolly to review the results of Parks' Needs Assessment. The Congressman expressed interest in a number of different things Parks is doing and wants to be sure Parks is doing everything it can to achieve the goal of being owner of 10% of the land in Fairfax County. He would also like to see more trails. It was a very good meeting and Congressman Connolly loves his parks and takes great pride in them.
- The Park Authority was awarded the National Recreation and Park Association's 2016 Barb King Environmental Stewardship Award which recognizes the parks and recreation agency which has achieved excellence in environmental stewardship. This national recognition pays tribute to the Park Authority's growing commitment to protection of natural resources in Fairfax County.

Mr. Bouie noted that this is the first time Parks has won this award. He congratulated Mr. Kincannon and staff for putting together the application; the board for its leadership, vision,

and for pushing this initiative over the last five to six years. He and Mr. Quincy are receiving kudos from a number of people and EQAC sent Mr. Bouie a note.

- For the seniors on the board (50+) and those that know seniors – it's time once again to sign up for the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics that will be held from September 11-21. The fee is \$12 to enter as many events as one possibly can. The events include WI-bowling and scrabble, paddleball, racquetball, pickle ball, baseball throw, football throw, and many other events. Mr. Quincy has entered running. Mr. Bouie and Mr. Quincy participate every year, have a lot of fun, and have met a lot of people.

Once again, Bill offered to pay the entrance fee to any board member eligible to participate.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- July is National Park and Recreation Month – and the Fairfax County Park Authority is joining the National Park and Recreation Association to send a message: Enjoy your parks this month and all year long!
- Mr. Kincannon congratulated the board and staff and the many teams that makeup the Park Authority on the incredible 2016 fiscal year. There have been some stellar achievements that have been presented to the board throughout the year.

He thanked the team of the board and the team of the staff. They are in awe of all the work and dedication that they do and the work of the volunteers that work with them.

- For the first time, the Park Authority is hosting a selfie contest in the parks! Taking advantage of the ever-present smart phone, we are asking the public to submit selfies taken in our parks based on four different themes:
 - July 4-10: Selfie with nature
 - July 11-17: Selfie doing something healthy
 - July 18-24: Selfie with your friends and community
 - July 25-31: Selfie showing your superhero side

Participants can submit photos on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtags #FairfaxParks #SuperParkSelfie and #SuperJuly. Prizes will be given out to the best selfie each week:

- Week one: Nature Gift Basket (Items from our Nature Centers)
- Week two: Fitness Package (2 RECenter Passes and 2 Mini Golf Passes)
- Week three: Group Package (Gift Certificate for a 25-Person Wagon Ride at Frying Pan Farm Park)

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- Week Four: Lakefront Gift Package (2 passes each for a Boat Tour, Boat Rental, Camping, Miniature Train Ride and Carousel Ride)
- In addition, 2,500 National Park and Recreation Month bookmarks, funded by the Park Foundation which also promotes the Discovery Trail Map, will be handed out to park campers during the last week of July. Staff members are writing four blog posts – one a week in July – based on the themes mentioned before.

A National Park and Recreation Month web page has been created, with information about the selfie contest and a calendar populated with a park event on each day in July and posters are up at our sites touting the super heroes – Captain Community, the Green Guardian, and the Fit Twins that guide you on your adventures in our parks.

- The FY16 Strategic Plan outlined a project to develop a Friends Group Handbook to guide the development of Friends Groups and look at creating an MOU template for the process.

Many Friends Groups have partnered with the FCPA for years; however, there is an influx of groups that have recently formed or are looking to form, and that is becoming a time and resource management challenge for field staff.

Our friends groups are dynamic, independent and in different phases of their own evolution process. We want to insure that groups have up to date information in working with the Park Authority and that everyone is following local, state, and federal requirements related to charitable organizations. The handbook will be written to address topics important to our groups of existing organizations and groups interested in forming.

Staff will be sending out an email to our friends groups to gain their input on the project, and seek their involvement in this process. We anticipate the email going out next week. Please let Cindy Messenger know if you are contacted by the friends groups.

- Cox Communications and The Trust for Public Land announced Alan Ford as Virginia's 2016 Cox Conserves Hero Award. Cox Communications will also present Mr. Ford with a \$10,000 grant to help fund internships within Fairfax County parks, and another \$10,000 grant which will be donated on his behalf to the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society.

He has served in the past as an EDRR team leader (early detection rapid response) and an IMA leader for Idylwood and Marie Butler Leven. He is a very active community member and works with us through his involvement with groups we partner with like the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society and the Fairfax Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists. Congratulations to Alan Ford.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan welcomed Mr. Hackman.
- Mr. Gorham welcomed Mr. Hackman and wished everyone a pleasant end of summer.
- Mr. Batten welcomed Mr. Hackman and added that if there was anything that the board could do or anything he could do to please let him know.

Mr. Batten stated that he was looking to Mr. Hackman to provide a representative to the Park Foundation Board.

- Ms. Godbold welcomed Mr. Hackman and yielded her position as the newest member of the board.
- Mr. Hackman stated that he appreciates the warm welcome he has received from everyone. It's a great comradery board. He has been following the board's achievements and accomplishments from afar and it is honoring and humbling to be a part of this austere body and to work closely with the board and also with Mr. Kincannon and his very professional staff, many which he already knows.

Mr. Hackman extended a public thanks to Supervisor Foust and the Board of Supervisors for enabling him to have the opportunity.

- Mr. Vajda welcomed Mr. Hackman.

Mr. Vajda called attention to a fan placed at each member's seat to remind them that there is a Spotlight by Starlight concert series at Mason District Park. He sincerely hopes that the board can make it out to one of the venues. Sunday, July 17, Capital Steps will be performing, so he recommends that anyone interested in seeing the performance should arrive early since it always brings in about 600 people.

Mr. Vajda added that you never know who will show up at one of the events. In fact, on Sunday, July 10, one of the members of the **Green Team** was there telling everyone about the bond. He thanked fellow board member, Ms. Godbold, for being there and representing the Green Team. She not only represented the Green Team, but to stay with the theme she had a green streak placed in her hair.

- Ms. Cortina welcomed Mr. Hackman who is the former president of the Friends of Riverbend Park.

She thanked staff for including her in their meeting along with the Foundation regarding the Friends Handbook. It will be a good resource for them.

She noted that there are 35,000 kids that will be going through Parks' camps this summer. She doesn't think that the Park Authority gets credit for everything it is doing, nor does the public understand the full sentiment.

Ms. Cortina offered congratulations to the ANSLL (Annandale North Springfield Little League) Juniors team on winning the District 10 Championship.

- Mr. Thompson welcomed Mr. Hackman and stated that he looks forward to working with him.
- Mr. Quincy welcomed Mr. Hackman and also stated that he looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Quincy added that at the next meeting the board will be getting Nottoway's fans.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 7:55 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on July 27, 2016

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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