

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
September 28, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 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
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
David Bowden
Todd Brown
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Cindy McNeal
Janet Burns
John Finegan

PUBLIC HEARING: Halifax Point District Park Land Exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

Mr. Bouie welcomed all and asked Ms. Pedersen to conduct the Public Hearing. Staff provided comments received during the public comment period. No speakers were present at the Public Hearing.

ACTION ITEM

A-1 Approval of Halifax Point District Park Land Exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Sully District)

Ms. Godbold made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the land exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes of the September 14, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

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- ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Edward R. Batten, Sr., upon His Departure from the Fairfax County Park Authority Board
This item was deferred to October 13, 2016.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-2 FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 10001, General Fund
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the revised FY 2018 Budget Submission for Fund 10001, General Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-3 FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2018 Budget Submission for Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-4 FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 30010, General County Construction Fund
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2018 Budget Submission for Fund 30010, General County Construction Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-5 Scope Approval – Colvin Run Millrace Stabilization (Dranesville District)
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope to design and construct repairs to stabilize the millrace at Colvin Run Mill; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-6 Adoption of the One Fairfax Resolution that Directs the Development of a Racial and Social Equity Policy and Strategic Actions to Advance Opportunities and Achieve Equity
Ms. Cortina made a motion to adopt the One Fairfax Resolution and joining with the Board of Supervisors and School Board in pursuing an intentional leadership-oriented approach to equity, which includes the development and achieve equity with intentional collective leadership, community engagement, equity tools and infrastructure to support and sustain systemic changes, and shared accountability; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie thanked staff for the great job they are doing on the presentations they are providing on what the future of the RECenters is going to be. He attended the presentation provided to Supervisor Hudgins last week and has since run into three other Supervisors who are all very impressed with the way Parks is going.

And, the citizens are paying attention as well. The Reston Association made some comments last week.

- The dedication of the Roll Top Observatory at Turner Farm will take place on Saturday, October 1. He congratulated the Analemma Society and everyone that participated in getting this accomplished.
- Mr. Bouie said that Davood Majidian is a rock star and that he can never say enough about what Davood has meant not only to the bottom line, but to the safety of our citizens in the facilities and on the trails.
- Having approved the One Fairfax Resolution earlier in the evening, Mr. Bouie noted that he has spoken with a number of School folks and has signed on personally to support the Meals Tax that will be on the ballot in November. He has been asked to do something as board chair; however, he does not feel it is appropriate. If anyone else chooses to support the Meals Tax he asked that they do it as an individual and not as a Park Board member.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon reported that he will be out of the office October 5-8 to attend the National Recreation and Park Association's Annual Congress in St. Louis. Sara Baldwin and Aimee Vosper will be in charge in his absence. He will be making a presentation on employee retention with the parks director from San Diego County.
- Ms. Vosper is back from her trip to Germany will provide a presentation later this year. Attendees were extremely welcoming and impressed with Fairfax County, the Park Authority, and what they have to offer.
- Sadly, Ms. Baldwin will be gone for a few months. She wants to add to the members of her family. Effective November 4 she will be out of the office and will be back in the spring. The Park Authority wishes her and her family all the best, and she will be missed.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to report.
- Mr. Hackman reported that the dedication of the Roll Top Observatory will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, at the Observatory Park portion of The Turner Farm Park. The Analemma Society is very excited.

He attended the open house at Ellmore Farm House at Frying Pan Farm Park on Saturday, September 24. Ellmore is the first property in the pilot program in the Resident Curator

Program. Cindy Walsh was there with David Buchta. Everyone is hoping to get the program off to a good start.

An open house is scheduled on October 15 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Turner Farm house, the second historical structure to be available in the resident curator program. Mr. Hackman believes this will get a lot of attention. The folks in Great Falls are very excited about this and they are going to try to drum up proposals for the property.

Mr. Hackman, Ms. Cortina, Ms. Cissel, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Pedersen among others were at the Oak Hill open house on Saturday, September 24. Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Cook had some nice words to say and are very supportive of these types of arrangements, the Park Authority and staff, and folks from Lake Accotink. There was a lot of community turnout.

He will be meeting the with Great Falls Citizens Association's Environmental, Parks and Trails Committee on Monday, October 3. He expects further discussions regarding, Turner Farm, Marmota, and everything else that is going on in Great Falls.

- Mr. Vellucci thanked Gayle Hooper for the presentation to the Friends of Lake Accotink Park on September 14. She received over 700 comments regarding the master plan process.

His offer to go to Royal Lake to view the dredging operation still stands. The dredging is still underway at Royal Lake. The contractor has a channel on one side which totally in plastic for the water to run through and have started to work on the other side. The project is moving along.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Ms. Cortina agreed with Mr. Hackman's comments on the Oak Hill event.

She also remarked that Fairfax County will be celebrating its 275th anniversary as a county and suggests the Park Authority plans to complete the initial scoping for a cultural resource facility to coincide with the anniversary.

She was honored to attend the National Museum of African American History and Culture recently and noted how important it is to preserve, conserve and interpret history. Fairfax County has artifacts such as George Washington's will and pottery created by slaves. She said it is the responsibility of the board to ensure our county's artifacts are protected and that it not lose focus of the Park Authority's cultural resource mission.

- Mr. Thompson indicated that the Park Authority is doing better job communicating with the Athletic Council; Dave Bowden did a good job as well as Todd Brown and Todd Johnson.

The synthetic turf field lifecycle is 10 years, which is important in a planning perspective, but it is important to realize that it could be sooner, or it could be later. Mr. Thompson feels it is important to remind people that the schedule is not set in stone but may be adjusted according to need.

- Mr. Quincy attended the first public information meeting regarding the RECenter Sustainability Study on Wednesday, September 21. Dave Bowden and staff did great job coordinating the meeting. Barbara Nugent had Park Services staff there. It was very well done.

One thing that impressed him was that most folks supported our RECenters and had concerns about Parks' means of competing. It was a very positive meeting. People are dropping out for various reasons. How Parks compete can be a real question because it is not directly comparable to other gyms such as Gold's Gym, it's different. Parks offers much of the same things they offer, but also offers more.

National Public Lands Day was celebrated on Saturday, September 24, at Nottaway Park with an IMA event. There were 70 volunteers in attendance, which was a good turnout. Judy Pedersen orchestrated the event very well. Sara Baldwin and Supervisor Smyth made presentations and Delegate Mark Keam was also there.

- Ms. Godbold attended the public meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016, in an effort to find partners interested in sharing ideas and shaping a vision for a Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center. There were a lot of interesting ideas and excitement. The group was still going strong at 9 p.m.

She reminded everyone that there is a Green team meeting Monday, October 3, at 7 p.m. in the boardroom. Yard signs and other materials will be available for distribution.

- Mr. Gorham reported that in the Riverside area of Mount Vernon there is a group that inquired about the possibility of installing a playground on parkland in the area. They contacted the Supervisor's office and their board appointed someone to look into it. Sandy Stallman started to work on it and then a group came forward that didn't want a playground. An on-site meeting was held with representatives from both groups, making sure that everyone knew it was just an information sharing meeting. As a result, there have been some requests for information. He thanked Ms. Stallman for her help in working through this process.
- Mr. Kahn had nothing to report.
- Mr. Bouie commented that it is amazing the amount of public interaction that the Park Board has. Board members are Park advocates and sometimes people need to be reminded of that.

He asked everyone to keep in mind Mr. Batten's mission to increase the size of the Foundation Board.

Mr. Bouie gave the keynote address at Leadership Fairfax opening ceremonies. This was among the finest group of people in this class. There were 30 people from all walks of life adding that it's amazing what's on their resumes and what they do for a living.

In the conversations around RECenters, especially in the Hunter Mill District, there was a lot of tie-in with Human Services and what RECenters are going to mean in terms of working not only with recreation, but how Parks' recreates with the schools; how it makes full use of public facilities in off hours for all types of people. He suggested that the board may want to pay attention to these comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:08 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on October 13, 2016

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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