

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
January 11, 2017**

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
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter*
Mary Cortina
Maggie Godbold
Linwood Gorham
Timothy Hackman
Faisal Khan
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Todd Brown
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh

Absent*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Robert Lamond

Topic: Use of unmanned aircraft systems on the grounds of Fairfax County parks

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes of the December 14, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 14, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Carter was absent.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie welcomed everyone back and wished them a Happy New Year. He hopes that everyone is ready for an exciting year.
- Per the Park Authority Board Bylaws Committee Assignments must be ratified by the board. Mr. Bouie asked the Board to ratify the committee assignments as presented in December; Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter was absent.

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- Mr. Bouie reminded the board that they need to submit their Statement of Economic Interests by January 17 and that there is a \$250 fine for late filing and it must be completely filled out. The form is completely different this year and is 25 pages long.
- He announced that the Nominating Committee will be reaching to the board members. The election of officers for 2017 will take place on February 8 because some board members need to be reappointed by the Board of Supervisors. Those appointments will take place on January 24.

Mr. Khan is the chair of the Nominating Committee and will be joined by Mr. Alcorn, Ms. Godbold, Mr. Vajda, and Mr. Gorham.

- Mr. Bouie welcomed Ms. Gurski and her son Bill from Boy Scout Troop 987 of Vienna who was attending the meeting in order to earn his Citizen in the Community Merit Badge.

Mr. Bouie noted that this was an unusually short meeting and that most of the work takes place in the committee meetings. He extended an invitation to the scout to return for any other meeting. He thanked Ms. Gurski for bring her son to the meeting and for participating.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Mr. Kincannon extended wishes for a Happy New Year and staff wished the board well as we moved into 2017.

It is an exciting year coming forward with the passage of the bond. The bond projects will be coming to the board within the next several weeks. As the county begins to sell the bonds at the end of the month there will hopefully be \$17M to move toward Parks' capital projects and begin the next series of bond expense during the next four years.

- Fairfax County Park Authority sponsored five First Hikes on January 1, 2017. More than 100 friends, families and neighbors ventured out to a wide range of locations sprinkled throughout Fairfax County.

Participants were encouraged to take "selfies" at their hike location and download them to the Park Authority website. There were so many pictures in fact that it crashed the system. Two winners were selected from each hike and that earned them RECenter passes. From family scenes to nature scenes and Fairfax County certainly looked good on the first day of the year! A special thanks to John Berlin and Judy Pedersen and her staff for their invaluable help in making this first day event a success!

- The Federation of Friends is meeting on Saturday, January 28, at Twin Lakes from 9 a.m. to noon. The meeting will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The agenda was sent to the board via email the afternoon of January 11.

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BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan wished everyone a Happy New Year. He is looking for a great year together to do great things.
- Mr. Gorham wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Ms. Godbold wished everyone a Happy New Year.

She announced that on Tuesday, January 24, the Cub Run RECenter will sponsor a Westfield Business Health Fair.

- Mr. Vajda extended a Happy New Year to everyone and their families.
- Mr. Hackman wished everyone had a great holiday season and has a super start to the New Year.

With regard to the Save Marmota Farm effort in Great Falls, this week it was made known to some that a preferred property for sale by the Gulich Group was posted on the Marmota property. Details are being looked into as to whether the property was sold.

Bill Cannes, President of the Great Falls Citizens Association, and Mr. Hackman spoke on the Resident Curator Program and Turner Farm House to the Great Falls Rotary. It generated so much interest that several wanted to go out that afternoon to see the farmhouse. Thanks to Cindy Walsh and Denise Dressel that tour was set up. Two people saw it that day and two more saw it about a week or so later. Since that time some interest may have waned, but it shows how responsive we can be if there is interest that appears.

The application was extended for both properties until February 12.

- Mr. Vellucci wished everyone a Happy New Year.

He thanked Dave Bowden, Cindy McNeal, Laura Finks, and Michelle Meadows for attending a meeting on a potential property located in the Braddock District.

He thanked the Area Managers who are the unsung heroes a lot of time, especially when there is bad weather. When there is snow Mr. Vellucci goes to different parks and they are always open. He appreciates it and he is certain the citizens do too.

Mr. Vellucci asked Mr. Kincannon if there was any progress with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES).

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Mr. Kincannon indicated that he had received confirmation from the Budget Office where it has asked to look at DPWES, Park Authority, Housing Authority, and FCDOT related to overlap in similar duties related to capital construction, planning, and development. It is now out of FCPA hands. It will be more comprehensive related to a LOBs review which will take over the next year. It is looking at some of the things related to planning and development. Parks will continue to look at the smaller things like stream valley work and the coordination with programming, but will make sure it is tied into the bigger picture.

Mr. Vellucci asked if anyone from DPWES was invited to attend the Federation of Friends meeting on January 28. He asked because a lot of concerns from Friends groups are regarding water issues.

Mr. Kincannon responded that he didn't think it was appropriate for this meeting in regard to the topics scheduled for discussion which is forming Friends groups. There will be other opportunities to sit down with Friends and DPWES to have those conversations.

Mr. Bouie asked if EQAC had been invited. He suggested sending an invite to Stella Koch just so EQAC would be aware.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Ms. Cortina wished everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to the year ahead.

She stated that the Friends groups are also looking forward to the year ahead because they have been calling and have lots of plans and want to get together in addition to the official meeting on January 28. She will relay any information she receives to the board.

She reminded the board of the Federation of Friends meeting on January 28. It's a very full docket and she is very excited about this because Cindy Messinger has been working on a handbook for Friends groups, how to start a Friends group, how to get organized, how to obtain membership, and how to build the group. There are a lot of people looking for ways to give back. This is a great way for people to do that in an organized way. And, they are more advocates for our parks.

- Mr. Thompson stated that the issue of drones has also been discussed at the Athletic Council and the need to talk about them. There is a movement in some schools and with other users regarding ways to do this as a sport. This may be something to consider when working through some of the issues.
- Mr. Quincy wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with everyone this coming year.

He announced that the Park authority lost a friend in December, Ken Lawrence, the former Providence District Planning Commissioner. He was a great friend of Parks and a big supporter. He was especially influential in getting the inclusion of parks and playing fields in the Tysons plan. Mr. Quincy worked with Mr. Lawrence as well as Mr. Alcorn in this respect. Mr. Lawrence will be missed.

Mr. Bouie told everyone to be careful. The foxes are going crazy this week and are everywhere.

The Virginia State Olympics registration is open and will be in Henrico County this year. Mr. Bouie has already signed up and Mr. Quincy and Ms. Vosper will also sign up.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:52 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to convene in closed session for

- 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).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy and approved by all members present, Dr. Carter was absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion to 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 motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Quincy and approved by all members present.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- C-1** Authorization of an Offer Range for Property Located in the Springfield District
Mr. Thompson made a motion to authorize an offer ranges for property located in the Springfield District as discussed in closed session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Carter was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on January 25, 2017

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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