

Board Agenda Item
May 10, 2017

CLOSED SESSION

- a) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. 2.2-3711(A)(7).
- b) 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).

Board Agenda Item
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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 10, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
April 12, 2017**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Mary Cortina, Vice Chair*
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Linwood Gorham, Secretary
Walter Alcorn*
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter*
Maggie Godbold
Timothy Hackman
Faisal Khan
Ronald Kendall
Ken Quincy
Anthony J. Vellucci*

Staff Present:

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Barbara Nugent
Mary Olien
Janet Burns
Cindy McNeal

Absent*

Chairman Bouie welcomed Xiali Li, a student at George Mason (GMU). Xiali said that she was happy to be here and is an international student from China. She is studying forest management. She noted that in China they do not have board meetings so it's good to be here to study. Mr. Bouie invited Xiali to come back at any time.

He also welcomed James Piccolo of Boy Scout Troop 152 in Vienna. James was attending the meeting for a scout merit badge. He is currently a First Class and he is trying to obtain Star. James' father, Jim, was also attending the meeting and noted that he will ensure that James takes diligent notes.

Amy Mann, a GMU student, also joined the meeting. She is taking a leadership class and was present to observe.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – March 22, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 22, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Scope Approval – Ellick Preserve Helping Our Land Heal Project
Ms. Godbold made a motion to approve the project scope for the Ellick Preserve Help Out Land Heal Project; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Cortina, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 Original Mount Vernon High School Property Reuse
Dave Bowden and Cindy McNeal provided an update on the proposed process for the development of the reuse of the Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) property in the Mount Vernon District. The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services is currently preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a potential Master Developer to lead the effort for determining the reuse of the OMVHS property. County staff has requested that the Park Authority consider including the park property as part of the potential reuse area in the RFP.

In the event this moves forward, the future next steps may include:

- o Entering into a partnership that possibly incorporates the GW RECenter
- o Updating the land bank if BOS deems that a land exchange is necessary
- o Following the standard process of holding a public hearing for the disposal of land

Ms. Vosper stated that the direction Parks has given them so far is that it would at least maintain or enhance the current level of park and recreation uses and its benefits. Parks wants to make sure it's incorporated into the RFP if we go forward, that Parks will be looking at the benefits and uses of what we have now and what any redevelopment can provide us in the future.

Mr. Gorham stated that he could think of no downside to participate in this actively. He has tried to think of ways to improve the RECenter and make it not make it the lowest performing in our system and it's hard to come up with ideas. At the very least it would be good to have new ideas for the RECenter.

Ms. Vosper said Parks hopes that going into this process it is open to new ideas, but if there is something specific right now or that the board is concerned about we need to know that now so that the RFP can be tailored to make sure they don't go through a process and come back and Parks will say 'no'. If Parks is open to new ideas, uses, or how to revitalize Parks' uses then we are in good shape.

Mr. Gorham stated that it would not be a problem to express that Parks would like to see the asset used similarly or that there be a greater community use.

Mr. Kendall noted that Mr. Gorham mentioned that this is an underperforming facility. Has the Park Authority identified the reasons why the center itself might be underperforming? Mr. Gorham responded that it is just an indoor pool without room for any other amenities, and its location is limited also. It's not in a visible area and one has to go quite a bit off Route 1 to find it. And it overlaps with the Mount Vernon and Lee District service areas.

It was the consensus of the board to continue on. Mr. Gorham has the leading voice and if anyone has anything to share, share it with Dave Bowden, with Mr. Kincannon or Ms. Vosper.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie thanked the board members for the great birthday wishes that they sent simultaneously as he was celebrating his birthday with a couple of friends. This showed them what a great group of friends he works with. He thanked them again and stated that his vacation was great. There was a lot of baseball, barbeque, and beer. So, for the 18th consecutive year spring training was a success again.
- Mr. Bouie extended congratulations to Ms. Cortina who was named Lady Fairfax. More details are to come. He encouraged everyone to send her congratulations.
- Last week, Mr. Bouie and Mr. Kincannon had the opportunity to go to Lexington, VA, to receive the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. Parks' was a Gold Medal winner for the Huntley Meadows Wetlands Restoration. It was a great event held at a state environmental conference at VMI. There were 300 or more attendees. Bill passed around the award for the board to see. He added that this was another prize to go on the wall. He thanked staff and the board for the great work that they do and Judy Pedersen for her dynamic and eloquent writing that allowed Parks to be nominated and win this award.

Ms. Baldwin pointed out that Karen Sheffield, manager of Huntley Meadows, was in the gallery. Mr. Bouie congratulated Ms. Sheffield and the board applauded her.

- Mr. Bouie said that he was sorry he missed the McNaughton Field opening on Saturday, April 8; however, he was at Frying Pan Farm Park watching Spirit do its therapeutic riding exhibition. It was wonderful and he added that if anyone has not had the opportunity to view the Spirit therapeutic riding they really need to do that. It's a pleasure to see the interaction between the animals and the kids and adults. It's a fantastic program. Mr. Bouie stated that he was pleased that this is now in Parks' portfolio.
- Dave Bowden, Charles Mends-Cole, Ron Kendall, and Mr. Bouie met with the Washington Nationals on April 11 and finalized the plan for the Nationals to completely update the Little League field at Mason District Park. This is a fantastic project and Mason District Park will get a first class facility. The Nats are not only stepping up at Mason District, but for District 4 Little League the Nats are sponsoring uniforms for all the teams in District 4 starting next year. That includes Reston, Herndon, Great Falls, McLean, Arlington, and Alexandria Little Leagues. The Nats have done a tremendous job and Parks is looking forward to many, many years of support for them. They have picked a name for the field, but we cannot announce who they will name the field after yet. A lot of people will be excited about who that person is. There will be a little statue out in centerfield noting this gentleman's accomplishments during his time with the Nats.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- In Kirk Kincannon's absence Sara Baldwin reported that Watershed Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 1, was no April Fools' affair at the nine Park Authority sites that were active participants. Results announced by The Nature Conservancy, the event's sponsor, show a near doubling of material removed from the nine sites compared to results of the event a year ago. An estimated four and a-half tons of trash was removed from parks, twice the estimated two and a-quarter tons a year ago. More than 1,500 volunteer service hours were given by residents, a jump from 800 hours in 2016. The 654 volunteers who gave of their time was an increase of 60% over the 408 volunteers in 2016. More than 20 miles of stream and shoreline were cleaned of items such as plastic bottles and plastic bags. Among the unusual items removed were:
 - o bathroom tiles
 - o a \$20 bill
 - o a model replica of the Greek Acropolis
 - o a desk
 - o a goal post
 - o a Medieval Times flag

Ms. Baldwin thanked the many volunteers that helped with this effort.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Kendall stated that Mr. Bouie covered the Nats meetings which highlighted his last two weeks.

He noted that he is trying to get around to all the parks and all the staff facilities. He has had some good conversations. He met with Mark Plourde who has given him a lot of insight into things that the Park Authority has to deal with. He is going to keep on going. He is not discouraged yet. He has more trails to walk, more athletic fields to look at, and he is enjoying himself.

Mr. Kendall has had some good conversations at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. They discussed programs, its scouting programs that are always ongoing, having over 700 folks attending the dinosaur egg hunt just in the programs for that one week.

He spoke with the folks at Green Spring Gardens about all the things they have going. The garden sale will take place in mid-May, so if anyone needs plantings, please plan to go to Green Spring.

- Mr. Hackman noted that earlier in the agenda it was mentioned that there was a Resident Curator Program update at the Resource Management Committee meeting on March 22. Cindy Walsh and company will be coming back to committee again on the 26th of April with an update and a review of the Turner Farm House, Ellmore Farm House, and Stempson House proposals. The administrative and financial reviews have been completed on at least two of the proposals and they are working on the third.

He gave a shout out to the Great Falls Soccer Club for the Mastenbrook application which was reviewed by the Park Operations Committee earlier in the evening pending board approval on April 26. They submitted to install synthetic turf at Nike Field #7. The reason for the shout out is that the grant is for \$20,000 to match the \$855,000 they are putting up as part of the field conversion.

- Mr. Gorham reported that Ides of Bark was held in the Mount Vernon District on March 26 at Grist Mill Park. He thanked Barbara Nugent and everyone else in the Park Authority, including Park Operations that helped put on the event. He believes this will be an ongoing event if the Supervisor's office has anything to do with it, as it should be.

On Saturday, April 8, there was a ribbon cutting at the new, spectacular, beautiful McNaughton Field. Mr. Gorham thanked Mr. Thompson for attending the opening. Mr. Gorham stated that he was overcome when he first went there about two hours before the ceremony, at how great the transition was and seeing the Little League players play and knowing that his opportunity in life for that had passed. It was an absolutely spectacular job. He extended thanks to Dave Bowden and his group who obviously took a lot of pride in that project, and to Judy Pedersen for setting up the ribbon cutting ceremony.

- Mr. Thompson echoed Mr. Gorham's comments about McNaughton Field.

Mr. Thompson noted that he had stated in a committee meeting earlier in the evening that we wanted opportunities for kids to play in the dirt, get dirty, and enjoy nature. One of those places is not when you are walking onto a baseball field or running the bases on a baseball field. The opportunity has been created at that facility (long-term). Woodlawn Little League has been there for about 50 years. This is a huge upgrade for them and shows what Parks can do.

- Mr. Khan had nothing to report.
- Mr. Quincy echoed Mr. Bouie's comments on Spirit therapeutic riding exhibition. Mr. Quincy has gone to several of these events but was unable to make this one. It's really heartwarming to see. He once had his picture taken next to the largest horse and you couldn't see him. He added that he is glad this is now in Parks portfolio.

On April 22 Healthy Strides 5K and 10K races will be held at Burke Lake Park. The Park Authority RECenters are the principle sponsor of the event. Barbara Nugent and her group are prominent in turning out the event and they do an excellent job. If you don't run come out and cheer on some of those that are going to try to do it. It starts at 7:30 on Saturday morning.

- Ms. Godbold, in Mr. Vellucci's absence, reminded the board to submit nominations for the Elly Doyle awards. The deadline closes on June 16.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Thompson reminded the board members that they should help the Park Foundation by finding folks that can help the Foundation for all the good things it does for Parks and supports all of Parks' efforts.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Parks for Wag Fest in Hunter Mill which was held on April 1. It wasn't quite as large as the Ides of Bark, but everyone had a lot of fun.

Subsequent to Wag Fest and an unnamed district at this point, Parks received a letter from a group of citizens led by a person who lives next door to a park that is petitioning to put in a dog park right next to their home. She has support of the entire neighborhood to do this. When you talk about extremes, Parks has a bunch of citizens that are begging/clamoring and found a way to raise \$30,000 to get this thing off the ground. Barking for a cause.

In the midst of talking about dog parks, Parks has a citizen that has given Parks an online GIS report of every dog in the county, where they are located, in comparison to our dog

parks. The highest concentration of dog (by license) are located near our dog parks. Mr. Bouie asked that the link to the report be sent to the board members.

The Farmers' Markets open in May with really great locally produced meats and produce. Bill encourages everyone to go out and support the Farmers' Markets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on May 10, 2017

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Board Agenda Item
May 10, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – April 26, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the April 26, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 10, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the April 26, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
April 26, 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
Mary Cortina, Vice Chair
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Linwood Gorham, Treasurer
Walter Alcorn
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Mary Cortina
Maggie Godbold*
Timothy Hackman
Faisal Khan
Ronald Kendall
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns
Isabel Villarroel
Steve Lewis
Nick Duray
John Berlin
Brian Laws

Absent*

Guests: Jeff Snoddy

Paul Brailsford, Sanath Kalidas, Bryan Slater, Brailsford & Dunlavey
Amado Fernandez, Hughes Group Architects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Steve Beste

Topic: Online Planning Tool for Siting Dog Parks

CHANGE TO AGENDA

The Chairman announced that Information-1 Systemwide RECenter Sustainability Plan Update would be moved up in the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEM

I-1 Systemwide RECenter Sustainability Plan Update

The detailed assessment phase of the Systemwide RECenter Sustainability Plan which is concluding included:

- Synthetization of market analysis data to develop short- and long-term recommendations and outline program statements for each FCPA site.

- Development of a comprehensive system-wide financial model that incorporates project-specific conceptual capital budgets. This model will also integrate membership and other revenues, as well as reliable operating costs, net operating income and debt considerations for each recreation center into detailed pro-formas.
- Identification and review of various funding opportunities with FCPA to finance proposed project(s).
- Reconciliation of desired program recommendations with the financial model to allow for informed decision-making by FCPA.

With the completion of the detailed assessment phase representatives from Brailsford & Dunlavey updated the Park Authority Board on the outcomes of this phase and the status of the plan.

[Mr. Khan left the meeting during the presentation at 8:03 p.m.]

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Jeffrey Snoddy upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Jeffrey Snoddy upon his retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion failed with a vote of six to six. Messrs. Bouie, Thompson, Quincy, Gorham, Hackman, and Kendall voted AYE. Mr. Khan and Ms. Godbold were absent. Ms. Cortina, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci abstained having missed the meeting on April 12.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Great Falls Nike Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Great Falls Nike Soccer Club (Dranesville District)

Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the Great Fall Nike Soccer Club Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request in the amount of \$20,000 to convert field 7 to synthetic turf at Great Falls Nike Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

A-2 Scope Approval – Twin Lakes Golf Course Lakes Course Bunker Renovations and Reallocation of Project Funding (Springfield District)

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope for Twin Lakes Golf Course Lakes Course bunker renovations and reallocation of project funding; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-2 E. C. Lawrence Park Draft Master Plan Revision for Public Comment (Sully District)
This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee, no action was required by the board.
- I-3 Update on Transportation and Stormwater Project Affecting Parkland
This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee, no action was required by the board.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie commented that he was privileged to sit in earlier in the day as part of One Fairfax with the Urban Land Institute to talk about community outreach. This is a great program with regional leaders talking about various things to try to make us better as a community and to communicate with the community. He thanked Kirk Kincannon for his invitation to participate and Chairman Bulova's invitation as well.
- On Sunday, April 22, he had the opportunity to welcome Jeff and Charlie, our new draft horses at Frying Pan Farm Park. A wonderful time was had by all. We had lots of wagon rides and the park was full of activity as it always is. He thanked Judy Pedersen for putting it together noting that the weather had cooperated.
- He reported that the Board of Supervisors is just about completed with the budget markup and Parks has not been affected so far. Mr. Bouie reminded the Park Board to stay in touch with their Supervisors and to thank them for their support. He and Ms. Cortina spoke at the budget hearings and their remarks were well taken.
- Farmers' Markets open this week, so Mr. Bouie reminded everyone to get out and support their local farm market.
- Mr. Bouie announced that there is a children's citizenship ceremony scheduled for May 9 at Sully Historic Site at 10 a.m. that he participates in every year. He noted that Mr. Quincy is always there and encouraged everyone to come out. It is one of the greatest events that Parks hosts on an annual basis. The kids range in age from about five to 15. Their parents are there with pride.

- On Saturday, April 29, Mr. Bouie will attend the Mason District Little League Opening Day Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Parks will have the opportunity to introduce its partnership with the Washington Nationals and the project at Mason District Park.
- Mr. Bouie reminded the board members to find out if they have any proffers and if they do, they should get with staff to use them. If they don't have limitations, use them as soon as possible.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Mr. Kincannon thanked Mr. Bouie for signing off on the significant proffers he recently approved totaling almost \$600,000.
- The Park Authority will receive four honors when the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) holds its annual awards ceremony in Canton, Ohio, on June 8, 2017.

The agency's Invasive Management Program, which strives to control non-native invasive plant species in county parkland, will receive a 2017 NACPRO Award in the Environmental/Conservation category. In the Planning Initiative category, the Park Authority will be honored for its Great Parks, Great Communities Long Range Park Plan and Needs Assessment.

Two individuals will also be honored by NACPRO. Sandy Stallman, who retired this year as a Planner III in the Planning & Development Division, has been selected as a recipient of a 2017 NACPRO Award in the Professional-Lifetime category. Norma Hoffman, a long-time volunteer and park advocate at Huntley Meadows Park, will be honored in the Outstanding Volunteer category.

- Despite a cool and rainy day the sixth annual Healthy Strides Community 5k/10k took place on Saturday, April 22, at Burke Lake Park. Nearly 250 runners and walkers finished the 5K, and 160 finished the 10K. AND...not only did Mr. Quincy run a great race . . . but he finished first in his age bracket!

Considering it was Earth Day, Healthy Strides prides itself on being green in everything from the locally made t-shirts, to the virtual race bag, to the recycling of event waste and goods. The running shoe recycling program was a success and gently used shoes will be donated to someone in need; badly worn shoes will be ground up and find new life as surfacing materials for athletic and playground surfaces for underprivileged children. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds from the race will go toward helping homeless children attend our summer camps (PACT). Forty-one runners made separate donations totaling \$245 to the PACT program.

Healthy Strides is a Take 12 Steps for Health event, in partnership with Fairfax County Park Foundation, and sponsored by Giant, Cigna, Inova, VA Pediatric Group, Walmart, and Whole Foods Market. Race refreshments were provided by Trader Joe's and Vend Natural (our new Healthy Vending vendor). Stretching and warm up area provided by Inova Physical Therapy.

- The 11th annual Culmore Multicultural Day was hosted on Saturday, April 22, nestled between the Bailey's Library and Bailey's Elementary School. Over 250 community members came out during the rain to enjoy all the offerings by more than two dozen vendors of local services. Unfortunately, the performances were cancelled due to the wet conditions on the stage. This has become a signature event hosted by the Fairfax County Park Authority and enjoyed by thousands over the past decade. Community providers were able to showcase the programs and services they provide and also enjoyed a wide range of music depicting various genres of music.

Supervisor Penny Gross and Park Authority Board member Mr. Kendall opened up the event with kind words and messages for everyone to have a good time and enjoy all benefits that were being presented for everyone today.

- Once again the Park Authority will partner with Clean Fairfax to host Fairfax County's Earth and Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 29, from 10-4. We are delighted to host this year's event at Sully Historic Site. A wide range of hands-on activities and games highlight some of the most interesting aspects of our environment and healthy-living here in Fairfax County. This year's performers include Billy B., and The Recycling Pirates Puppet show. See live animals, participate in an environmental scavenger hunt, race through obstacle courses and even touch a truck.

Mr. Kincannon invited everyone to join us at 10:30 a.m. for poetry readings, as the Park Authority's Children's Poetry Contest winners present their written works.

The event is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan was not present.
- Mr. Quincy commended Park Authority staff on how well they ran the Healthy Strides event at Burke Lake Park, it was flawless even though the weather was questionable.

A very successful egg hunt was held at Nottoway Park on Saturday, April 15. Mr. Quincy thanked Ms. Longworth and Mr. Brooks from the Park Foundation Board for their participation.

- Dr. Carter had nothing to report.
- Ms. Godbold was absent.
- Ms. Cortina remarked that during the Board of Supervisors' Budget Hearings she asked them to help Parks with their environmental vision for the 17,000 natural acres that Parks is not managing to best practices currently because of the resource challenges. She also asked them for their support, as Parks is challenged to meet the promise of One Fairfax because of its financial structure of covering all the operating costs for recreation which makes it very difficult. With the 275th anniversary coming up she reminded the Board of Supervisors that we need a dedicated repository for our artifacts and that Parks looks forward to the discussion of that topic.

Ms. Cortina had the pleasure of going to Hidden Oaks to see the Nature Playce natural playground and encouraged everyone to take the time to visit the site as it's a great place for kids to get out and run in the dirt. It's a different kind of playground concept.

The highlight of her week was attending the Green Spring Gardens' volunteer lunch with Mr. Kendall. She remembered when there was nothing there but the house. There are so many volunteers that have given 25, 20, or 15 years. They give 700-800 hours a year.

The following is a list of those volunteers that were recognized:

25 years

Fran Watkins '92
Ernie Watkins '92

15-years

Ivy Sinaiko '01
Lynn Murray '01
Diane Runnels '02

20-years

Joyce Kinnecom '96
Johanna Zinn '97
Margaret Shutler '97

10-years

Ardella Guth '06
Paul Berger '06
Mary Alice Huybrechts '07
Joanne Williams '07
Sarah Psitos '07

- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for the community meeting regarding Lake Accotink Park. While he could only stay for the first hour, it went very well and he appreciates the heavy activity with the community.

He called attention to an article that appeared in the Washington Business Journal on Wednesday, April 26, about the new aquatic center that Arlington is going to build. It is a \$64M aquatic center. Those are the kinds of things that Parks is somewhat competing with and some of the other things other jurisdictions are doing.

For Mr. Bowden's attention, Mr. Thompson commented that the board had approved a Mastenbrook Grant earlier in the evening at Great Falls Nike Park for a new turf field. If recalled, two weeks ago at a Park Operations Committee meeting it was noted that they are going to use a new synthetic turf, cool turf which potentially reduces the surface by 35 degrees. Schools has actually purchased the stuff that actually lets you measure the temperature of the surface and has offered to measure on a regular basis once the field is built so we can make a smart assessment long-term on the real impact of the cool turf and decisions that might be made for what Parks is doing.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that if anyone is interested in seeing a really cool project they should go out and see the driving range at Burke Lake Golf Course. It not only looks good, but is proving to be a nice revenue draw.

A study came out of Australia at the end of last year that looked at kids and youth sports. One of the things it found was that proactively participating in team sports helped mental health tremendously. The kids who could not participate saw a dramatic change. Mr. Thompson recommended that one of the things Parks should be thinking about long-term is the group of kids that are not served very well and are very difficult for the youth organizations to serve. That is, kids who get kicked out because of their mental state. Maybe they get angry and hit another player. Most youth organizations would not allow them to participate anymore. Those are the kinds of kids that can be helped. He does not know if Parks has a way to solve that, but it is a part of the community that Parks should be thinking about and how to address those needs in a proactive way if at all possible.

Mr. Bouie noted that in Reston they are trying to figure out a way to put middle school sports back in the middle schools in Reston. Mr. Thompson noted that he is personally working with NCS that he may even fund out of his pocket the referees to bring back some of the anti-gang programs.

- Mr. Gorham had nothing to report.
- Mr. Alcorn stated that on land use engagement ULI found him as well. The Land Use Engagement Council that he is chairing wanted to do a shout out to Parks' staff. Samantha Hudson helped facilitate one of the break out groups at one of its meetings. She had the toughest breakout group and did a great job. Mr. Alcorn thanked Samantha Hudson for her work.
- Mr. Vellucci referred to Mr. Thompson's comments about the Cultural and Natural Resources workshop for Lake Accotink Park on Monday, April 23. He thanked Gayle Hooper and the three presenters who had an incredible amount of information, Kristen Sinclair, John Rutherford, and Danielle Wynne from DPWES.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Steve Beste for providing information on dog parks during the public comment period. It is an incredible tool and one of the things Tony thinks is interesting is

the Steve Bestes and the Bob Lamonds have an incredible amount of experience and Parks needs to do a much better job of leveraging the experiences of its patrons and its residents because they are force multipliers for the Park Authority. Especially as Parks has less and less people as the Jeff Snoddys of the world who have that institutional knowledge.

Mr. Vellucci asked if there had been any progress on the drone policy. Mr. Kincannon indicated that he will check and get back to Tony.

Mr. Thompson indicated that he had a meeting with the county's sports marketing committee which he serves on and the new manager of Eagle Bank formerly the Patriot Center. They are actually getting a lot of phone calls from people that want to do drone racing inside their facility. There is a growing popularity for using run down shopping malls. The committee is proactively trying to figure out how to address this issue.

Mr. Vellucci inquired about the DPWES and Park Authority MOU and where it stands. Mr. Kincannon advised Mr. Vellucci that it is under the County Executive. He indicated that he and Mr. Bowden met with the Board of Supervisors about four weeks ago with the other partners and it is beyond the Park Authority and DPWES. It involves the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Transportation, and FMD. It's a much broader scope now because they all do so many more things.

Mr. Vellucci had received notes from a couple of constituents which he passed along to Park Authority staff which he knows they are looking at now about photography fees.

- Mr. Hackman suggested that they use the equestrian facility at Frying Pan Farm Park for drone racing. Mr. Thompson noted that he and Todd Brown had a recent discussion about that. Mr. Kincannon added that Barbara Nugent and her staff are looking at South Run and they are looking at Frying Pan Farm Park.

On May 9 the Great Falls Citizens Association is having a focus on local parks. Speakers are going to be there from Colvin Run and from Riverbend Park. They will be talking more generally about FCPA and other local activities and opportunities.

Mr. Hackman extended thanks to Cindy Walsh and Dave Buchta for attending a meeting on April 25 with the Friends of Colvin Run on their visions for the future.

Before the board members go to SpringFest at Sully Historic Site on Saturday, April 29, they can stop by the Friends of Riverbend Park Native Plant Sale behind the Grange from 8-11 a.m., or until the plants sell out.

Just a thought--Jeff Snoddy talked about the memories generated as a camper. A penny for your parks, a penny for your memories. The same kind of thing.

On Saturday, April 22, thanks to Judy Pedersen and Dave Bowden and many others, Parks celebrated the LEED Silver designation award at Spring Hill RECenter for the addition

which included an elevated track and fitness center, etc. Twenty-seven percent less energy than a conventional addition; 25% of the waste was actually recycled. It's a very impressive story. Mr. Hackman thanked everyone that put that together.

- Mr. Kendall stated that as Mr. Kincannon mentioned, Culmore Multicultural Day was held on Saturday, April 22, in the rain with 250 folks. It's of note to mention that that is a \$0 investment. Everyone at the event was not getting paid and was there as a volunteer or showing up on their own dime. The Firefighters and Sheriff's office, and Police office were there along with several groups, even in the rain. Mr. Kendall requested that everyone put that event on their calendar for next year.

Mr. Kendall provided the remarks at the Green Spring Gardens volunteer reception. It went very well and people were very appreciative. They allowed him to make his remarks without any catcalls or boos. They are doing a great job there. He is hopeful that he can talk some of them into expanding energies over to the John C. and Margaret White Gardens once that gets going.

He thanked Mr. Kincannon and all of his staff for helping him Monday to see the light at the end of the tunnel of understanding how Fairfax County Park Authority operates. They spent four hours grinding through the policies and the manual. Mr. Kincannon supplied him with a thumb drive so he didn't have to carry 10 pounds of paper. (Mr. Kincannon noted 'technological improvements'.)

Ms. Cortina asked if she could turn in her binder for a thumb drive.

Pinecrest Golf Course is going to be hosting the qualifying rounds for FootGolf which will take place on June 10.

Green Springs will hold its annual plant sale on May 20. If anyone would like any non-invasive species, please stop by and tell them that's what you are looking for.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

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INFORMATION – 1

Resident curator Program Update and Ellmore, Turner Farm, and Stempson Proposals
Review

As presented to and reviewed by the Committee of the Whole on April 26, 2017.