

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
May 10, 2017**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice 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
Ronald Kendall
Faisal Khan
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh

Absent*

Guests: Daniel Robinson, County Attorney's
Office

PUBLIC COMMENT – No speakers were present

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:32 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to convene in closed session for

- 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 Virginia Code 2.2-371(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).

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Seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried by all member present; Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Bouie and Gorham were 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. Alcorn. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Bouie and Gorham were absent.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

C-1 Addition of Property Located in the Lee District to the Work Plan

Mr. Thompson made a motion to add property located in the Lee District to the Work Plan; seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Bouie and Gorham were absent.

C-3 County Attorney Representation

Mr. Thompson made a motion to waive the conflict of interest by the county attorney in order that he may represent the Park Authority in the matter of the Flatlick property lease with the Board of Supervisors and the Resident Curator Lease with the Board of Supervisors; seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Bouie and Gorham were absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

Without objection Mr. Thompson made a motion that the minutes of the May 10 meeting reflect that a proper vote for the minutes of April 12, 2017, was taken, six members present voting AYE, four members having abstained.

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – April 26, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 26, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Bouie and Gorham were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1 Resident Curator Program Update and Ellmore, Turner Farm, and Stempson Proposals Review**

No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Ms. Cortina thanked the Park Authority staff for a splendid partnership with Go Ape at South Run District Park. She attended the ribbon cutting which was fantastic and a lot of fun. This is going to be a great partnership. She has heard from friends that have already booked birthday parties. The customer service was fantastic.

Ms. Cortina attended the Children's Citizenship Ceremony at Sully Historic Site. It was a wonderful experience as Mr. Bouie has often remarked. She encouraged everyone to attend next year if they can because it is something special to welcome these young residents into becoming citizens.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- The annual SpringFest event (also known as Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration) was held at Sully Historic Site, instead of the Workhouse Museum in Lorton, on April 29 and was enjoyed by over an estimated 3,700 people.

Attendees took part in Park Authority Obstacle Course that challenged participants in active and passive recreational activities. Natural and environmental sciences were interpreted in numerous ways. Fairfax County and Virginia history was used to show off the rich cultural resources. Over 70 vendors provided goods, food, services, and education to the event. Another new addition this year was the Fairfax County Farmer's Market selling produce and plants. Several new trees were planted at Sully Historic Site the day of the event and a tree scavenger hunt was an added adventure. Foot golf also debuted this year. If you walked the beautiful grounds of Sully during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you most likely heard the sound of a truck's horn blowing or the bell of a restored historic train. The pieces of equipment were part of the "Touch a Truck" attraction. CleanFairfax, DPWES, Park Authority Foundation, and many other partners joined the FCPA in holding the annual event.

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock and Chairman Sharon Bulova were two distinguished speakers on the stage that joined Virginia Delegate Jenifer Boysko in recognizing Sully Historic Site's 40th Anniversary with an official resolution. Sully proved to be a wonderful and gracious host to thousands on this day of celebrating the earth.

- The Friends Team continues to progress ahead on the three project deliverables – a Board Policy, a Memorandum of Agreement template, and the Friends online Handbook.

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Staff will provide more details on each at the May 24 Committee of the Whole Meeting with a discussion around the first draft of the Friends Policy.

Director's office staff have a meeting on May 17 to update Mary Cortina and Harry Glasgow.

A Federation of Friends meeting is also being organized for Thursday evening, June 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at **Green Spring Gardens**. An update on the project deliverables will also be provided to the full group along with a presentation of the county's Volunteer Management System and an open input discussion on the draft Friends Group Policy and MOA.

- Kirk reminded the board that a tour of Tysons as requested by the board will take place on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. – noon. The group will meet at Luther Jackson Middle School. He reminded the board to let Barbara Gorski know if they plan to participate in the tour.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Khan had nothing to report.
- Mr. Quincy attended the Children's Citizenship Ceremony with Ms. Cortina and Mr. Bouie and it was very inspiring.

He also attended SpringFest. The event also held a poetry contest and he was even more inspired by that. It showed that today's youngsters are doing more than walking around with their iPads and iPhones. They wrote great poems. Ms. Baldwin was also there and she would agree.

- Dr. Carter spent Sunday, May 10 at the Huntley Meadows Wetland Awareness Day as the master of ceremonies of the event. There were several guest speakers, among them was Ms. Vosper. It was fabulous to celebrate receipt of the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, a Gold Medal winner for the Huntley Meadows Wetlands Restoration. Everyone was very excited about the award. Dr. Carter congratulated staff, the volunteers, the Friends. Mr. Glasgow and a number of staff and folks also attended the event.
- Ms. Godbold was absent.
- Mr. Thompson attended the Go Ape opening and the day without a hitch thanks to Ms. Pedersen. The facility itself is awesome. Like Ms. Cortina, the number of people that have texted him or sent him pictures of themselves and their kids all throughout the Go Ape course are amazing. To hear about all the scouts that are looking to sign up or have signed up is an indication that it will be very successful program. Mr. Thompson thanked Supervisors Herrity and McKay for attending the event and providing their support. He had posted a

picture on Facebook of Supervisor McKay that looks like he is about to step out onto a tightrope.

Mr. Thompson understands that a number of promotions have gone out to different companies. He believes it is going to be long-term attraction for Parks to have.

Mr. Thompson reminded everyone to come to the other cool thing – the ribbon cutting for the driving range at Burke Lake Golf Course on Saturday, May 13. He understands that it is already exceeding expectations. He looks forward to seeing everybody there, even if it rains because a lot of the bays are covered.

Ms. Cortina said that she was there early on Saturday at 10 a.m. because she didn't want to be late, although she was a week early in the pouring rain. In spite of the rain every bay was full.

- Mr. Gorham was absent.
- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci provided a quick reminder to everyone to submit nominations for the Elly Doyle Awards as quickly as possible.

The Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley and Accotink Creek had a meeting on May 9. One of the Friends had developed an app that basically tracks trash in parks. It allows the cleanup coordinator to identify where the trash is located in the park so he can go to the site rather than a shot gun approach as is done now. As the individual cleans up the site it can be identified as cleaned up so as people come they can see what trash is remaining and pick it up. It was used once at Lake Accotink Park but it still has some bugs in it, which the developer is working on to get them out. The app appears to have a lot of applicability.

Mr. Vellucci asked if there was a location for the Master Plan Focus Group meeting with the Friends groups. Staff noted that it is being held at Twin Lakes Golf Course.

Mr. Vellucci stated that he has received several comments regarding changes to the photography fees this year. Mr. Kincannon commented that the fees have not changed, nor has the information on the website. Ms. Walsh reached out to staff at Green Spring Gardens for clarity. Staff has developed a response which will be sent to the individuals that questioned the fees. Mr. Vellucci asked that staff send him a quick email response.

He commented that he addressed an issue with Mr. Kincannon as 'Encroachment Man'. He suggested that while Parks is holding public meetings on master plans, it could also raise the issue of encroachments at that specific park since it has a captive audience. Parks has existing conditions in the template of our master plans where it talks about natural resources,

soils, topography, vegetation, hydrology, the existing infrastructure. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Parks also talked about the existing encroachment and use it as a talking point to get the community to become aware?

He still believes the Authority needs systemwide master plan, but he is willing to accept a small start at each individual park when it does these master plans. Mr. Vellucci stated that he would like to put a motion before the board, unless Mr. Kincannon tells him Parks is going to address encroachments during these meetings. Mr. Kincannon indicated that he and Ms. Vosper will work to see that this is added to the Planning and Development master plan process. It is a great suggestion.

On the subject on master plans, Mr. Vellucci noted that many of the master plans have dates as old as the 1960s. He suggested that a program be developed in which every master plan is reviewed at least every ten years. Each Conceptual Development Plan could note that the master plan was review on a specific date and is still good. Mr. Kincannon stated that there is a goal to master plan most of Parks' 426 parks. This would require bringing 40+ master plans per year and go through some level of review process, even on a ten-year schedule. Without the resources, Mr. Kincannon doesn't believe this is attainable. Parks would be able to bring two or three each year for remaster planning and checking, as well as new park development. He will check with Mr. Bowden to see what the process is going forward. Mr. Kincannon discussed staff resources and funding. He added that this was a good idea, but he would work with Planning and Development.

- Mr. Hackman announced that there is a Resident Curator Program public meeting for Turner Farm at the Great Falls Grange on May 17 at 7 p.m.

He also attended the opening of Go Ape, SpringFest, and the Pirate Fest and is proud to be associated with this organization. He congratulated everyone on behalf of all those events.

- Mr. Kendall attended the opening day ceremonies of the Mason District Little League with Mr. Bouie on April 29 at Mason District Park. The number of kids there for opening day was impressive. There were about 100-120 parents and as many kids on the field. They were joined by Supervisor Penny Gross, School Board Chair Sandy Evans, and a representative from the Nationals organization. It was a great day and everybody had a good time.

Green Spring Gardens Day is coming on May 20 and he encouraged everyone to get out there.

The Summer Concert Series will begin on June 18. More information will be forthcoming. Mr. Kendall asked everyone to share the information about the free concerts as they would like to increase the numbers this year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on May 24, 2017

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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