

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 28, 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\*  
Maggie Godbold  
Timothy Hackman  
Ronald Kendall  
Faisal Khan\*  
Ken Quincy  
Anthony J. Vellucci\*

**Staff Present:**

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Barbara Gorski  
Judy Pedersen, PIO  
David Bowden  
Todd Brown  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
John Stokely  
Roberta Longworth  
Cristin Bratt

**Absent\***

**Guests:** Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County  
Environmental Coordinator

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Speaker**

1. Delegate Richard Sullivan
2. Moira Callaghan

**Topic**

Presentation of a General Assembly Proclamation to William G. Bouie expressing its admiration for Mr. Bouie's honorable service to the people of Reston and Fairfax County.  
Baron Cameron Dog Park

**PRESENTATION**

P-1 Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County's Environmental Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Board of Supervisors Environmental Vision, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2017.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – June 14, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.
- ADMIN-2 Resolutions – Recognition of Donors for the Summer Concert Series  
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the resolutions expressing appreciation to various donors who contributed to the Summer Entertainment Series through the Fairfax County Park Foundation and Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1 Park Foundation FY 2018 Fundraising Projects  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the projects for fundraising by the Park Foundation in fiscal year 2018; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.
- A-2 Monticello Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Braddock Dogs (Braddock District)  
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Braddock Dogs in the amount of \$10,000 to develop a dog park at Monticello Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.
- A-3 Clemyjontri Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – McLean Community Foundation and Rotary Club of McLean (Dranesville District)  
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request from the McLean Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of McLean in the amount of \$16,845 to develop a shade structure covered picnic area at Clemyjontri Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

- I-1 Fairfax County Park Foundation FY 2018 Meeting Dates  
The meeting dates were presented and accepted as follows:
- Tuesday, July 18, 2017
  - Tuesday, September 19, 2017
  - Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (Second Tuesday to avoid Thanksgiving week)
  - Tuesday, January 16, 2018
  - Tuesday, March 20, 2018

- Tuesday, May 15, 2018 (extended Annual Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, June TBD, 2018 Joint FCPA Board Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bill Bouie called attention to the proposed agenda on the dais for the joint meeting with the Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) to be held on July 12, and asked the board members to provide their comments to him as soon as possible. He reminded them that the meeting is one-hour in length.

Ms. Cortina asked if the items were proposed by EQAC. Sara Baldwin indicated that the first two items were and the third item was added because the Facilities Management Division recently presented its Energy Management Plan initiatives to EQAC, so Parks felt it would be a good idea to do the same.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie stated that he was blown away by the proclamation presented by Delegate and former Park Board Member Richard 'Rip' Sullivan. He added that it is an honor to serve this board. He extended thanks to the state legislature and to the board for its support.
- Mr. Bouie welcomed Cristin Bratt, the new Deputy Public Information Officer. He said she was stolen from the Reston Community Center where she has admirably served for the past four and one-half years.
- Mr. Bouie offered condolences to the family of Lenny Schultz, coach at James Madison High School, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident last week. Lenny Schultz was an inspiration and a great man who was involved in a lot of things and influenced a lot of kids' lives. In closing Mr. Bouie asked that everyone remember Lenny Schultz' family.
- The Summer Concert Series has begun.
- He reminded the board that the fireworks display at Lake Fairfax Park will be held on Saturday, July 1. If any board members are planning to attend, they should contact Barbara Nugent, who will arrange for preferred parking spots, but to keep in mind that they should plan to arrive no later than 4 p.m. to be able to get into the park. The fireworks begin about 9:15 p.m.
- Mr. Bouie wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

#### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Kincannon had to unexpectedly leave the meeting, so Deputy Director Aimee Vosper offered remarks in his absence.

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- On June 20, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a Zoning Ordinance amendment, increasing developers' required expenditure toward onsite recreational facilities from \$1,800 minimum per residential unit to \$1,900. This change affects new residential development in certain P-Districts and is in response to rising construction costs. Park planning staff will be working with DPZ to update the Park Authority's guidance to developers and landowners. The new fees will take effect on July 1 and will apply to new rezoning applications accepted for review after that date. (This matter was last brought to the Park Authority Board as an informational item on May 24, 2017.)
- In its first year at Lake Fairfax Park, Soccer Fest, held on June 24- 25, was a huge success for this very popular 3 on 3 soccer tournament which returned to Fairfax County. More than 20 small sized fields were painted on the multipurpose field and hundreds of children, their families and fans endured a sunny and hot, humid weekend. This tournament is part of a Park Authority contract and the vendors are looking forward to expanding next years' event and include other sports during the year. A special thanks to Area 6 for coordinating the lining of the fields and their support of Soccer Fest.
- On July 11, 2017, at approximately 9:30 a.m. the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will designate July as Park and Recreation Month. The National Recreation and Parks Association is the sponsor of this program nationwide and the Fairfax County Park Authority is joining in to highlight this year's theme: Get Your Play On. We hope that members of the Park Board as well as representatives from our many sites are in attendance and wear their park colors.

As we all know, for people of all ages and abilities, recreation is a vital part of our mental and physical well-being and an integral part of community building. Our parks are visited approximately 17 million times per year and residents tell us time and time again that parks are a much-loved and vital part of this community – promoting business relocation, keeping us healthy and active and making us feel great about the green spaces, historic sites and other amenities we all enjoy.

Aimee invited the board to join the Park Authority on Tuesday, July 11, at the Government Center in the Auditorium. All proclamations begin at 9:30 but as we get closer we will know what the order is and be able to give you a more precise time. Barbara Gorski will keep us advised.

- As announced by Mr. Kendall at the June 14 board meeting, Frank Vajda will be recognized by the Board of Supervisors at its July 11 meeting. It would be nice to see a number of board members there supporting Frank.

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- Ms. Vosper shared the good news that the Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Management Area Program has been approved for a 2017 Friends of Trees Award from the Fairfax County Tree Commission.

Cathy Ledec, Tree Commission from the Mount Vernon District, expressed gratitude to Erin Stocksclaeder for her work, the work of her colleagues, and all of the volunteers who work so hard to keep our tree canopy thriving.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has scheduled an award ceremony from 7-8 p.m. on October 17, 2017, at the Fairfax County Government Center. More details about this event will be provided as we get closer to the date.

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Kendall reported that the Washington Nationals' project at Mason District Park is going smoothly. Some additional work will be added to the fields because they found some things they could upgrade. Dave Bowden will talk about that at another time.

The Little Leagues are working their hearts out on the fields. Mr. Kendall suggested that Parks wish them well as they are going through their tournaments now. The season is almost over for them, so they can go relax at their RECenter pools.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center has been working with the county library system on its Nature Backpack Program. Hidden Oaks is working with Libraries to establish guidelines that are consistent with the Park Authority's policies, so when they do take their backpacks out into our ecosystem they are using them appropriately in park lands.

Spotlight by Starlight has had a great beginning with over 750 people attending the first four concerts. That does not include the Saturday morning programs for kids. Mason District is looking for record numbers this year and will hopefully bring in donations for the Park Authority from the Friends group.

- Mr. Hackman thanked all the Planning and Development Division staff and senior leadership who attended town hall meeting on June 27 for The Turner Farm Master Plan revision. A standing room only crowd of approximately 60 people showed up at the Grange, about half of which were equestrians. They made their point known that they would like to see the park continue as a major equestrian facility. All were positive comments and very supportive of the process.

On Saturday, June 24, at The Turner Farm a new historical marker was dedicated. Mr. Hackman thanked those that filled in for him. The marker honors the work of the U.S. Army Map Service and its contribution to the Global Positioning System (GPS). This marker was

installed at the instigation of the Analemma Society and was paid for by the Analemma Society and private donations. Parks appreciates their support.

Discussions continue to be held on Great Falls Nike Park field #7 and the replacement of the natural grass. Dave Bowden interjected that Great Falls Citizens Association supports proceeding without further delay with the construction of the Nike 7 soccer field by selecting an alternative infill that does not include tire crumb rubber. The original plan was to use encapsulated crumb rubber as infill for that property with substantial opposition from a very vocal group of people who raised concerns about that. TPE is a non-rubber infill; it's a plastic based infill. In the interim there was a meeting held with the county leadership from a number of departments including Parks and Deputy County Executives to fully discuss this. There will be further ongoing community outreach and can hopefully set some minds at rest. It continues to be a very vocal and contentious issue in the Great Falls community.

- Mr. Alcorn had no comments.
- Mr. Gorham had the pleasure of participating in a ribbon cutting for a community playground at Farrington Park. He thanked Judy Pedersen for a wonderful ceremony. He thanked Mike Thompson and Aimee Vosper for attending.

Mr. Gorham commented that he really enjoys doing ribbon cuttings for community playgrounds. He asked Mr. Thompson before the meeting if he has vivid memories of the playgrounds he played the most on when he was a child and Mr. Thompson told him about them. Mr. Gorham is sure that most people have the same memories. Even some of the smaller projects like the community playgrounds make lasting impressions, especially on children. He really enjoys being a part of that.

- Mr. Thompson stated that the playground at Farrington Park is a great little playground. It's one of those places that could easily have been overlooked, but is being used incredibly well.

The dedication of the historic marker at Turner Farm Park was interesting. There were folks there that had worked for the U.S. Army Map Service in 1962 or 1963 who gave great historical context.

The Park Authority was very involved in different capacities during the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events the weekend of June 17. Parks should look for ways to advocate for Parks behalf and on the Foundation's behalf.

- Ms. Cortina thanked the Park Authority for its work on the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. It was a great success and it was nice to be there.

On Fathers' Day, June 17, she and her family went to Huntley Meadows because it is the favorite place for her household to visit. It was so busy there; so many people were out

enjoying it. She said she had never seen it look more beautiful. She thanked the Park Authority for its commitment to that park and all the **staff** that work on it. It's truly a gem.

As school is now out and kids are restless, she and her family go to Lake Fairfax Park for all kind of fun. There were over 1,000 people at the Water Mine at 6 p.m. when she left. The park had been closed for a few hours because of something that needed to be cleaned up. The people that work there are stars. They are on top of everything. The manager there, Lee, is on top of everything whether it is a missing child he finds him; if there is an incident he's there. She is very impressed with staff at Lake Fairfax Park. She and her family had a great camping experience there. It was a beautiful evening and she really wanted to stay. They went mountain biking.

When the weather is nice and its summer time this is what you do in Fairfax County. We could not do this as residents without the Park Board and staff.

Ms. Cortina thanked Chairman Bouie for his excellent leadership. The acknowledgement from the General Assembly is much deserved.

She attended the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) meeting on June 21, which is going from district to district. It was in the Braddock/Springfield area and will be going to different districts. She encouraged the board to attend these meetings. Ms. Cortina believes Providence and Fairfax City is the next location. Members and others come together to talk about issues such as linking Accotink Park to the greater Springfield area, linking it to the Burke area, linking the CCT to commerce areas, as well as the need for bicycle racks and wayfinding. FABB is doing some projects from Annandale to Springfield. The Chamber of Commerce from Springfield was there and talked about how it would like to link in its trail and make it more pedestrian friendly and link into Lake Accotink. Another advocate Parks has is the business community, which it should use for trails.

Mr. Quincy asked if FABB talked about I-66. Ms. Cortina indicated that they are in opposition to the bike lanes that are directly next to the lanes of traffic inside the sound barrier.

Finally, Ms. Cortina mentioned that she received several calls, texts, and emails with some of the Friends members/groups. The Friends of Fairfax Archaeology doesn't have enough time to make some of the decisions about being a Friend or being a volunteer group and have asked if Parks could not approve the policy quite so fast. Ms. Cortina has discussed this with leadership and understands that it will be delayed the policy in order to work out some of the issues. The insurance quotes some are receiving are astronomical for their budgets. The groups are asking Parks for help, so Parks wants to find solutions. The intent is to make them stronger and to not have them disappear because there are so many financial burdens on them. She indicated that she was sure the board is interested in finding solutions because she knows staff is.

- Ms. Godbold heard that while she was not here, an excellent time was had at the antique auto show on June 17 at Sully. She was sorry to have missed it and thanked everyone who was there and supported it.

Ms. Godbold noted that Parks will have a new Friends group, or perhaps a volunteer team – Friends of Cub Run Stream Valley. The young man who is starting this group has young kids, has a lot of energy, has put together a survey, sent letters to the community, and will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 11. He has invited a number of folks and his intention is to hold a cleanup of the stream valley twice a year, have meeting four times a year, and see what happens. She is really excited because it is a really important park that is used by a lot of folks but doesn't really get a lot of attention.

The CYA and SYA golf tournament will be held on Friday, June 30, at 1 p.m. at Twin Lakes Golf Course.

Ms. Godbold congratulated Chairman Bouie and said that he deserved everything they did for him in the Virginia Legislature.

- Mr. Quincy congratulated Chairman Bouie and said the recognition was well-deserved. As Ms. Godbold mentioned one of the two largest car shows in the Washington, DC area was held at Sully Plantation. It was about 93°, but very well attended, as it always is. He ran into Mr. Gorham there. There is something there for everybody. Mr. Quincy offered kudos to staff and the volunteers who worked the show. He spoke to with several of them and they had done an outstanding job. They were very happy and welcoming even though it was 93°.

Nottoway Nights concert series begins on Thursday, June 29, and will run through the end of August.

Mr. Quincy asked if Parks was going out to the Friends groups again. Sara Baldwin stated that Parks is setting up individual meetings with the Friends groups and will hold another large meeting in August to review a new policy and MOA. They are all providing Parks feedback now and for the next couple of weeks staff will review the feedback and meet with them and then go back out to the full group before staff comes back to the board with the policy.

Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.



**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:33 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to convene in closed session for

- a) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A) (1).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy and approved by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci 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 and approved by all members present. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.

**ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**C-1 Performance Evaluation for the Park Authority Director**

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the compensation as noted and agreed to by the Park Authority Board with vacation time and the board feels the director meets expectations; seconded by Mr. Alcorn. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Carter and Messrs. Khan and Vellucci were absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on July 12, 2017

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

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Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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