

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
July 12, 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:**

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Barbara Gorski  
Judy Pedersen, PIO  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Todd Brown  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
Janet Burns

**Absent\***

**Guests:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker: Robert Lamond	Topic: Drones
Christopher Vu	Drones
Mark Franke & Paul Lukas	Drones

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Action Item A-1 Approval – Naming of Mason District Park Diamond Field #1 in Honor of Ivan “Pudge Rodriguez aa Part of Washington Nationals Dream Foundation Turnkey Donation of Field Improvements was added to the agenda as recommended by the Planning and Development Committee on July 12, 2017.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Edward L. Long, Jr. upon His Retirement from Fairfax County

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Edward L. Long, Jr. upon his retirement from Fairfax County; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The

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motion carried unanimously. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Alcorn, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Mark Holsteen upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Mark Holsteen upon his retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Alcorn, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

ADMIN-3 Adoption of Minutes – June 28, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 28, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Alcorn, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

ADMIN-4 Resolution Endorsing the Fairfax County Environmental Vision June 2017

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the Fairfax County Environmental Vision June 2017; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Alcorn, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A-1 Approval – Naming of Mason District Park Diamond Field #1 in Honor of Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez as part of Washington Nationals Dream Foundation Turnkey Donation of Field Improvements (Mason District)

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the naming of Mason District Park Diamond Field #1 in honor of Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez as part of the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation turnkey donation of field improvements; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Carter and Messrs. Alcorn, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

I-1 Huntley Meadows Park Natural Resource Management Plan Scope of Approval (Lee District)

No action was necessary.

### **CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie extended condolences to Mr. Kincannon on the loss of his dad. Mr. Kincannon thought a lot of his dad. Mr. Bouie noted that he was sure we would hear a lot of stories

about Mr. Kincannon's dad over the coming years. He was 93 years old and lived a full and healthy life. Mr. Bouie stated that our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Kincannon.

- A number of activities are taking place in the county--a lot of baseball games, picnics, and such. The Fourth of July was good for everybody.
- Mr. Bouie is looking forward to finishing up Park business in the next couple of weeks before the August break.
- Mr. Thompson and Mr. Bouie were asked to join a little group to try to bring additional sports' enthusiasts to the county. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18. As details become known Mr. Bouie and Mr. Thompson will bring them forward.

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

Ms. Vosper shared the director's matters in Mr. Kincannon's absence.

- The weather was perfect and the park was filled with hundreds and hundreds of customers both young and old who enjoyed the inaugural ride on the new carousel at Lee District Park. The Park Foundation graciously paid for the rides.

The carousel represents one of the last amenities to be placed at this popular park and the next opening will be Chessie's Trail that will feature interpretive and interactive activities along the route.

A special thanks to Dan Peters the Lee District Manager who has taken these new amenities to a new level in staffing and customer service delivery!

- Lake Fairfax Park served again as the site for July 4th fireworks. Though a few hours before the show a strong storm blew through causing the Water Mine to close for a few hours, thousands of guest enjoyed the show camped out on the green spaces along the lake. A \$10 per car charge generated almost \$10,000 which aids in defraying the cost of the fireworks. The park was completely cleaned and ready for renters by 9:30 Sunday morning.
- Laurel Hill Golf Club is proud to host the 92nd VSGA Women's Amateur Championship being held this week. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> VSGA championship hosted by Laurel Hill. The strong field is headlined by 2016 Virginia Women's Golfer of the Year Alexandra Austin and 2015 Virginia Women's Golfer of the Year, three time VSGA Women's Stroke Play champion and 2015 USGA Mid-Am Champion Lauren Greenlief.
- The Fairfax County Park Authority received three awards at the annual meeting of the National Association of Government Communicators that was held in St. Louis last month.

Last summer's Presidential Edition of the Park Authority's popular Discovery Trail Map was honored in two categories. The election year map that showcased presidential history in county parks received a second place award in the category of Promotional Campaigns (less than \$100,000). It also received an Award of Excellence in the Special Purpose Product category. In addition, the Park Authority's photography e-newsletter, Snapshots, took second place honors in the Electronic Publication category.

- Although direction on the development of the FY19 budget is still pending; internally, we've begun the discussion of how the General Fund could provide additional support to the Park Authority keeping in mind that revenues continue to be down and these are lean times for the county. While staff is generating their ideas, it would be great to get the input from the board. If you've thoughts on this, please send your suggestions and ideas to Janet Burns by close of business on Monday, July 17. We will be discussing these ideas as the budget meeting on July 26 and with the Department of Management and Budget on July 28.

#### **BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Kendall congratulated Barbara Nugent, Judy Pedersen, and Bobbi Longworth on the tremendous work they did on the carousel ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Kendall had a good time. It seemed like every kid on the block was there. It appears that Lee District is going to have to find some new parking.

The concert series at Mason District Park is doing tremendously this year. There are a number of new acts/performers. Capital Steps is performing on Sunday, July 16. If anyone is planning to attend they should plan to be there by 5 p.m.

Pinecrest Golf Course is planning on establishing a hive in one of its fields and are actively looking for a swarm. If anyone is aware of anyone that is interested in splitting up a swarm or is having extra activity they should contact the manager at Pinecrest. Pinecrest is interested in having the hive up and active by spring and is also interested in increasing Pinecrest's stewardship activities and its programming.

- Mr. Hackman extended his condolences to the Kincannon family. It is obvious that Kirk's dad was very proud of his children's accomplishments and vibrant and public good they have done for the community. Mr. Hackman noted that Kerry Kincannon commented that they got their faith from their mother but their father was their touchstone for their work ethic and giving back to the public and public service. Mr. Hackman stated that our hearts and thoughts go out to the family.
- Mr. Gorham had nothing to report.
- Mr. Thompson offered his condolences to the Kincannon family.

Mr. Thompson commented as he had earlier in committee that Parks should add an historic marker or its equivalent when it is naming fields that talks about the person for which the field is named. As time goes on people will understand why the field was named for the individual.

As noted in the joint meeting with the Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) meeting, screens are available in more and more of Parks' facilities. It would be advantageous to show on those screens how money is being saved. Costs to do this would be minimal because the program would rotate continuously.

Mr. Gorham added that he agrees with Mr. Thompson with regard to the plaques on the field namings and asked what it would take to initiate a study or possible policy to encourage this. Mr. Bouie suggested that it be brought up in Park Operations.

- Ms. Cortina echoed everyone's comments and extended her sympathies to Mr. Kincannon and his family.

Ms. Cortina reiterated thanks for the service of Ed Long and Mark Holsteen who are retiring. They will be missed in vastly different categories. She loved hearing Mr. Long say that the staff at the Park Authority is the best he has seen. While she hasn't seen so many other staffers, she said that she could attest that Park staff are so professional. It was great to hear Mr. Long state that. She thanked staff.

- Ms. Godbold reported that the first meeting of the Friends of Cub Run Stream Valley took place on Tuesday, July 11. Over 30 people attended. Ms. Godbold was very pleased with the attendance. She added that Ms. Longworth was also there and it was a good meeting.

Ms. Godbold recently met with Supervisor Kathy Smith who will bring a matter to the Board of Supervisors asking for the naming of a concept called the Sully Loop Trail and the Bull Run Loop Trail. These trails are 90-95% complete. This will identify places where connections are needed.

In addition, Supervisor Smith provided input into the E.C. Lawrence master plan. Ms. Godbold noted that she looks forward to the next iteration. Hopefully, Supervisor Smith will also help with the Transform I-66 to ensure that what VDOT is doing with I-66 doesn't negatively impact the needs of the community.

Ms. Godbold reiterated everyone's comments with regard to condolences to Mr. Kincannon and his family.

While Ms. Godbold is unable to attend the next board meeting, she wished everyone a lovely summer.

- Mr. Quincy reported that the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on July 11 recognizing Mr. Vajda. Some of the Park Board members attended and it was quite moving. Mr. Vajda had been with the Park Board for more than 16 years and was by far the senior member, noting that Mr. Bouie now holds that place. It was a very nice ceremony and Mr. Vajda was most appreciative of being with the board over these years. Mr. Vajda talked about some of the different folks he worked with and he spoke very highly of staff.

Following Mr. Vajda's recognition the Board of Supervisors passed a proclamation for naming July as Parks and Recreation Month, "Get Your Play On". Sara provided a great presentation for Parks.

With regard to Mr. Thompson's naming suggestion, Mr. Quincy stated that he is in support of the effort 100%, and added that it should go beyond fields and should include parks and any park facility. The average person sees a name on a park and doesn't have the foggiest idea who the person is or was. An historical marker would go a long way.

- Mr. Bouie closed by thanking EQAC for its continued support. He had a good meeting with Stella Koch in the morning and discussed a number of different things. She certainly has got some insight that Parks can gain advantage of, with her being the chair of NOVA Parks. EQAC really got Parks going in terms of natural resource management some years ago.

Mr. Bouie stated that Mr. Long has been a treasure. Parks will really miss him. He never said 'no'. Parks met with him many times and he always found a way to get things done and has been a true partner in the five years that he was the county executive and before that as the CFO. Parks looks forward to him now being an advocate for Parks going forward.

- Dr. Carter, Tony Vellucci, Walter Alcorn, and Faisal Khan were absent.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
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Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

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Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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