

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
July 26, 2017**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Director
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*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers were present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Action Item A-14 Elly Doyle Award, Sally Ormsby Award Recipients for 2017 and Action Item A-15 Application for Special Exception to Zoning Ordinance for Turner Farm were added to the agenda. Information Item I-1 was replaced by A-14.

PRESENTATIONS

P-1 Introduction of 2017 Summer Interns

Diane Roteman, Manager of Human Capital and Development Services asked each of the interns who attended the meeting to introduce themselves. Chairman Bouie thanked the interns for their dedication noting that the experience they receive will be invaluable. He added that hopefully in the coming years many of the interns will be joining the Park team, which is the best place in Fairfax County to work.

APPROVED AND SIGNED SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

- P-2 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
Janet Burns presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the ninth consecutive year the Park CAFR received the GFOA Award for Excellence. Mr. Kincannon commended Ms. Burns on her leadership in orchestrating this effort every single year with her finance and budget team and also the team of division directors and their staff that are involved with this, as well as the two deputy directors.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2016
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the resolution honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers for 2016; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Appointment of Amy Sonderman to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the appointment of Amy Sonderman to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-2 Approval – Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the Fairfax County Athletic County and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson abstained and Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-3 FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-4 FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

- A-5 FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-6 FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 30400, Park Bond Construction Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 30400, Park Bond Construction Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-7 Recommended Legislative Initiative to go before the Fairfax County Legislative Committee
Following discussion on the merits and wording of the recommended legislative initiative and discussion on submission of the policy statements, Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the following legislative initiative to be submitted for consideration for the 2018 Legislative Session of the General Assembly and to include a list of invasive plants with the submission and to submit the policy statement to support legislation to enhance park maintenance funding.
- The recommended legislative initiative for submission to the Legislative Committee is as follows:
- “To encourage any retailer of plants, shrubs, trees, etc. in the Commonwealth, or anyone who sells to a resident of the Commonwealth, identify the plant product they are selling is a native, non-native, or invasive species as defined by the Virginia Department of Agriculture for that part of the Commonwealth so that the individual understands the impact or benefit of the plant product.”
- Seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-8 Scope Approval – Frog Branch Stream Valley Trail Replacement (Sully District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope to design and replace 850 linear feet of a four-foot wide asphalt trail and one culvert in the Frog Branch Stream Valley; seconded by Mr. Vellucci. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.
- A-9 Scope Approval – Pinecrest Golf Course Clubhouse – Indoor Golf Practice Facility Renovations and Reallocation of Project Funding (Mason District)
Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the project scope to renovate the indoor golf practice facility at the Pinecrest Golf Course Clubhouse and reallocate funding for the project; seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Vellucci indicated that he had concerns about this project which cost about \$450,000. The playground replacement program from bond money allows about two replacements a year out of 17 on the list. In looking at the Financial Management Plan and the section on golf he wondered if Parks was focusing more on revenue generation and less on basic services. He couldn't help but wonder if the number of people that will use the golf facility would equal the number of people that would use three playgrounds. He stated that he could not support the indoor driving range.

As the Mason District representative, Mr. Kendall stated that he has been working with some folks with regard to Backlick Park and that playground is on the bond project list and is set for replacement within the next year. The HOA was unaware of the speed in which the Park Authority was working to get this reconciled.

Mr. Kendall also noted that the clubhouse at Pinecrest would not be considered state-of-the-art or a country club. It is literally a programming space for camps, summer work, and to enhance the projects that come out of that area. There are no bells and whistles. The project reconstructs the inside and puts in a new HVAC system. This is something that has to be done in order to maintain the facility.

The motion carried, Mr. Vellucci voted against. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-10 Scope Approval – Colvin Run Miller's House Programmatic Building Renovations (Dranesville District)

Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope for programmatic building renovations for staff and public use of the Colvin Run Miller's House; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter being absent.

A-11 Scope Approval – Construction of Picnic Shelters at Lee District Park Family Recreation Area (Lee District)

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the project scope to construct two picnic shelters at the Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter being absent.

A-12 Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan Schedule for FY 2018

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan for FY 2018; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-13 Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Draft – Authorization for Publication

Mr. Hackman made a motion to authorize the publication of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Draft; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-14 Elly Doyle, Sally Ormsby Award Recipients for 2017

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approve the nominees for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and the Sally Ormsby Award for 2017 as recommended by the Park Authority Awards Committee; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-15 Application for Special Exception to Zoning Ordinance for Turner Farm

Mr. Hackman made a motion to authorize the Executive Director or Deputy Director to sign and submit a special exception application request for 10609 Georgetown Pike, Tax Map 12-1 ((1)) 24B, 24C, and 12-2 ((1)) 47 to the Department of Planning and Zoning during the August 2017 recess; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Alcorn. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cortina, Ms. Godbold, and Dr. Carter were absent.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie congratulated Mr. Kincannon on his appointment to serve as acting county executive while the search for a Mr. Long's replacement is taking place. Mr. Bouie thanked the board members who were able to attend the special meeting on Friday, July 21.
- The board will have the next six weeks off but will be informed if there are any issues related to the budget that would cause the board to reconvene in August.
- Mr. Bouie reminded the board to look at the proffer dollars for their respective districts and look around their districts to see how those dollars could be used in a positive manner.
- The Northern Virginia Senior Games are coming up in September. Mr. Bouie and Mr. Quincy are going to be at the opening event on September 9. Registration is open until September 1. The Park Authority is a major sponsor of that event and there are some 1,000 seniors that participate every year.
- Mr. Bouie wished everyone a good vacation.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon stated that he is extremely humbled and honored by the Board of Supervisors putting him in the temporary assignment of acting county executive while they conduct their search for the county executive. NOVAC consulting will be handling the recruitment and

hopes to have the announcement out by the middle of August for approximately a 30-day period. Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Gross indicated that they would like to have it wrapped up by Veteran's Day. The appointee could be in within a few weeks, if local, or an additional number of weeks if it is an outside candidate. While Mr. Kincannon's stated that his term in the position will be short, he will advocate for Parks while he is there. The Board of Supervisors put him in the position because he is familiar with the system and they don't want to lose a step because there is a lot going on in the county's agenda that Parks is involved with.

- Mr. Kincannon announced that Sara Baldwin will serve as acting executive director during his temporary assignment. Ms. Baldwin and the team will not miss a lick and will keep things moving for the Park Board. Mr. Kincannon then thanked Ms. Baldwin for accepting the role and the challenge. Over the next few weeks announcements will be made with regard to staff so there is some continuity.
- Mr. Kincannon thanked the board members for their cards and letters and their visitation with his father's recent passing. He appreciates the thoughts and sentiments from the board and staff as well. It was very overwhelming in a positive way.
- Mr. Kincannon announced that the carryover package from the Board of Supervisors included another \$50,000 for the resident curator program due to the expenses and \$200,000 to replace outdated critical capital equipment. This is more than Parks has had in the past eight years. Both of these are recurring.

The Infrastructure Finance Committee four years ago discussed creating a sinking fund. Parks portion of the sinking fund is \$2.38M this year. This money will be put toward Parks infrastructure repair and replacement. This is the third year Parks has received funding, with an increase each year.

- On August 21, 2017, there will be a partial solar eclipse visible in Fairfax County. At 2:42 p.m. the sun will be about 80% covered, a truly spectacular event. This will be the first total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 38 years so people are going to be very interested in this event. We have partnered internally across divisions and externally with the county schools and libraries to provide learning opportunities for the citizens of Fairfax about this amazing event. We currently have seven programs leading up to the day of the event as well as five programs on the day of the Eclipse. There are only 64 spots left out of the 375 we offered. Eight park sites across the county including nature, history, lake front, RECenter, and five libraries are currently participating and more have requested to join in. All Rec-Pac sites will be giving out glasses during one of the camp weeks and have received program materials about the science of the eclipse. The Park Foundation has supplied the glasses for these public programs with the surplus available to the public at the participating sites for a donation to encourage visitation. Please enjoy these glasses keep them in a safe place so the lenses don't get scratched and enjoy the event on August 21.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Kendall congratulated Mr. Kincannon and said that he would be missed even though Ms. Baldwin will be take care of everything while he is gone.

Since there are no meetings in August Mr. Kendall reminded everyone that field #1 at Mason District Park will be dedicated on August 28. Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez will be there for the ceremony. Mr. Kendall expressed hope that all the board members would be there.

- Mr. Hackman extended congratulations to Mr. Kincannon. Mr. Kincannon’s appointment reflects the comments that Mr. Long made at the July 12 meeting about the Park Authority being his touch stone in terms of a competing agency role model in the county. Its leadership at the highest level all the way to the senior leadership team and staff is something Mr. Long pointed to as a great example as how a county organization should be run.

Mr. Hackman thanked Mr. Bowden and others for meeting in Great Falls with those concerned about the synthetic turf issues.

He also thanked Judy Pedersen and her staff for the ribbon-cutting/photo op on Saturday, July 22, at the Dulles Station Community Park. It is a really great playground/dog park, etc. surrounded by lots of residences and businesses.

- Mr. Vellucci congratulated Mr. Kincannon.

The Best of Braddock Awards recognized the Friends of Lake Accotink Park, which was selected as the Best Club or Organization; Meghan Walker, FLAP President was selected Citizen of the Year.

The Royal Lake ribbon cutting was held on July 15. The work is substantially complete reforestation will take place when the weather gets cooler. Mr. Vellucci thanked Mr. Hackman for attending. He also thanked Ed Richardson and the Area crew for site preparation. He thanked Judy Pedersen and Cristin Bratt for executing the event. He also expressed a desire to see DPWES have a more prominent role in future ribbon cutting where they are the project lead.

Mr. Hackman added that 90,000 cubic feet of silt was removed and he thanked the neighbors for putting up with the truck traffic.

Braddock District’s Battle of the Band was held on July 16 from 3 to 8 p.m. Both Park Authority Snowmobiles were on hand. The event was free to the public. Ten local bands competed for a spot in the 2018 Braddock Nights concert series. Mr. Vellucci thanked John

Berlin, Sousan Frankeberger, Ed Richardson, and the Showmobile personnel who manned the showmobile during that time.

On July 20 there was an Accotink Watershed Friends groups meeting attended by the Friends of Accotink Creek, Lake Accotink Park, Long Branch Stream Valley, and Friends of Audrey Moore. Mr. Vellucci extended thanks to Sara Baldwin, Aimee Vosper, Gayle Hooper, Lizzie Ehrreich, who attended the meetings and participated significantly in the discussion. Mr. Vellucci also thanked Ms. Cortina for attending. Topics discussed included DEQ, chloride and sediment findings, FCPA agency master plan, and the Lake Accotink Park master plan. It was a good meeting and he thanked everybody that participated.

Mr. Vellucci stated that as the Awards Committee chair he has some concerns but will save them until September.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham offered congratulations to Mr. Kincannon. He thanked Mr. Kincannon for doing a job that represented Parks well. Clearly Mr. Kincannon is well thought of which is a huge benefit to the Fairfax County Park Authority. This is proof as to what the Park Board is already aware of, that Mr. Kincannon is doing a great job. Mr. Gorham again thanked Mr. Kincannon for representing Parks so well.

Mr. Gorham wished everyone a happy August.

- Mr. Thompson congratulated Mr. Kincannon and said that he will look forward to Mr. Kincannon returning to Parks.

Mr. Thompson heard about one of the counselors, a college student, working at the camps at South Run this summer who is making a difference. There is one kid who is really shy but loves basketball. The college student who plays college basketball reached out to the young kid and has made a difference in his life. The mom reached out to Mr. Thompson to share what a wonderful counselor he was and that he had brought her son a uniform from his college team. The boy made his mom bring it back the next day so the counselor could autograph it. The shirt is now duct-taped to the boy's wall and he said, "Look, mom, I've got my first pro jersey." This counselor is making a difference in this young kid's life.

Mr. Thompson encouraged everybody to think about attending the BrewFest on August 12 at the Lorton Workhouse Center. VIP tickets are available that allow access to the air-conditioned area. There will be about 15 bands, lots of beer to try, some distilled beverages as well. Mr. Thompson suggested that board members should walk around and think about what they should do about Parks' alcohol policy in order to hold some of these types of events in parks and join in in the revenue making.

- Mr. Quincy congratulated Mr. Kincannon and seconded everyone's comments regarding his opportunity. A better person could not have been selected. Mr. Quincy knows for certain the Park Authority will not miss a step because Kirk has the greatest management team and staff.

Mr. Bouie had mentioned the Senior Games, but Mr. Kincannon noted that the Park Authority provides five facilities for those games, so Parks is more than a sponsor. Mr. Quincy suggested that everyone look at the web site, one doesn't have to be a jock to join.

Mr. Quincy closed by wishing everyone a happy August.

- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Kincannon and told him not to get too comfortable in the position.
- Mr. Bouie reminded everyone that the 4-H Fair is being held at Frying Pan Farm Park on August 3 through August 6. The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 5, at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on September 13, 2017

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

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