

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
September 27, 2017
As Amended**

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
Ronald Kendall
Faisal Khan*
Ken Quincy
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Todd Brown
Barbara Nugent
Janet Burns
Andi Dorlester
Andy Miller
Elizabeth Crowell
Margaret Thaxton, Park Foundation
Roberta Longworth, Park Foundation

*Left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Guests: Cynthia Bailey, County Attorney's
Office
Corrine Lockett, County Attorney's
Office

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Sydney Rico

Topic: Tennis ball can project

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:37 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. 2.2-3711(A)(7).

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- 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).

Seconded by Mr. Alcorn and approved by all members present. The motion carried unanimously.

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 unanimously.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action was necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- ADMIN-1 Adoption of the Minutes – September 13, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 13, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried. Messrs. Alcorn and Vellucci abstained.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 McNaughton Park - Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – MVP Baseball Corporation (Mount Vernon District)
Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Woodlawn Little League in the amount of \$7,468.72 to install a scoreboard at McNaughton Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-2 Linway Terrace and Spring Hill Parks – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – McLean Little League (Dranesville District)
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from McLean Little League in the amount of \$15,376.13 to install batting cages at Linway Terrace and Spring Hill Parks; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.

- A-3 Fort Hunt Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Fort Hunt Little League (Mount Vernon District)
Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Fort Hunt Little League in the amount of \$10,254.37 to install a batting cage at Fort Hunt Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-4 Eakin Mantua Park - Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Fairfax Little League (Providence District)
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Fairfax Little League in the amount of \$6,303.50 to renovate the infield on field 1 at Eakin Mantua Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-5 Pinecrest Golf Course - Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Wayne Valis (Mason District)
Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Wayne Valis in the amount of \$20,000 for an indoor golf simulator for Pinecrest Golf Course; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-6 Historic Huntley - Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Friends of Historic Huntley (Lee District)
Dr. Carter made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Friends of Historic Huntley in the amount of \$1,000 for educational equipment for the visitor center at Historic Huntley; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-7 Approval – Pinecrest Golf Course – Naming of Renovated Indoor Practice Facility in Honor of Wayne Valis and His Family (Mason District)
Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the naming of the “Valis Family Golf Learning Center” at Pinecrest Golf Course in honor of Wayne Valis and his family; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-8 FY 2019 Budget Submission, Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2019 Budget Submission for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Hackman. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-9 FY 2019 Budget Submission, Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2019 Budget Submission for Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

- A-10 FY 2019 Budget Submission, Fund 30010, General County Construction Fund
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2019 Budget Submission for Fund 30010, General County Construction Fund; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-11 Scope Approval – Clemyjontri Park Picnic Shelter (Dranesville District)
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope to design, permit, and construct a shade structure at Clemyjontri Park; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-12 Scope Approval – Playground Replacement and Related Work at Bucknell Manor Park and J.E.B. Stuart Park (Mount Vernon and Mason Districts)
Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the project scope for design and installation of replacement playground equipment and related work at Bucknell Manor Park and J.E.B. Stuart Park; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-13 Approval – Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan Revision (Sully District)
Ms. Godbold made a motion to approve the Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan Revision; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 FY 2019 Budget Submission, Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund
No action was necessary.
- I-2 FY 2019 Budget Submission, Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction
No action was necessary.
- I-3 Draft Turner Farm Park Master Plan Revision for Public Comment
No action was necessary.
- I-4 Update on Infrastructure Projects Affecting Parkland Countywide
No action was necessary.
- I-5 Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- The chairman announced that the Lake Fairfax Park Master Plan public information meeting has been scheduled for November 1.

As a result of the success of the work done at Mason District Park, Parks is continuing to work with the Nationals to determine if another location could be identified to help them fulfill their dreams while Parks is fulfilling its dreams.

Mr. Bouie commented that Mr. Kincannon has gotten off to a successful start as the acting county executive. Mr. Bouie noted that they are in constant communication, adding that it's good to have a line to the county executive. Sara Baldwin, Aimee Vosper, and Cindy Walsh have been great in running the show and he thanked them for doing that.

Mr. Bouie again wished Ms. Pedersen a happy birthday.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Ms. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD, announced that Ms. Baldwin is currently in New Orleans attending the National Recreation and Park Association's Annual Congress with Ms. Walsh and Mr. Todd Johnson, and a couple of other staff members.
- The Mid Atlantic Amateur Championship was held at Laurel Hill Sept 21-24. This was the 111th playing of this prestigious event with Laurel Hill being the first public fee course to ever host this event. Amateur golfers from DC, VA, and MD with many traveling from out-of-state played Laurel Hill to the best of their ability. Only one winner could be crowned and it was Michael Brennan, a 15-year-old phenom from Leesburg, VA. Michael is the youngest Amateur golfer to ever win the Amateur Championship.
- Lee District's RECenter is sporting a new mural on the wall in the natatorium. The artist Tim Grant who has been painting for us for decades presented options to staff and Supervisor McKay's office. This grand mural shows the grandeur of the Nation's Capital and pays homage to veterans.
- Ms. Vosper asked Todd Brown to report on the KORUS FESTIVAL.

Mr. Brown reported that the Sully Historic Site hosted the Korean US festival known as KORUS FESTIVAL on September 22-24. It is estimated that more than 16,500 visitors attended this multi-cultural event enjoying K-POP concerts, a variety of foods, games and other activities. Local elected officials attended opening ceremonies at the event and were pleased by the initiative shown by the Park Authority. Due to capacity crowds, the park was closed temporarily each day to allow visitors to exit prior to allowing others in. Traffic was controlled by Fairfax County Police and a contracted parking crew.

KORUS FESTIVAL was accommodated on extremely short notice after they lost their previous venue. Staff from across the Park Authority worked diligently to permit the festival and to ensure that all the details were figured out in advance including safety and security,

logistics, care for our historic site, and adequate staffing, as well as appropriate contractual agreements and remuneration.

Although the timeframe was extremely short, Park Authority staff rose to the occasion and was proud to introduce this historic venue to a diverse audience.

- At its meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved two rezoning applications in Tysons in the Hunter Mill district, west of Route 7 near Old Courthouse Spring Branch Stream Valley Park. Park proffers include five acres of onsite urban parks including a full-size rectangle field, large adventure playground, dog park, outdoor fitness gym, sport courts, trails, and pocket parks, plus \$3.2 million for athletic field development in the Tysons area.
- The Park Operations Division has been working with Park Authority Board Member, Mr. Kendall on creating and implementing the first Park “Cleanup Blitz”. The two lucky sites that will receive the extra love are Spring Lane Park and Backlick Park. Staff, community groups and individual volunteers will work at Spring Lane on Friday, October 27, from 8 a.m. to noon. Backlick Park will be a two day effort, also beginning on Friday, the 27th from 8 a.m. to noon and concluding Saturday the 28th, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The collaborative efforts from our supporters will include tasks of clearing brush, cleaning facilities, trash removal, painting, mulching, tree trimming, and weeding. Backlick Park will also have an overgrown area brought back to an Open Play Area as the Master Plan notes. These two Park Cleanup Blitzes will serve as the first of what we hope becomes numerous future park care project days.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Kendall adding to Ms. Vosper’s comments, noted that this is a precursor at Backlick to put the bond money to good use there which would only happen at year-end. It will also get refurbished playground and updated walkway.

(Mr. Khan left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.)

- Mr. Hackman asked the board members to hold the date for the October 14 Halloween Pony and Rider Show at Turner Farm Park.

He extended congratulations to the McLean Citizens Association’s Environmental, Parks and Recreation Committee and Churchill Elementary School for being winners of the 2017 Environmental Awards from both the Park Authority and the McLean Citizens Association for their work in invasive removal and tree planting.

- Mr. Vellucci thanked everyone that was involved in the summer entertainment series. They did an incredible job.

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Mr. Vellucci thanked staff for modifying the Planning and Development's scope approval down to total ownership cost information. This will help the board make a better decision.

As the Park Authority Awards Committee chairman, Mr. Vellucci canvassed the Awards Committee members this past month. Basically, there are two awards committees, the Committee of the Whole which evaluates the Strickland award and the Awards Committee which evaluates the Elly Doyle, Sally Ormsby, and Mayo Stuntz awards. He asked the members about dissolving the Awards Committee and moving everything to the Committee of the Whole based on comments from other board members. It was overwhelming consensus to move that forward and make it the responsibility of the Committee of the Whole. He inquired if the chairman would like to do so by motion or doing it as the chairman.

Mr. Bouie stated that he would like to have one more Awards Committee meeting to talk to the committee and bring back a formal recommendation from the committee to the entire board. He feels there is some use for the Awards Committee in planning some other special events outside of just the Elly Doyle Awards, therefore he would like to have that discussion before the committee is disbanded.

Mr. Vellucci commented that many were aware that he was upset that the dedication ceremony and placement of markers did not take place at Ox Hill Battlefield Park. He said that it was his intent to bring a motion to the board and that he had already spoken with the chairman about the topic. He then read a statement of his reason for seeing this ceremony going forward, indicating that he wanted it added to the record (Attachment 1).

Mr. Vellucci made a motion that the Park Authority Board direct the director and/or acting director in his stead and park staff to make haste in installing the monument at Ox Hill Battlefield Park and rescheduling the ceremony honoring American combat veterans and war dead originally scheduled for 9 September 2017 to a day as soon as possible but no later than the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of this year, 2017; seconded by Mr. Thompson. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to table the main motion; seconded by Mr. Gorham.

Following further discussion Mr. Alcorn moved the previous question on the motion to table; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion to table the main motion was approved by all members present.

- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham feels that it may be necessary to start to limit the time allotted for board matters. This is something that the board may have to address in the future.
- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for the playground at Burke Lake Park. He appreciates that it was Ms. Baldwin's first official act as acting executive director.

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It is his hope that at some point in the near future the board is able to have a discussion about names that are on a lot of things, not just a RECenter. There needs to be some discussion. He hopes that the board will be able to sit around the table to help the community and the folks we know that are struggling with these issues.

- Ms. Cortina thanked Ms. Vosper, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Ehrreich for the Friends group task force meeting held on September 19. The group reviewed the MOU line by line and are about half way through the agreement. She commented that she appreciates the willingness of staff to listen to the friends groups and being cooperative in making adjustments.
- Ms. Godbold thanked the Park Authority for all of its help in getting the Sully Historic Site ready for the KORUS event. It was a very quick turnaround and was a very big success.

She announced that she would be unable to attend the October meetings and the committee meetings on November 8.

Ms. Godbold also extended a reminder to anyone living in Virginia to vote on the 7th.

- Dr. Carter, Lee District, congratulated Ms. Vosper and Ms. Baldwin for the great job they are doing.

She thanked Ms. Pedersen and others who are pulling together the National Public Lands Day event at the Banks property on Saturday, September 30, from 8 a.m. to noon. They are still taking volunteers.

Dr. Carter recently met with Supervisor McKay to talk about the name of the Lee District RECenter. She indicated that she would not bring that up now, but they are in agreement that a name change is imminent.

- Mr. Quincy questioned whether anyone saw an article about the Board of Supervisors having a surplus and they are trying to figure out how to spend it. He did read that a portion of that surplus would be spent to fund the concert series. The paper reported the amount to be \$50,000. Ms. Burns confirmed that the amount is correct.

With regard to the Friends groups, there continues to be a little conflict or misunderstanding as to Friends groups and Volunteer Teams. Most of the attention seems to be devoted to the Friends groups and the Volunteer Teams need additional attention. Mr. Quincy asked Ms. Cortina as liaison and Ms. Vosper to weave them into the process. While they are different the few he spoke with realize that this was not Parks' idea, but rather a legal situation to protect them. Volunteer Teams are very important. Providence has a stellar one at Nottoway and he doesn't want to lose them.

Regarding the discussion about the placement of markers at Ox Hill Battlefield, Mr. Quincy feels that constructive open discussion among the board on this issue and any issue as pertains to the Park Authority is valuable. He stressed the words constructive and open discussion. It should not be conflicting. The board members will not all agree, and wouldn't be much of a board if it always did agree, but it should have a constructive and open discussion on that issue as well as any issue.

Mr. Bouie affirmed that the board will have an open and frank discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on October 25, 2017

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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