

Board Agenda Item
October 25, 2017

CLOSED SESSION

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- b) 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, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(7).

Board Agenda Item
October 25, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – October 11, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the October 11, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the
the
October 11, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on October 25, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the October 11, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director
Cindy Walsh, Acting Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
October 11, 2017**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

Staff Present:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director
Cindy Walsh, Acting 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: Laura Gori, County Attorney's Office
Sanath Kalidas, Paul Brailsford and
Bryan Slater, Brailsford & Dunlavey
Amado Fernandez, Hughes Group
Architects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers were present.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to convene in closed session for

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seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall 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 Ms. Cortina. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

[Action from Closed Session was taken following the Information Items.]

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Hackman.

Following discussion with regard to Mr. Vellucci's September 27, 2017, Board Matter on the Ox Hill Battlefield monuments, Mr. Hackman made a motion to table the adoption of the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Appointment of Cameron Mayer to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to appointment Cameron Mayer to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

A-2 FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the submission of the Capital Improvement Program (FY 2019 – FY 2023) to the County's Capital Improvement Program review team; seconded by Ms. Cortina and Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMSI-1 RECenter Study Update

Representatives from Brailsford and Dunlavey and Hughes Group Architects provided an update on the recommended future capital investments of the RECenter system. No action was necessary.

I-2 Fairfax County Park Foundation Audited Financial Statements

The Park Foundation presented its audited financial statements to the Park Authority Board. No action was necessary.

I-3 Park Authority Board Meeting Schedule – January to December 2018

The Park Authority Board accepted the board meeting schedule for calendar year 2018 as presented. No further action was necessary.

I-4 Signage and Branding Update

The update was accepted as presented to the Committee of the Whole on September 27, 2017.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

- C-1 Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve to allow the County Attorney to represent the Park Authority in the potential legal matter as discussed in closed session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie congratulated the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Park Authority staff, and also thanked Mr. Hackman for coming out on the walking tour of the Colvin Run Phase 1 Stream Restoration at Lake Fairfax Park on October 6. He suggested that the board members take the time to go out to see the project. It's fenced off in some areas so vegetation can grow. Everyone learned a lot more about encroachment and what it entails, and what needs to be done with encroachment. A short video has been posted on social media.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Vellucci for his service on the board for so many years.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- The Glow being hosted at Lake Fairfax Park has been thus far a resounding success and we have 12 more days! Parents, their children, aunts, uncles, and grandparents have been

delighted by more than 5,000 pumpkins on display at Lake Fairfax Park. Park guests are dazzled by themes from Frozen, Games of Thrones, dinosaurs, and horses by expertly carved pumpkins. A master carver works his magic at the large pavilion adjacent a hillside containing hundreds and hundreds of carved pumpkins. The opening weekend hosted nearly 6,600 ticket holders and everyone had access to food trucks, Halloween merchandise, and a spooktacular time.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Khan extended thanks to Todd Brown, to Judy Pedersen, to Barbara Gorski for helping out with the affidavits, but he especially thanked Sara Baldwin for finding his prayer rug.
- Mr. Quincy had no comments.
- Ms. Cortina reported that she had attended the public meeting on the Cultural Resource Management Plan held on Green Spring Gardens on October 5. The meeting was lightly attended, but she hopes the next meeting scheduled on October 18 at the Grange will be better represented. She thanked staff for the great job presenting the information.

Ms. Cortina attended the George Mason Center for Regional Analysis economic forum hosted by Dr. Stephen S. Fuller on October 4 (and happened to sit with Jeff Plattenberg from Schools). The economy is slowing in terms of job creation for high-value jobs, and while the total number of jobs has increased compared to pre-sequestration, they are not in the top income levels. The bottom line is the clusters of non-federal work that we want to attract here, that high-tier talent that is important to a diversified economy, is lagging. What's interesting is that what they care about is quality of life. That's what the Park Authority is about, quality of life. While Parks has discussed this many times, it is very important to tie our economic development and economic growth as a quality of life component and get these business groups, who are actively working on regional branding and attracting people and companies to come here, to really use our Park Authority assets to tell that story. She closed with this quote, "Business follows talent and talent follows quality of life."

- Mr. Thompson extended thanks to Mr. Vellucci for his years of service on the Park Authority Board. Mr. Vellucci was the first person to call Mr. Thompson after he was appointed to the board to make sure he would vote correctly on a dog park issue that was coming up at his very first meeting. While they often disagreed on things, he always did what he thought was right and best for Braddock District.
- Mr. Gorham thanked Mr. Vellucci for his service, adding that he was sorry to see him go. Linwood stated that he is certain that Mr. Vellucci is an honorable person and certainly didn't compromise his values. Mr. Gorham noted that he will miss him.

- Mr. Hackman announced that the October 14 Halloween Pony and Rider Show at Turner Farm Park will last all day. It will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 6 p.m. Kids will be dressed in Halloween costumes and ponies may be decorated as well. Post time will occur following the dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 9:12 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

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Board Agenda Item
October 25, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting As Amended

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting as amended.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting as amended.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on October 25, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the September 27 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting As Amended

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As Amended**

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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

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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 219 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.

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.

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

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Gorski, Barbara J.

From: Anthony Vellucci <ajvellucci@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Gorski, Barbara J.
Subject: Fwd: Read Comments Wednesday Evening
Attachments: Ox_Hill_Motion_004.docx

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Barb -

As per your request for my comments, the email below is what I sent to Lindsey Smith, Supervisor Cook's chief of staff the Friday after the meeting, with my notes as to what I omitted from the prepared statement.

I imagine you have the audio, but please also file this email with the statement.

It's going to be a very interesting "frank" discussion that the Park Board has on this issue.

Best Regards -
Tony

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Anthony Vellucci** <ajvellucci@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 12:01 PM
Subject: Read Comments Wednesday Evening
To: Lindsey Smith <Lindsey.Smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov>

Attached

1. I left out the term "AD"
2. I identified myself only as a Navy veteran.
3. I did not include the paragraph -
There was death, destruction and carnage on that battlefield that day, and there is no doubt in my mind that there were also innumerable acts of love, known only to the Almighty and those who lived and died that day. For in John 15:13 we read: Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Best Regards -

I ask that the entirety of my comments be entered into the minutes.

On 16 August 2017 the Park Authority conveyed a decision to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority Board - **“In light of the national dialogue regarding Civil War monuments currently underway, Fairfax County Government and the Fairfax County Park Authority have delayed indefinitely the installation of the monuments at Ox Hill Battlefield Park.”**

On 18 August 2017, the Fairfax Times ran a front page article with the headline - Fairfax County Backs Out of Civil War Monument Plans. I read that and saw a different headline. It read: Fairfax County Fails To Honor American Combat Veterans And War Dead.

I objected to the postponement decision and sent an email to all of you. Tonight, I will motion that the Park Authority reverse course and install the markers as soon as possible and move forward with the dedication ceremony. Why? Because I believe that it was the wrong decision for three reasons. First, we failed to honor our veterans; second, we failed to honor our stated Park Authority values, and third, we cowered to bullies.

I am an American Armed Forces veteran – a Navy veteran. And because I am a veteran, I am compelled to speak on behalf of other veterans past and present. In essence, I am compelled to enter this “national dialogue” and so are you. Why. Because whether you realize it or not each and every one of us committed to that as members of the Park Authority Board.

I quote for you from our Park Authority Values.

Quote. Enhancing Stewardship: We are stewards for a wonderfully rich community trust of natural and cultural resources. We will provide leadership to expand awareness, appreciation and protection of this heritage. Unquote

We need to enter this “national dialogue” which has taken a negative tone and provide a more balanced perspective. *We need to provide leadership to expand awareness, appreciation and protection of our cultural heritage.*

I understand it appears to be an inopportune time to be installing monuments and holding ceremonies for Civil War veterans.

But we must enter into this “national dialogue” because you can not have a dialogue if only one side talks and the other says nothing, and by postponing the installation of the monuments and the dedication ceremony, that is what we have in fact done.

So let’s enter this “national dialogue” and provide leadership as we expand awareness and appreciation.

Who are who these monuments and this ceremony are meant to honor? They honor Union and Confederate soldiers – not politics or policies.

Let us enter the national dialogue and remind everyone that on 29 May AD 1865, President Andrew Johnson issued a Proclamation of Amnesty and Pardon to persons who had participated in the rebellion against the United States. Most of the individuals to be honored by these monuments and this ceremony fall within that general amnesty and pardon.

Union and Confederate. North and South. Blue and Grey. Yankee and Johnny Reb. They are now all Americans. All of them.

These Civil War veterans are American combat veterans – worthy of honor and remembrance as any other American veteran from any other national war or conflict.

For within the hierarchy of combat, combat-support and combat-service support, these were combat troops – wounded and killed in action. American soldiers at the tip of the spear, or in the case of Ox Hill, the bayonet. True warriors. And within the hierarchy of veterans, these are

the most special veterans to be revered – those who shed their blood for their country, some who gave their last full measure. They deserve better.

I understand it may not be a good time, nor an opportune time to go through with this. But let's be frank, it was not an opportune time on 1 September 1862 for the soldiers who fought and died at Ox Hill to do so.

If we could ask them today – I do not think it would be any stretch of the imagination that General Stevens and General Kearney, would say it was not a good time nor an opportune time for they themselves to die in battle, nor to suffer casualties – dead and wounded - of over 1300. And I think we can say with assuredness that General Stonewall Jackson, would say it was not a good nor an opportune time to suffer casualties - dead and wounded - of over 800.

And it was not a good nor an opportune time for each of those men with their own hopes, dreams and aspirations to die on a battlefield and meet their Maker so far from their homes and loved ones. It never is. But they did as so many before them and after them have done. And because they did, you, I and many others continue to enjoy the fruits of liberty today.

That they fought against each other is tragic, but we can not erase nor deny history. On 1 September AD 1862, Union and Confederate forces clashed at Ox Hill resulting in over 1300 Union casualties and 800 Confederate casualties. Due to severe thunderstorms, both sides suffered the loss of dry powder forcing brutal hand to hand combat with bayonets and clubs.

So let's just take a step back – all of us and remember. These are not re-enactors. These are not war buffs.

Let us enter the national dialogue and remind everyone that these are American combat veterans, wounded and killed in action - war dead over 2100**just the same as those** starting from the Revolutionary War, through the War of 1812, the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Viet-Nam War, the current wars in Iraq and

Afghanistan today, and all the conflicts in which our nation has suffered the loss of her sons and daughters. Their uniforms and armament may be different, but make no mistake, in essence they are one and the same.

They should be accorded the same honor and remembrance as those before them, and after them.

There was death, destruction and carnage on that battlefield that day, and there is no doubt in my mind that there were also innumerable acts of love, known only to the Almighty and those who lived and died that day. For in John 15:13 we read: Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

And let us enter the national dialogue and remind everyone that after the War Between The States, there were many reunions on the anniversary dates of key battles when American combat veterans came together to honor the war dead - on both sides. They reconciled with each other, they developed friendships, they corresponded, and most importantly, they forgave each other. Those lessons are so needed today.

These monuments and the ceremony are in honor of American combat veterans, and war dead. There is no greater citizen than one who lays down his life for his country.

So let us enter the national dialogue and remind everyone that this ceremony will have the same solemnity as the scores of ceremonies held each day for our veterans at Arlington, and at other national cemeteries throughout the country.

The land this battlefield sits upon may be a county park – but it is hallowed ground to those of us who have worn the uniform.

Let there be no doubt, Ox Hill may not be as famous as Yorktown, Gettysburg, Normandy, Okinawa, Inchon, nor the E-ring of the Pentagon to name but a few, but it is just as hallowed. It is where American blood was spilled.

And let us say - **Shame to those who would use this ceremony or this battlefield to detract and distract from the sacrifices made by these men, unless they themselves are willing to make the same sacrifices. This battlefield is a befitting and worthy site for these monuments honoring our American combat veterans.**

I do not doubt there are some participating in this “national dialogue” who will want to put labels upon some of these men.

But let us enter the national dialogue and remind everyone that there is only one label to put on them – and that label is - American combat veteran. And if there are some other labels that apply – let us offer up: brave, courageous and heroic.

It is ironic that over 150 years after this battle, these brave, courageous and heroic American combat veterans who are no longer with us, still have one more battle to fight. How could they have known on that day in September 1862 that they would need to heed the bugle call to battle one last time, and fight again over 150 years later.

And so, they fight from their graves with proxies from today. But this time, rather than standing off against each other, they stand alongside each other – comrades in arms. For just as those who would want to detract and distract have the right – as citizens of this country - to free speech, so too do these American combat veterans – our war dead - have that exact same right - the right to tell their story.

Our constitution guarantees free speech to all citizens, whether we agree with that speech or not. That right is equal to all citizens.

But their right their right should be accorded greater weight ... because they paid for that right with their own blood and their lives. The Park Authority’s action to indefinitely delay the installation of monuments and a ceremony that honors their memory delays that right. And so I ask: Why? They paid their dues. What more besides life and limb should we ask of them to move forward?

Let's now talk about the proxies – the individuals who worked so hard and long... over 10 years ... for these monuments and this ceremony. I know some of these individuals, they are Viet Nam combat veterans – brave and courageous. They are honorable people of integrity and their humble desire to bring recognition to their fellow veterans can be summed up in just one word – admirable.

Many in both public and private forums express their support for our servicemembers and our veterans. While I applaud their support, it is often impossible to know whether that support is true, genuine and sincere, because it costs them nothing to make the statement.

I know this may be uncomfortable for some. But I can not remain silent. I am compelled to do so because to do anything less makes their contributions, their sacrifices, and their loss of life on 1 September 1862 meaningless. And for me, as a veteran, to be silent is a sin of omission. There is no doubt in my mind that this is the right thing to do, or I would not do it.

Lastly, there is something very very wrong when the good citizens of a nation are afraid to honor their combat veterans and war dead because it may offend a group of people who will act out in civil disobedience.

Those who would act out did not walk in these soldiers' shoes and probably have no idea what they - on both sides - went through – which is why the valuable educational and awareness efforts of re-enactors should be embraced.

The recent loss of life on the USS FITZGERALD and the USS JOHN S. MCCAIN reminds us that freedom is not free; there is a cost for freedom, both in war and peace. Every servicemember and veteran knows that.

Today, I am asking you to share in that cost - as an American citizen and as a board member of this Park Authority. Honor our combat veterans,

respect our Park Authority values to provide leadership to expand awareness, appreciation and protection of our cultural heritage, and do not cower to those who would act out in civil disobedience.

I hope that the motion I am about to put forth will be seconded, there will be discussion, and a unanimous affirmative vote and we will enter the national dialogue as we honor American combat veterans. And hopefully, the next front page of the Fairfax Times will carry a headline that reads: **Fairfax To Honor American Combat Veterans And War Dead – Civil War Monuments Move Forward.**

And please do not table the motion. These men met their challenge head on, we should do the same.

And so, I put forth a motion before the Fairfax County Park Authority Board that directs the Director and/or Acting Director in his stead, and park staff to make haste installing the monuments at Ox Hill Battlefield Park, and rescheduling the ceremony to honor American Combat Veterans and war dead, originally scheduled for 9 September 2017, to a date as soon as possible, but no later than the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month of this year AD 2017.

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ACTION – 1

Resident Curator Program – Lease Agreement between the Park Authority and Board of Supervisors and Sublease Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Resident Curator Steven McCullough for the Park Authority-owned Stempson House that is in Laurel Hill Park, Tax Map # 107-3((1))19 (Mount Vernon District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of two (2) lease agreements for the purpose of implementing the County Resident Curator Program at the Park Authority Stempson House in Laurel Hill Park: (1) lease agreement between the Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors, and (2) sublease agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Steven McCullough, Resident Curator, as presented to the reviewed by the Committee of the Whole on October 11, 2017.

ACTION – 2

Scope Approval – Playground Replacement and Related Work at Huntsman Park (Springfield District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of the project scopes for design and installation of replacement playground equipment and related work at Huntsman Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 11, 2017.

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ACTION – 3

Scope Approval – Greendale Golf Course Slope Stabilization of the Existing Embankment at Hole #17. (Lee District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Acting Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the project scope for slope stabilization of the existing embankment at hole #17 at the Greendale Golf Course, as presented to reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 11, 2017.

ACTION – 4

Scope Approval – Clemyjontri Park – Parking Lot, Trails, and Related Facilities (Dranesville District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of the project scope for construction of the additional parking lot, trails, and related work at Clemyjontri Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 11, 2017.

ACTION – 5

Approval - Allocation of 2016 Park Bond Funding for Trail Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of the allocation of 2016 Park Bond Funding for Trail Projects, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 11, 2017.

ACTION – 6

Approval – Proposed Changes to Easement Fee Schedule

ISSUE:

Approval of the proposed changes to the easement fee schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of the proposed changes to the easement fee schedule.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on October 25, 2017, in order to implement the fee changes on November 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The Easement Program covers all land rights granted on parkland and is governed by Policy 211 Easements (Attachment 1). The Park Policy states that: “The Park Authority shall require adequate compensation for the granting of easements on park land unless a prior agreement is already in place for the use of parklands for non-park purposes.” Staff practice has been to review the easement fee schedule for recommended changes every two years to insure adequate cost recovery as approved by the Park Authority Board.

Staff has reviewed the Easement Program fee schedule and is recommending the following:

- No change in review and permit fees for individual homeowners, Civic Associations, and Homeowners Associations.
- Increase the hourly charge from \$65 per hour to \$68 per hour for Professional Services Review to reflect the July 2017 approved rate for Work Performed For Others (WPFO).
- Increase the fees for review, permits, and agreements to reflect the increased staff cost rates from \$65 per hour to \$68 per hour.
- Add review fees specifically for requests for telecommunications facilities license agreement amendments and modifications covered by Zoning Ordinance revisions related to 2232 and 6409 review processes.

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- Increase the fees for Failure to Record Easement, Failure to Plat in proper format, Failure to Provide Electronic Files in proper format.

The recommended changes in the Easement Program fees are highlighted on the proposed 2017 Fee Schedule (Attachment 2). Fee changes will be implemented upon approval by the Board.

In the future based on the recommendation of the Park Authority Board Planning and Development Committee at the committee meeting on October 11, 2017, staff will evaluate Easement Program fees on an annual basis. If staff determines necessary increases in fees to be less than 10% over a two-year period of the current fees, the Park Authority Executive Director is authorized to implement the fee changes and report the changes in the fees to the Park Authority Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed changes to the fee schedule will continue to allow the easement program to return fees to recover staff costs associated with the program.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Park Policy 211 Easements

Attachment 2: 2017 Fee Schedule

(Attachments were posted online with the October 11, 2017, Planning and Development Committee package.)

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Annual Fee Review Calendar – FY 2018

The schedule for the FY 2018 fee review process is shown below. **Unless otherwise directed by the board, the public comment meeting on the fee proposal will be held on the first floor of the Herrity Building on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 7 p.m.**

FY 2018 Fee Review Calendar	
Action	Date
Discussion – Budget Committee Review of Potential Fee Adjustments for FY 2018	11/15/17
Fee proposal back to Budget Committee for Action	12/06/17
Board action to authorize advertisement of fee proposal and set date of public comment meeting	12/13/17
30-day public comment period	01/03/18 – 02/01/18
Public comment meeting at Herrity Building	01/17/18
Budget Committee approval of proposed fee adjustments	02/21/18
Board action to approve proposed fee adjustments	03/14/18
Fee adjustments take effect	04/01/18

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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INFORMATION – 2

FY 2014 - FY2018 Strategic Plan FY17 Report and FY18 Implementation Plan

As presented to and reviewed by the Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee on October 11, 2017.

INFORMATION – 3

FY 2018 – FY 2019 Financial Management Update Park Revenue Funds 80000 and 80300

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on October 11, 2017.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Park Revenue Funds Financial Management Update FY 2018 – FY 2019, page 9 (Tables updated as noted during the Committee meeting on October 11, 2017.)

been stronger for programs than facilities as consumer demand has been more robust for programs, allowing more regular fee increases in programs. Looking forward, there are indications that the potential for program fee increases may be slowing as well. One-year program revenue growth stagnated in FY 2017 (-0.3%) after growing 3.5% the previous year. Not all indicators are negative, however. Customer ratings of program value continue to remain strong. Nonetheless, revenue generation potential via fee increases is likely to be more limited in the near-term than has been the case in the future. And near-term revenue growth is likely to be more reliant on recent facility expansions in golf, RECenters and the Water Mine than fee increases.

3.2 Debt Service

Sufficient revenue must be produced annually to meet long-term debt service obligations for park facility revenue bonds, which are repaid with revenues from user fees. Debt obligations include the Facilities Revenue Bonds Series 1995, Refunding 2013A and the Laurel Hill Public Facilities Projects, Laurel Hill Golf Course note payable to Fairfax County, Refunding Series 2012A. Park Revenue & Operating Fund total debt payment obligations were/are:

ROF Debt Service Payment Schedule	
FY	Debt Service
2017	\$1,631,183
2018	\$1,659,644
2019	\$1,681,313
2020	\$1,714,690
2021	\$1,746,463
2022	\$983,094

The final payment for the Park Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds; Series 2013 (Twin Lakes/Oak Marr) will be made in FY 2021.

Twin Lakes Debt Service Payments	
FY	Debt Service
2018	\$799,275
2019	\$792,959
2020	\$795,206
2021	\$793,684
2022	\$0

Once that debt is paid in full, the ROF will save approximately \$800,000 annually which will create flexibility for reinvestment in the Revenue Fund. With net golf revenue fairly flat, meeting the debt obligation continues to challenge the Park Authority and limit its ability to reinvest in revenue