

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
February 14, 2018**

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
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Linwood Gorham, Treasurer
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Maggie Godbold
Timothy Hackman
Ronald Kendall
Faisal Khan*
Kiel Stone

Staff Present:

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

Left Early*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: John Radar

Topic: Ice rink at Mount Vernon RECenter

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – January 24, 2018, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 24, 2018, Park Authority board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present.

ADMIN-2 Revisions to 2018 Park Authority Board Meeting Schedule
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2018 Park Authority Board meeting schedule, moving the June 13 meeting to June 6 and eliminating the November 7 and December 5 committee meetings; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present.

ACTION ITEM

A-1 Approval – South Run District Park – Naming of Athletic Field 5 Honoring Jack Nolan (Springfield District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the naming of South Run District Park Field 5 in honor of Jack Nolan; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried by all members present.

APPROVED AND SIGNED FEBRUARY 28, 2018

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Chairman Bouie extended thoughts and prayers to the families and people of Parkland, Florida, in the aftermath of a school shooting.
- He congratulated Maami Biney and Garrett Roe from Reston and Vienna respectively for their spots on the Olympic skating and hockey teams.
- Mr. Bouie stated the Mr. Bowden and his team are doing great work with Major League Baseball at Fred Crabtree Park on the same type of product that was done at Mason District Park. Everyone will want to come out on July 16, 2018, ribbon cutting ceremony in conjunction with the Major League Baseball All Star game to be held at NATs Park. Indicating that serious VIPs will be there, Bill suggested that folks bring their autograph books and a baseball.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Ms. Baldwin for her work on a potential project with the Reston Chamber to host a carnival at Lake Fairfax.
- He welcomed Mr. Kincannon back to the Park Authority after serving a term as Acting County Executive and for the great work he did during that time and thanked Mr. Kincannon's Park Authority team for the great work they did in his absence.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon thanked Mr. Bouie for his comments and thanked his awesome team, especially Sara Baldwin, Aimee Vosper, Cindy Walsh, Lizzie Ehrreich, Teri Bowers, and Barbara Gorski and all the Leadership Team for their work while he got to perform extracurricular activities at the Government Center. He also thanked the board for its permission to serve as the Acting County Executive. Mr. Kincannon hopes that there are some things in place that will benefit the Park Authority and other agencies. While his time was short, he enjoyed the ability to bring the Park perspective and the customer service bend to many things in which the county is involved.
- The Park Foundation surpassed \$100 grand in the month of January with monetary donations of \$105,000 contributed by individuals and organizations to support FCPA parks and programs.
- Following up with regard to the Personal Floatation Device (PFD) discussion the board had on January 24, Mr. Kincannon stated that Parks has the ability to update the signage and make PFDs mandatory of the rental of Park Authority boats. Staff will return with more information on what Parks is doing in regard to water safety in April.

- Ryan Stewart provided comments regarding the General Assembly's potential legislative regarding drones considering criminal trespass with the use of electronic devices and a provision that modifies civil code that limits political subdivisions to regulate unmanned aircraft within their boundaries. In consultation with the county's Legislative Committee, staff has opposed the House and Senate Bills and to date they have not been successful. Following discussion, Mr. Stewart stated that he will provide a more detailed update during the Committee of the Whole scheduled for February 28. Mr. Kincannon noted that a memo was placed at the board members places with more details on the Virginia Assembly's recent action.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Kendall thanked the chairman for increasing his committee work in his absence and said he is willing to take on all that is needed.

Green Spring Gardens is holding an Eco-Savvy Symposium on Skyward Gardening on Saturday, February 17, from 8:30 a.m.-12:0 p.m.

Green Spring Gardens plant shop opens on April 7 and the garden bay is scheduled for Saturday, May 19.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center had a 43% increase in walk-in visitation in January, which doesn't include the programs it provides.

Staff from Pinecrest Golf Course, Green Spring Gardens, and Hidden Oaks Nature Center are planning a 'pick-park-go', which is a tic-tac-toe style visitor generating activity planned for the fall of 2018.

- Mr. Hackman thanked Heather Lynch and others for coming to Riverbend on February 13 to present two very beautiful potential designs for an outdoor education center. It was very difficult to decide which was preferred.
- Mr. Stone reported that Supervisors Cook and McKay held a public meeting regarding Lake Accotink on February 13. Ms. Dorlester's representation of the Park Authority was appreciated. Approximately 200-225 people received the same presentation of the six options the Park Board received on January 24. The definite consensus was for support of the full dredge, and a few preferred the half-lake half-stream option, particularly for those that are right on top of the lake and experiencing the truck traffic. The Supervisors were very public in their support of the full dredge and were also supportive of the potential for the Board of Supervisors having a bond effort which would be decided around this time next year for a 2019 bond. This bond would be specific for Lake Accotink Park, different from the Park Bond. One of the questions put forward was what would happen to the sediment

that is there if we did nothing. Some were asking about a dry dredge and another big item would be moving a forebay site up to eliminate some of the through trips.

- Mr. Gorham thanked Mr. Bowden for the presentation to the South County Federation in January.

He is looking forward to working with the users of Mount Vernon RECenter and promote the second sheet of ice. They had a great kick-off meeting for an ongoing relationship and he looks forward to learning more about hockey.

Mr. Gorham inquired whether his motion regarding PFDs was tabled at the last meeting or whether it was withdrawn. Mr. Bouie noted that this was an operational issue and the director could handle it. When asked how he wanted to handle this, Mr. Kincannon said that he would rather see the board work on the policy level and to leave this at the operational level.

- Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Alcorn for his service and all that he had done during his time on the board. Mr. Thompson stated that he would like to have Mr. Alcorn come back at a future meeting to be recognized.

Mr. Thompson thanked Todd Brown and Dave Bowden on the Patriot Park configuration. The one field that is at Patriot Park now is the largest pieces of turf in Fairfax County. It is also unique because it has three micro fields on it. It is the only field in Fairfax County in which U-9 soccer players can play on a properly sized field. When the renovation is done at Patriot Park this summer, it will be unique because it will have the two cross fields as well as the two micro fields, and the large field. Players from the age of eight to adult will all be able to use a properly-sized field. It will be the only one in the county.

Mr. Thompson had questions concerning the lights at the Burke Lake Driving Range. There has been talk within the community as to how bright the lights are. He asked if staff could take a look at how bright those lights are and perhaps look at an alternative is necessary.

Mr. Bouie and Mr. Thompson will attend the Sport Tourism Task Force meeting on Thursday, February 22.

- Mr. Quincy noted that the lights are great but Parks should look at the pollution effect on the neighborhood. He gets comments about the lights from the Nottoway folks.

Mr. Kincannon stated that the lights on the poles were almost facedown which reduces the spillage. From a distance you can see there are lights on, but the light should be almost straight down.

Mr. Quincy welcomed Mr. Kincannon back to the Park Authority, and offered kudos to the team he left in charge. They did an outstanding job.

- Ms. Godbold welcomed back Mr. Kincannon and commented that he has a great team, but added that he was missed.

She also would like to thank Mr. Alcorn and would like to have him be recognized at a future meeting.

- Dr. Carter wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

She echoed everyone's comments about the great work Mr. Kincannon had done and welcomed him back.

She reported that she will be meeting with Supervisor McKay and others in early March to discuss the master plan changes for Franconia Park. She indicated that she would report on the outcome of that meeting.

- Mr. Khan welcomed Mr. Kincannon back to the Park Authority and offered kudos to his team who had done a great job.

Mr. Kincannon added that he had neglected to thank Todd Brown who had covered Resource Management and Park Operations while he was gone. Mr. Brown did an awesome job.

Mr. Bouie recalled that the new committee assignments had been distributed to the board and that if anyone had issues they should contact him. His recommendation to combine the Budget Committee and the Funding Policy and Bond Committee were highlighted in yellow. He suggested that the Park Authority Awards Committee could become a Committee of the Whole. The other change is the staff liaison for the Strategic Planning and Indicatives Committee would be Sara Baldwin and Aimee Vosper.

Without objection it was the consensus of the board to ratify the appointments. Mr. Bouie indicated that he would bring the changes to the Committees back to the board for action to comply with the bylaws.

Mr. Khan left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:08 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to convene in closed session for

- a) 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. Quincy and approved by all members present; Mr. Khan was absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion to certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Quincy and approved by all members present. Mr. Khan was absent.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

C-1 Addition of Property Located in the Dranesville District to the Work Plan

Mr. Thompson made a motion to add property located in the Dranesville District to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Mr. Khan was absent.

C-2 Addition of Property Located in the Mason District to the Work Plan

Mr. Thompson made a motion to add property located in the Mason District to the work plan; second by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Mr. Khan was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on February 28, 2018

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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