

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
April 11, 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  
Abena A. Aidoo, Ph.D.  
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter  
Maggie Godbold  
Timothy Hackman  
Ronald Kendall  
Faisal Khan  
Kiel Stone

**Staff Present:**

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

**Guests:** Patricia Harrison

Chairman Bouie welcomed the newest member of the Park Authority Board, Dr. Abena Aidoo.

He announced that a second At-large board member has been named and his nomination will probably be taken to the Board of Supervisors on May 9. His name will likely be familiar to a several. He was a former Director of Planning and Zoning, Jim Zook. Mr. Zook has been a friend of Parks and it will be good to have him on the board.

Mr. Bouie welcomed Preston Campbell, a student at George Mason University, to observe the meeting for a class he is taking.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker: Peter Townsend  
Howard Bishop  
Anthony Vellucci\*

Topic: Second Sheet of Ice at Mount Vernon RECenter  
Lorton Park Master Plan  
Park Authority Board Term Limits for Chairman

\*Mr. Vellucci was unable to attend. His comments were copied and distributed to the board and are part of the record.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Patricia Harrison's Service to Fairfax County

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Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Patricia Harrison's service to Fairfax County; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Dr. Aidoo abstained.

- ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – March 13, 2018, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 13, 2018, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Dr. Aidoo abstained.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1 Scope Approval – Replacement of Area 1 Maintenance Facility in Pimmit Run Stream Valley Park (Dranesville District)  
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope to replace the Area 1 Maintenance Facility; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Dr. Aidoo abstained.
- A-2 Scope Approval – Repaving of the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail in Accotink Stream Valley Park near Hunter Village Drive (Springfield District)  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope for repaving approximately 4,400 linear feet of asphalt trail and related work along the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail to restore trail connectivity in Accotink Stream Valley Park located in the Springfield District; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Aidoo abstained.
- A-3 Scope Approval – Improvements to Flatlick Stream Valley Park Trail (Sully District)  
Ms. Godbold made a motion to approve the project scope for construction of approximately 1,160 linear feet of asphalt trail and related work in Flatlick Stream Valley Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Aidoo abstained.
- A-4 Scope Approval – Fred Crabtree Park Diamond Field #2 – Installation of Athletic Field Lighting Including Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation for a Turnkey Donation of Field Improvements at Fields #1 and #2 (Hunter Mill District)  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope to design, permit, and install athletic field lighting at diamond field #2 and approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation for a turnkey donation of field improvements at Fred Crabtree Park diamond field #1 and #2; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Aidoo abstained.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****I-1 Resident Curator Program Update**

The update was accepted as presented.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie reported that he had testified at the Board of Supervisors' Budget Hearing on April 10. The Board of Supervisors appreciates all the work that the board and staff does and values their park system. They have shown that by continually adding more investment into the system, which we have seen again this year in the budget and the last couple of years.
- Founders' Day will be held in Reston on Saturday, April 14, at noon at Lake Anne. It will be the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Day and the fourth without Bob Simon.
- Mr. Bouie received correspondence from a constituent, Harry Lehman, who is very involved in always looking to improve our park services in one way or another. Mr. Lehman was reviewing a number of documents and noted the number of documents in which the word citizen is used. Mr. Lehman's recommendation was not to use the word 'citizen', but to use the word 'resident'.

Mr. Bouie would like the board to take it under advisement. There won't be any formal action tonight but would like the board think about it. When the board comes back on April 25, or wants discuss it, or if anyone would like to submit a position paper to him or to the board through Barbara Gorski. This falls in line with One Fairfax resolution fully adopted by the Park Board last year.

Mr. Bouie commented to Mr. Kendall that one of the things the Executive Committee would discuss was naming rights. There has been a lot of discussion about that. He said that this is not a political endorsement of any kind but he gave each board member a copy of Mitch Landrieu's book entitled, "In the Shadow of Statues: A White Southerner Confronts History." Mitch Landrieu talks about his journey from growing up and being in the south to being responsible for what we are going through right now and the discussion of what they should do with those symbols of the past. This is a good perspective and Mr. Bouie offered it to all of the board members for their review. He noted that he has more copies coming for staff.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

Deputy Director Sara Baldwin provided comments in Mr. Kincannon's absence.

- The MITRE rezoning application in Tysons next to Westgate Park was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 20, 2018. The application includes a total of 1.64 acres of publicly accessible urban park space. Dedication of Park Authority property will be needed

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for right-of-way and construction of Lincoln Street, which is a planned grid street. In order to address the generated athletic field need (less than 1/3 of a field), the applicant has committed to provide a monetary contribution of \$2.19 million to be used for improvements at Westgate Park or another park in the Providence District.

- It was a big day for the Fairfax County Park Authority when the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Region 2 hosted its awards ceremony in Front Royal on March 15. More than half the honorees were from FCPA.

Two interpreters from Frying Pan Farm Park, three interpreters from Huntley Meadows Park, and a long-time volunteer at Hidden Oaks Nature Center were honored by NAI Region 2 for their work.

Representing FCPA were:

- Frying Pan Manager Yvonne Johnson received a Meritorious Service Award for her contributions as the organization's Deputy Director for six years and now Director.
  - Claire Thomas, also from Frying Pan Farm Park, received recognition for her work as an Outstanding Frontline Interpreter.
  - Huntley Meadows' Jen Crawford was awarded an Outstanding New Interpreter Award,
  - Margaret Wohler, Huntley Meadows, was honored with an Outstanding Part-Time Interpreter Award, and
  - Tara Miller, also from Huntley Meadows, received an Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer Award.
  - Marilyn Schroeder, a volunteer at Hidden Oaks for more than 11 years, also was honored with an Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer award.
- Burke Lake Park has been named the Best Public Park in Northern Virginia Magazine's Best of NoVA 2018 June issue. In the June issue it will be named as the best among other local retailers in more than 170 categories that were voted on by Northern Virginia Magazine's readers. Be sure to lookout for the June issue, hitting newsstands May 24!
  - The Resident Curator Program is now accepting applications for the curatorship of the historic Ash Grove house at 8881 Ashgrove House Lane in Vienna. You can find the application package and further information about this property and other properties in the program by visiting the Resident Curator web page. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rcp/>
  - Eight parks participated in Watershed Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Despite cold weather and discouraging weather forecasts, 602 volunteers reported for duty.

These community residents provided more than 1,500 hours of volunteer service and removed approximately 5.1 tons of trash. They cleaned more than 35 miles of stream, shoreline, trails and roadways. By comparison, in 2017, volunteers removed 4.5 tons of trash as they cleaned up along 20 miles of parkland.

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Lake Accotink had the biggest volunteer turnout. Its 215 volunteers collected 150 bags of trash. The most common items found were plastic bottles, plastic bags, and tennis balls, but volunteers also found a pink plastic flamingo, a 16-inch diameter corrugated plastic pipe, a broken toilet, and a mongoose bike.

More than 25 staff leaders from the Park Authority and The Nature Conservancy helped to oversee the cleanup at the eight parks. Planned workdays at Roundtree Park and Scott's Run were rescheduled for Saturday, May 12, because of weather concerns.

### **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Khan stated that it was good to back following the spring break. He welcomed Dr. Aidoo to the board and said that she will definitely enjoy working with the colorful palate.

- Dr. Carter welcomed Barbara Gorski back to the board meeting, adding that the board's thoughts are always with her.

She welcomed Dr. Aidoo and said that she looks forward to working with her.

- Ms. Godbold also welcomed Dr. Aidoo and said that she would really enjoy her time on the board.

Over 100 people participated in the Cub Run Stream Valley Cleanup on Saturday, April 7.

She reminded everyone that Spring Fest will take place on Saturday, April 21, at the Sully Historic Site. The event will begin at 10 a.m.

The forms for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards nominations are out and she reminded everyone to submit their nominees

- Mr. Kendall thanked Mr. Bouie for the book.

He welcomed Dr. Aidoo.

Mr. Kendall will be attending the Mason Little League opening on Saturday, April 14.

Green Spring Garden Sale Day will be held on May 19.

- Mr. Hackman welcomed Dr. Aidoo and believes Parks will be able to use her experience.

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He said that he felt undeserving making the following announcement because most of the work has been done by others over the past 10-12 years. This morning the National Park Service released an announcement that an open house and public forum for the Langley Fork Land Exchange will be held on Tuesday, April 24, at Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean at 6:30 p.m. Clearly Dave Bowden's folks, Gayle Hooper, and Liz Crowell, and Cindy and many others have worked on this for years. It has been a key objective for Dranesville for a long time and will provide some new facilities that the people there can take advantage of.

- Mr. Stone had nothing to report.
- Dr. Aidoo thanked everyone for the warm welcome and said that she was excited to be here. She said she has a lot to learn and hopes that she can add her voice to the conversation.
- Mr. Gorham welcomed Dr. Aidoo.

He reported that the Park Authority has been asked to be included in the study of Original Mount Vernon High School because we are neighbors and operate the George Washington RECenter. The Alexander Company and Elm Street Development has been chosen by the county. Supervisor Storck has put together a project team and a steering committee. He and Aimee Vosper are on the team. The team will come up with a conclusion that needs to satisfy the Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors. In order to keep everyone in the loop, Linwood indicated that either he or Aimee will provide the Park Board with an update on a monthly basis. There has been one meeting with the group and a community meeting. The developer will put together three scenarios for the committee to discuss further and try to steer them toward moving forward. Either he or Aimee will provide updates so the Park Board can take a position in a timely manner.

- Mr. Thompson reminded the board that there is a field naming at South Run District Park on Saturday, April 14, at 9 a.m. for Jack Nolan. Mr. Nolan was an unsung hero. One of those guys that helped the group grow and introduce soccer to a number of kids in the 70s and 80s. Mr. Nolan was instrumental in the development of a rectangle field allocation policy and raised awareness of financial need for many players to be able to participate. His children and grandchildren will be attending the event.

There will be a Lake Accotink public meeting on Monday, April 30, that is hosted by Supervisors McKay and Cook. It is an important meeting and a large turnout is expected.

- Mr. Quincy welcomed Dr. Aidoo.

On April 21, the Healthy Strides 10K will take place at Burke Lake Park. This annual event and the Park Authority is one of the sponsors. Part of the proceeds will go to summer camp

for the homeless and transitional kids. You don't have to run, you can walk, or come out and volunteer, and cheer the runners on.

The county has a site-specific plan amendment process. This is a process whereby various individuals participate in Fairfax County's land use planning process by submitting proposals (called Nominations) to amend the Area Plan volumes of the Comprehensive Plan (the Plan) and/or the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Map through the Plan Amendment Work Program. Providence District held its first meeting and there were park opportunities. Mr. Quincy suggested Park Board members keep their ears to the ground within their districts and check with their Supervisors.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:12 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.

### **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. Ms. Godbold was absent.

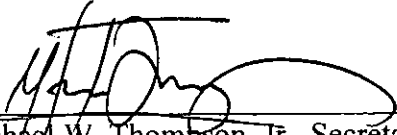
### **ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

#### **C-1 The Addition of Property Located in the Hunter Mill District to the Work Plan**

Mr. Thompson made a motion to add property located in the Hunter Mill District to the Work Plan as discussed in Closed Session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

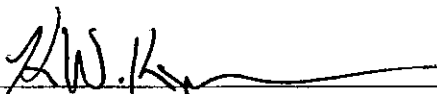
There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on April 25, 2018



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Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by



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Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant