

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 6, 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  
James P. Zook

**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  
Cindy McNeal

**Absent\***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker: Anthony Consumano, Cub Run PVT    Topic: Volunteer team concept and his suggestions

**CHANGE TO AGENDA**

Mr. Bouie announced that there would be no closed session.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- ADMIN-1    Adoption of Minutes – May 23, 2018 Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2018, Park Authority board meeting; seconded by Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.
- ADMIN-2    Resolution Honoring the Friends of Green Spring on Its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring the Friends of Green Spring Gardens; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED JUNE 27, 2018**

**ACTION ITEMS****A-1 Approval to Open Public Comment Period for Alcohol Policy**

Mr. Quincy made a motion to open the public comment period for the Alcohol Policy with the change to the policy adding text to item 7...”of the public, park, its users and neighbors **and may deny a request if deemed incompatible with other park uses.**”  
Seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

**A-2 Scope Approval – Elklick Preserve Grassland Restoration (Sully District)**

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the project scope for Elklick Preserve Grassland Restoration; seconded by Mr. Stone. The motion carried by all members present; Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

**A-3 Scope Approval – Western Area Natural Resources Management Plan Scope of Work (Sully, Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Braddock, Springfield District)**

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the project scope for the Western Area Natural Resources Management Plan scope of work; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Ms. Godbold and Mr. Khan were absent.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****I-1 Legislative Program – 2017/2018**

Aimee Vosper and Ryan Stewart provided an update on the status of the 2017/2018 General Assembly Legislative activities. A list of all the bills that the Park Authority was asked to review was distributed to the board members. Of the 3,700 bills the General Assembly considered this session Parks received 49 to review. The list was divided according to impact to the Park Authority. There were two bills that have a negative impact. The first is the drone legislation and the other is on land bank entities. There was one bill that required additional study so it could not be evaluated at this time. Several others had minimal impact or were provided as information only. Staff has been tasked to review all the bills that were passed into law to determine if there are any others that were just being monitored and may have an impact on us now, or an effect on another county agency.

There was a bill that was passed two years ago that did not received a lot of overview, but now staff is being asked to work on which has a little to do with invasive species.

The board is now being asked to provide potential legislative items that Parks may want to bring forward for the FY19 General Assembly to consider. Aimee asked the board to think about it and to provide any ideas to Barbara Gorski in the next three weeks. Aimee will bring those ideas back to the board for discussion as she has done in the past. Topics that staff is considering are revisions to tax laws to exempt the Resident Curator Program

from real estate tax requirements, a regulatory change regarding drones, and amending proffer legislation.

Ms. Vosper provided an update on three items that were brought forward.

1. To request that any retailer of plants, shrubs, trees, etc. in the Commonwealth, or anyone who sells to a resident of the Commonwealth, identify the plant product they are selling as an invasive species for that part of the Commonwealth so that the individual understands the impact of the plant product.

This item was considered and was combined with a particular invasive species, Running Bamboo.

2. To include policy statements to support legislation to enhance park maintenance funding and to continue support environmental regulations to further protect the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to form a workgroup to explore an ordinance to restrict running bamboo and to work with the Native Plant Society & Referenced the Native Plant Guide developed regionally, to educate the General Assembly and the residents of the county on invasive species.

There were two Position Statements that were considered and added to the existing legislative package.

- a. Position Statement (PS) on Park Infrastructure was inserted in the Land Conservation PS.

Land Conservation: Support the conservation of open space, which protects vital ecological resources and the environment, provides recreational opportunities, and improves the quality of life.

- b. Position Statement (PS) on Chesapeake Bay stewardship is included Water Quality Funding PS

Water Quality Funding: Support budget action at the 2018 GA providing adequate state appropriations to the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) in order to ensure full and timely payments under point source upgrade contracts with local governments; also support the restoration of funding to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).

3. The third item is the drone legislation. HB638/SB526 amended Virginia Code §19.2-926.3 to read: No locality political subdivision may regulate the use of a privately owned, unmanned aircraft system as defined in §19.2-60.1 within its boundaries.

Nothing in this section shall permit a person to go or enter upon land owned by a political subdivision solely because he is in possession of an unmanned aircraft system if he would not otherwise be permitted entry upon such land.

Following actions to be taken are to make changes to FCPA regulation and practice through coordination with County Attorney and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and to hold a public hearing.

An action item to hold a public hearing and staff guidance will be provided to the Committee of the Whole on July 11, 2018.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie reported that the Sports Tourism Task Force meeting was cancelled last week, so they are awaiting a new date.
- He wished the Park Foundation well with the Legacy Circle Reception on Thursday, June 7, at Green Spring Gardens.
- The official review by Major League Baseball and the Washington Nationals took place on Tuesday, May 29, at Fred Crabtree Park. Construction has begun and the event will take place on July 16 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Hackman called a point of order, noting there was one more Information Item on the agenda.

- I-2 FY 2019 Deer Management Plan  
No action was necessary.

#### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Kincannon stated that the Discovery Trail Map is back, and this year's map celebrates the diversity of wildlife in our parks. This year's cardboard cutout ambassadors are a husband-and-wife team – Virgil and Ginny Cardinal – representing our state bird. Visitors who spot them along the trail are encouraged to take a picture with them and post it on Instagram. Participants who visit at least eight featured park sites on the map receive a prize packet with tickets to park amusements and are entered in a drawing for one of four bicycles donated by Spokes, Etc. and Trek through the Fairfax County Park Foundation.
- The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will proclaim July Park and Recreation Month in Fairfax County at its meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. The Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium.

Each year, the National Recreation and Park Association celebrates July as Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme is a "Lifetime of Discovery" in parks. In its proclamation, the Board of Supervisors will urge "all residents to take advantage of Fairfax County's parks, historic sites, recreation centers, and hundreds of miles of trails in July and every month of the year."

He asked the board members to mark their calendars as the Park Authority leadership will be saying a few words, inviting staff members to attend and taking a photo for publication.

- Mr. Kincannon also reminded the board that the CAPRA visit will take place June 12-14.

#### **BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Zook had nothing to report.
- Mr. Kendall reported that the Park Authority partnered with the Department of Family Services to host a team building and service at the John C. and Margaret K. White Horticultural Park. The employees enjoyed a picnic in the morning and an afternoon of cleanup on Friday, May 25.

Farmers Markets are undertaking a strategic planning process. The process began last fall and is being conducted by staff. Stakeholders were involved this past winter and the SWOT exercise (Strength Weakness Opportunities, and Threats analysis) was completed. This summer the customer and non-customer surveys will be conducted at events and locations across the county. This is an interagency and pertinent meeting, and they thank all that are involved.

On Sunday, June 3, the Office of Community and Revitalization, FPCA, and community partners hosted a demonstration park for members of the Annandale community on the proposed Annandale parks civic space at 7200 Columbia Pike. The weather was bad but the demonstration moved indoors and was a successful event with a number of participants. The participants enjoyed the input stations such as Wishing Tree, Fill in the Blank, More for Programming Ideas. This was all built around getting people to provide input on how they would like a demonstration park to look.

He thanked the Annandale Fire Department for allowing the group to use indoor space during the rain. Also, thanks to ACCA Child Development Center for providing volunteers and arranging for Wolf Trap master artists, Michele Valeri and John Taylor

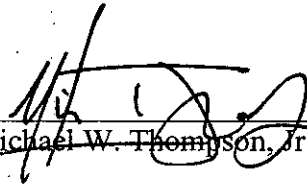
- Mr. Hackman extended thanks to the consultants, staff, and Judy Pedersen for the very well done RECenter Sustainability public meeting on June 5. The meeting was lightly attended but was good, concise content.

He also thanked Dave Bowden, Paul Shirey, Andi Dorlester, Juan Du, Andy Miller, Valerie Maislin and Eric Inman. for all the work they are doing at the Area 1 Maintenance facility update in Dranesville.

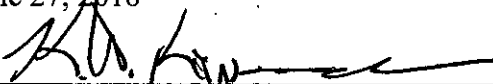
- Mr. Stone had nothing to report.
- Dr. Aidoo had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham had nothing to report.
- Mr. Thompson had nothing to report.
- Mr. Quincy had nothing to report.
- Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Mr. Khan were absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

  
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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on June 27, 2018

  
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Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

  
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