

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 27, 2018**

The Vice 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:

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

Absent*

Guests: James Patteson, Director, DPWES
Katayoon Shaya, Capital Facilities,
DPWES

He welcomed Brett Thomas, a George Mason Student to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Mike Mulligan

Topic: Need for a second sheet of ice

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – June 6, 2018, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2018, Park Authority board meeting; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Approval – Park Authority FY19-FY23 Strategic Plan
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Park Authority FY19-FY23 Strategic Plan; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

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- A-2 Appointment of Robin Walker to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the appointment of Robin Walker to the Foundation's Board of Directors; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-3 Appointment of Thomas Chennikara to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Chennikara to the Foundation's Board of Directors; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-4 Reappointment of Harrison A. Glasgow to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Harrison A. Glasgow to the Foundation's Board of Directors; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-5 Reappointment of Tim Eakin Walsh to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Tim Eakin Walsh to the Foundation's Board of Directors; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-6 Approval – Park Foundation FY 2019 Fundraising Projects
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the list of projects for fundraising by the Park Foundation in FY 2019; seconded by Mr. Kendall. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-7 Scope Approval – Spring Hill RECenter – Building Envelope Improvements (Dranesville District)
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope for improvements to the Spring Hill RECenter building envelope; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-8 Frying Pan Farm Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Friends of Frying Pan Park (Hunter Mill District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Friends of Frying Pan Park in the amount of \$4,507.50 to purchase equestrian jumps for Frying Pan Farm Park; seconded by Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.
- A-9 Marie Butler Preserve – Mastenbrook Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Earth Sangha (Dranesville District)

Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Earth Sangha in the amount of \$9,962 for meadow restoration at Marie Butler Leven Preserve; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

A-10 Poplar Tree Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Chantilly Youth Association (Sully District)

Ms. Godbold made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Chantilly Youth Association in the amount of \$10,000 for the installation of fencing behind the goals on fields 2 and 3 at Poplar Tree Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

INFORMATION ITEM

- I-1 Fairfax County Park Foundation FY 2019 Meeting Dates.
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Mr. Quincy provided comments in Mr. Bouie's absence.

- Mr. Quincy extended condolences and prayers to Mr. Bouie and his family on the passing of his mother.
- He thanked the Park Foundation Board for joining the Park Board for the joint meeting. It is a valuable and growing, beneficial partnership and has proved its worth with the big check presented to the Park Authority. Mr. Quincy thanked the Foundation Board for its attendance.
- The Park Authority had a successful CAPRA visitation. He thanked all who worked so hard on this effort. Mr. Kincannon would expand on this but Mr. Quincy wanted to express the board's gratitude for all the efforts that made it a successful visitation.
- On June 28 a public comment meeting will be held at Twin Lakes at 7 p.m. regarding the Alcohol Policy.

At the July 10 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board will present a Proclamation recognizing July as Park and Recreation Month.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- The Historic Site Volunteer Corps did some masterful gardening on June 9. About 15 volunteers journeyed to Colvin Run Mill Historic Site to refresh the grounds around the miller's house. Weeds had taken over most of the beds, and native plants were being smothered. Dead tree limbs needed pruning, and the formal garden was under-dressed for any formality. Ignoring gnats, heat and humidity, the volunteers weeded, pruned, cut, dug, and revitalized the garden beds so that they are once again attractive additions to the historic site's landscape. Five days after the cleanup, the team's handiwork was on display for a CAPRA Accreditation Team visit that included RMD Director Cindy Walsh, FCPA Deputy Directors Aimee Vosper and Sara Baldwin, and FCPA Executive Director Kirk Kincannon. Site Manager Mike Henry says that, due to the volunteer team's efforts, the grounds look better than they have in years.
- Tuesday, June 26, a very pleasant evening with the largest crowd ever, proved to be another successful family event at Green Spring Gardens. More than 500 adults and children attended a free concert sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS). The Fender Benders set the celebratory mood with hit tunes from the 60s and 70s to honor the 25th anniversary of FROGS. FROGS offered their traditional dessert of birthday cake and lemonade to all attendees.

Business neighbor and supporter, TD Bank, funded the propagation of coleus plants that were given away as 'party favors', along with their branded water bottles and beach balls. During the intermission, FROGS was honored by Supervisor Penny Gross as she presented a resolution acknowledging the 25th anniversary and the generous support FROGS has provided over the years. She described the many projects to which FROGS added their financial support, valued at a combined \$2 million since 1993.

- The CAPRA visitation team was highly impressed with staff, the board, the community, elected officials, and the volunteer groups in general. The amount of collaboration and partnership that they witnessed in our numerous programs and activities, as well as the agency sisters and brothers across the street at the Government Center and at the Herrity and Pennino Buildings, recognizing the support the Park Authority team gets from other agencies as well as staff.

They commented about the Financial Management, the strength of the fiscal policy and programs and facilities the Park Authority has, the amazing team work and collaboration they saw, as well as the strong relationships with the community, elected officials, volunteers, Park Board, and the friends groups across the county.

They were very impressed coming away saying that Parks, in their opinion, met the 151 standards. Parks will learn in September at the NRPA Congress if it receives reaccreditation. Kirk indicated that he would provide the details in September.

BOARD MATTERS

Mr. Kendall reported that Hidden Oaks Nature Center (HONC) sponsored an Eagle Scout project, completed this month, to map out Roundtree. Also, all of Mason District area parks have been mapped out in preparation of a districtwide promotional campaign currently being planned for spring 2019.

HONC's staff, Suzanne Holland, received the honor of National Association for Interpretation 30 Shining Stars. The National Association for Interpretation is recognizing 30 Shining Stars of Interpretation over the course of 2018, NAI's 30th anniversary. Each of NAI's ten geographical regions is determining three shining stars which go to new interpreter, an established career interpreter, and an esteemed veteran. Suzanne was the recipient for Region 2 of the esteemed veteran NAI Shining Star Awards.

Hidden Oaks staff have begun visiting Fairfax County fire stations to train volunteer personnel on venomous, poisonous, and disease-carrying native wildlife. This is a similar program to the site's offering of training to local emergency room staff at area hospitals in past years.

Pinecrest Golf Course celebrated NRPA's national pollinators week with completion of its pollinator wildflower gardens and milkweed field which are in full bloom. They have a thriving honeybee hive in spite of a very rainy spring, with an abundance of flowering plants and trees as habitat and food for the pollinators.

The first annual Women & Golf celebration at Laurel Hill Golf Club held on June 13 had over 175 visitors, exhibitors, and instructors. A big thank you goes out to Roberta Korzen and all the volunteers that helped make the event so successful.

The indoor facility at the Pinecrest Clubhouse opened Monday, June 25, for summer camps. The new simulator and permanent netting will be installed in late July. The clubhouse will open its simulator for use by the general public in early to mid-August.

In the last school year Green Spring Gardens served close to 6,000 youth with educational fieldtrips. This represents 94 programs delivered at the park. 80% of students served are FCPS students and the Title 1 students in the programs represent 30% of total students served. It is of note that FROGS subsidized fieldtrips for Title 1 students with its Frances Tyler Fund.

- Mr. Hackman noted that the 2232 for the maintenance facility at Turner Farm is going before the Planning Commission on June 28. Staff finds indicate that the renovations are in substantial compliance with the comprehensive plan. There was some give and take between Park Authority staff and citizens with concerns. He appreciates the flexibility of staff to resolve those concerns.

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The Spring Hill RECenter envelope improvements which were approved at this meeting will kick off shortly at the RECenter as well as the turf field replacement, plus a 1,500-foot storm water project on Bull Neck Run.

Discussions with the Great Falls Grange group are going well and Mr. Hackman hears from the Great Falls side that they are moving in a positive direction.

- Mr. Stone thanked John Stokely and Owen Williams, Resource Management, for a tour of the Poplar Ford and Elklick Meadow Restoration. The tour was very informative and he was very excited to see Elklick and Poplar Ford was pretty impressive.
- Dr. Aidoo had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham thanked Dave Bowden and Liz Cronauer for all the work they have done in the last month to help with issues of planning the trails and bicycle use at Mount Vernon District Park at.

During the June 6 board meeting, Mr. Bowden and his staff were providing the same presentation to the Mount Vernon Council. The public outreach has had a positive affect and things seem to be going well.

- Mr. Thompson thanked Judy Pedersen and her team as well as others who came out to Hidden Pond for the ribbon cutting for the playground and shelter. Senator Marsden was able to attend. Mr. Thompson noted that he is always surprised to see parks he used as a kid that have changed so dramatically with Park updates.

He thanked Liz Cronauer and others for a really good trail meeting about the Rocky Run Stream Valley trail. There had been some concern expressed by the community about paving it; however, there was one person who came to the meeting stating that she was completely opposed to paving the trail until she heard what staff said. She understands what her objections were which were about the aesthetics but now she had changed her mind. For this to happen is a very positive thing. Following the meeting the decision was made to move forward with paving the trail.

On Thursday, June 28, at Twin Lakes Golf Course there will be a public information meeting on the Alcohol Policy. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Mr. Thompson encouraged the board members to attend the meeting.

- Ms. Godbold stated that while she was unable to attend, she heard that the Antique Car Show at the Sully Historic Site was a rousing success. She thanked everyone that made it so.

She will not attend the July 11 meeting.

- Dr. Carter attended her very first Cardboard Yacht Regatta and had the great opportunity to be a judge. It was a wonderful opportunity to do that in a monsoon. She was waiting for the event to be cancelled, but that didn't happen. The kids and the parents were excited. Chairman Bulova was there and also judged the competition.

On June 16 a ribbon cutting was held for Chessie's trail and opening of the family program area. The trail was fabulous. She thanked Ms. Longworth, all of the Foundation, her Park Board colleagues, and everyone that was there. Speakers included Supervisor McKay, John Osborn of the Park Foundation, Dave Bowden, and Kirk Kincannon. It was a great opening. She recommended that the next time one visits the park they should go to where the dolphin is located and look at the plaque—it will have the name of someone they might know.

- Mr. Zook shared his thoughts about the Showcase that Park Authority staff put on for the CAPRA visitors. He said it was outstanding. He believes he circulated to every one of the stops. No one had any idea who he was, which was okay. He has always been impressed with the Park Authority staff, but seeing the enthusiasm, commitment, and engagement that everyone received is very much appreciated and should be commended.
- Mr. Khan was absent.
- Mr. Gorham congratulated Cindy Walsh and Barbara Nugent on their recent promotions.
- Mr. Hackman added that Marcellous Cooper, Manager at Spring Hill RECenter, reported that while these are preliminary numbers the RECenter for the first time surpassed \$4M in annual revenue for FY18.

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).
- b) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1).

Seconded by Mr. Gorham and approved by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

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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. Hackman and approved by all members present. Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

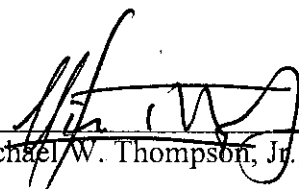
ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

C-1 Discussion of Property Located in the Mount Vernon District
No action was necessary.

C-2 Discussion of Park Authority Executive Director's Performance Evaluation
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve a 4% merit increase and a 5% one-time bonus effective July 1. The board concludes the director meets all expectations; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Messrs. Bouie and Khan were absent.

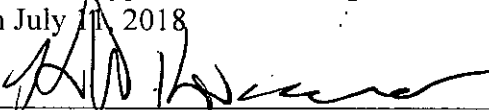
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Quincy adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.



Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on July 11, 2018



Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by



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