



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

April 21, 2010

2010 Council Members

Magisterial Representatives:

Marcia M. Pape Daniels
Braddock District

Michael D. Champness
Dranesville District

Harold Leff, Vice Chairman
Hunter Mill District

Michael L. Rodgers
Lee District

Barbara R. Lowrey
Mason District

Jonathan Willmott
Mount Vernon District

Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary
Providence District

Michael Thompson, Jr.
Springfield District

David L. Lacey
Sully District

Vacant
Member-At-Large

Clement Chan
Diversity-At-Large

Town Representatives:

Jeffrey E. Stein
Town of Clifton

Gerald W. Carter
Town of Herndon

Sam Althoff
Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives:

Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

William Minto
Fast Pitch Softball Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III
Adult Softball Council

E. J. Thomas
Basketball Council

Mark Meana, Chairman
Football Council

Bret Bailey
Lacrosse Council

Lisa Cherubini
Soccer Council

Jill Fitzgerald
Volleyball Council

William J. Stephens
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

George Lovelace
Park Authority

Bill Curran
School Board

Executive Agency:

Christopher Leonard
Acting Director
Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tonya A. McCreary, Braddock District Alternate
Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Michael Rodgers, Lee District
Jenifer Beausoliel, Mason District Alternate
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson, Jr., Springfield District
Albert J. Mayer III, Springfield District Alternate
David Lacey, Sully District
Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton
Gerald W. Carter, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Sharon Sealock, Slow Pitch Softball Council Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

George Lovelace, Fairfax County Park Authority
Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority
Chris Leonard, Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Community and Recreation Services
Steve Groff, Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Clement Chan, Diversity-at-Large
E.J. Thomas, Basketball Council
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council
Bret Bailey, Lacrosse Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Lisa Cherubini, Soccer Council
Jill Fitzgerald, Volleyball Council
William Stephens, Women's Sports

GUESTS:

Booster club representatives from Woodson, Falls Church, and Stuart High Schools

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MEETING OPENING

Mr. Meana called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

Mr. Meana gave an update on the Tyson's Corner Urban Center town meeting at which several Council members would be speaking.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Three members of booster clubs from Woodson, Falls Church, and Stuart High Schools spoke on behalf of all booster clubs to address several budget issues, specifically their opposition to the athletic fee required to participate in all sports. After discussion, Mr. Meana asked that this item be placed on next month's agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The March 17, 2010, minutes were approved as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Meana brought to the Council's attention the Lystedt Law (Zach's Law) which pertains to concussions in sports. The law states that anyone using recreation and parks facilities must go through education upon readmittance to the game unless medically cleared. A program called "Heads Up" has been developed to educate sports organizations about this new law. Mr. Meana stated that the Council needed to measure the impact of the law on Fairfax County athletics.

Mr. Meana stated that, although the budget has yet to be officially approved, many of recommended cuts affecting athletics had been reinstated. He thanked everyone for their hard work on this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Turf Field Committee:

No report.

Practice Under the Lights Committee:

A report will be presented later in the meeting by the Park Authority.

Walk-On Use Committee:

No report.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools:

Mr. Curran briefly discussed the Schools' budget.

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority:

Mr. Johnson stated that the Board of Supervisors had tentatively voted to restore the following line items that would have affected athletic programs in the county:

- \$525,000 for athletic field maintenance
- \$140,000 for lighting of fields and tennis courts

Mr. Johnson stated that the Park Authority will discuss practice under the lights at its meeting next Wednesday. He advised that the Park Authority Board was supportive of the request and that the Board would also look at the parks' opening and closing dates for fields.

Mr. Johnson advised that the Park Authority was still looking for recycling partners among the sports organizations to separate trash from recyclables on the fields. Volunteers may call him if interested.

Mr. Johnson reported that the adopt-a-field program had been a success recently. The numbers of fields being adopted were up. He asked that the Council members keep providing feedback to him on the condition of their fields. On behalf of the Park Authority, Mr. Johnson asked that the Council form a work group to increase the number of adoptions.

Mr. Lovelace advised the Council that the Ellie Doyle Volunteer Award nominations were due by June 25. Nominees may call 703-324-8662 to nominate an individual.

Mr. Lovelace stated that the Park Authority Board was activating the Fiscal Policy and Bond Committee, with its first meeting to be held on April 28.

Information – Community and Recreation Services:

Mr. Leonard advised that the merger consolidation would take place in July, with no substantial changes to athletics. He also reported that several issues had surfaced regarding priority seasons in the turf field allocation policy and that the committee would need to meet to address some of those issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson reported that a Sports Marketing Partnership Opportunities Committee was formed several months ago. Its goal was to bring tournaments to the county as a way of economic development.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary