



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods, and diverse communities of Fairfax County

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2010

2010 Council Members

Magisterial Representatives:

Marcia M. Pape Daniels
Braddock District

Michael D. Champness
Dranesville District

Harold Leff, 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

Clement Chan
Diversity-At-Large

Elmer Arias
Member-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, Vice Chairman
Football Council

Bret Bailey
Lacrosse Council

Lisa Cherubini
Soccer Council

Jill Fitzgerald
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Tod Johnson
Park Authority

Bill Curran
School Board

Executive Agency:

Christopher Leonard
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Tonya A. McCreary, Braddock District Alternate
Greg Beckwith, Dranesville District Alternate
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Michael Rodgers, Lee District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District Alternate
David Lacey, Sully District
Raph Wills, Sully District Alternate
Clement Chan, Diversity-at-Large
Elmer Arias, Member-at-Large
Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton
Gerald W. Carter, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Frank McDonough, Volleyball Council Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority
Christopher Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Steve Groff, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District
E.J. Thomas, Basketball Council
Bret Bailey, Lacrosse Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Lisa Cherubini, Soccer Council
Jill Fitzgerald, Volleyball Council

GUESTS:

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MEETING OPENING

Mr. Leff called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Mr. Leff introduced Mark Heilbrun, the Springfield District Alternate. A brief introduction from Visit Fairfax, a sport tournament organizer was presented.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

None.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The November 17, 2010, minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools:

No reports

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority:

Mr. Johnson reported that the Park Authority Board has nominated Mr. Ken Quincy as the replacement for Mr. George Lovelace. There were no updates on the turf field projects.

In regards to the walk-on-use update, Mr. Johnson said that a letter sent by Mr. Leonard to change the number from 40 to 20 participants as a qualified number for a walk on group would be brought to the Committee and then there will be a mandatory 30 day period where public comments would be gathered. The new policy was expected to be in place by April, 2011.

A plaque was presented to Mr. Studholm for years of service and in honor of his retirement.

Information - Neighborhood and Community Services:

Ms. Avvisato reported that the deadline for the turf field applications mini grant program just ended. A list of grants applicants would be advertised to public for 30 days, and NCS would be busy in January reviewing the applications.

Ms. Avvisato also gave a personnel update on Mr. Paul Jansen, Branch Manager, who officially moved into Athletics Division on January 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Information - Concussions:

Mr. Meana stated that at a future athletic council meeting, a training presentation will be facilitated by Bill Curran, with the topic of injuries to the neck up.

He suggested that concussion awareness be moved into the Athletic Council committee to keep continually updated information at the forefront.

OLD BUSINESS

Information – Committee Review:

Five new committees in year 2011:

1. Allocation Policy Committee
2. Turf Field Committee
3. Adopt- A Field / Friend of the Field & Gym Committee
4. Sport Scholarship and Application Fee Policy Committee
5. Champions of Character Committee

Mr. Leff recommended FCAC members to volunteer for committees.

Information – Background checks:

NCS is still working on the Jurisdictional benchmark.

Following issues were discussed:

- 1) County does background checks on employees who work with kids
- 2) FCAC would present best practices type scenario
- 3) FCAC would not mandate but only recommend guidelines for background checks

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary