



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

January 20, 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:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Michael Rodgers, Lee District
Karin Stamper, Lee District Alternate
Jenifer Beausoliel, Mason District Alternate
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District
B. Jefferson Boggs, Mount Vernon District Alternate
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson, Jr., Springfield District
Albert J. Mayer III, Springfield District Alternate
David Lacey, Sully District
Clement Chan, Diversity-at-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council
Sharon Sealock, Slow Pitch Softball Council Alternate
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council Alternate
Jill Fitzgerald, Volleyball Council
William Stephens, Women's Sports

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

George Lovelace, Fairfax County park Authority
Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority
Bill Curran, Fairfax County School Board
Chris Leonard, Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Community and Recreation Services
Jesse Ellis, Community and Recreation Services
Alison Agee, Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton
Gerald W. Carter, Town of Herndon
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
E.J. Thomas, Basketball Council
Bret Bailey, Lacrosse Council
Lisa Cherubini, Soccer Council

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GUESTS:

Eric Kulczycky, Visit Fairfax

MEETING OPENING

Mr. Meana called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

Mr. Meana reported that a semi-annual meeting with the Park Authority and VAC executive boards was held and eight items were discussed. He articulated that the meeting was a success with all representatives working together.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Stephens, which was seconded by Mr. Minto, the December 16, 2009, minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Turf Field Committee:

Ms. Avvisato reported that four groups had submitted letters of intent to apply for the mini grant program.

Practice Under the Lights Committee:

Mr. Johnson stated that money was the leading issue in this matter. In a presentation to the Park Authority Board, Mr. Johnson will request a policy to allow for an additional \$40,000-\$50,000 in lighted time; however, this policy may or may not include funding for the additional costs. The Park Authority is also exploring the impact of terminating the lighting of courted athletic spaces. This would represent a service increase when other services are being cut. He also emphasized that the budget is not yet released, so he does not have any specific figures to report.

Walk-On Use Committee:

None.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS):

Mr. Curran gave a presentation on possible budget impacts to the Student Activities and Athletics Program (SAAP) budget for FY 2011. The SAAP budget of approximately \$18 million must be reduced by 10 percent for a \$1.8 million in savings. The proposal includes the elimination of freshman sports (football, volleyball, cheer, basketball), winter cheer, and indoor track, and a reduction of swim and dive by one-half. It also includes the consolidation of transportation, requiring JV and varsity teams to travel together, and the elimination of the drill team advisor position at each school. It effectively eliminates 6,052 athletic opportunities, more than 2,000 of those being freshmen fall opportunities. There is another proposal to add a fee of \$100 per athlete per season to go into the General Fund. This would not include free and reduced lunch participants. With an estimated 30 percent slippage and 15 percent administrative fee, the program is expected to raise \$900,000. This creates an overall impact of \$2.7 million out of school athletics.

Mr. McLaughlin moved “that the Athletic Council establish a position that it is understanding of the current financial situation; however, the council opposes both the cuts and additional fees taxed to athletic participants. If any adjustments must be made, the council recommends that the new fees should restore the money being cut without going into the general fund.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Lacey.

Mr. Meana suggested that it was time to change the current practice of money being diverted into the General Fund and to establish a system where money is transacted outside the General Fund, specifically for athletics.

Mr. Hahne suggested making an effort with the school booster clubs to create a unified front in the opposition of the proposed changes.

Mr. Champness added a friendly amendment “that athletic fees should pay for athletics.” Mr. Meana added a friendly amendment “that the council was sympathetic, but that the financial situation should be temporary and changes should be made to explore relieving fees under an improved economic climate.”

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA):

Mr. Johnson reported that on January 7, 2010, a light pole fell on a field at Rolling Valley West Park. By January 13, 2010, the Park Authority was able to approve emergency funds which will support new lights for both diamond and rectangular field facilities at Rolling Valley West Park.

Information – Community and Recreation Services (CRS):

Mr. Leonard reported that this would be Mr. Ellis's last Athletic Council meeting as he has been promoted to a grant-writing position in another division within CRS. There is no immediate replacement to fill Mr. Ellis's vacant position.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Meana, seconded by Ms. Wagner, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary