



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

March 16, 2011

2011 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

Lula Bauer
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
James Elder, Hunter Mill District Alternate
Karin Stamper, Lee District Alternate
Jenny Beausoliel, Mason District Alternate
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Raph Wills, Sully District Alternate
Clement Chan, Diversity-at-Large
Gerald W. Carter, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council Alternate
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority
Bill Curran, Fairfax county Park Authority
Christopher Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Paul Jansen, Neighborhood and Community Services
Steve Groff, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Michael Rodgers, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Elmer Arias, Member-at-Large
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton
E.J. Thomas, Basketball Council
Bret Bailey, Lacrosse Council
Jill Fitzgerald, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

GUESTS:

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MEETING OPENING

Mr. Leff called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

None.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The February 16, 2011 minutes were approved with editorial change.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Leff expressed his appreciation to council members who have participated in the 2011 Standing Committees. He also mentioned that the budget hearing will be held on the 27th. He encouraged council members to sign up and speak up for the athletic community at the hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Turf Field Committee:

Turf field committee met and recommended approving funding for Chantilly High School (CYA) stadium field. Along with a discussion on awarding CYA the mini-grant, the committee also discussed whether they would award CYA the full \$150,000 mini-grant or a partial amount. One of the main issues which will impact the percentage of funding is that NCS will not receive 20 % of the available space to allocate to another user because it is a High School Stadium field.

Mr. Wills spoke on behalf of fully funding the proposal.

Mr. Leff was concerned about the usefulness for the project when the mini-grant could be used on another field and NCS would be able to allocate more space. He took more consideration on getting a full usage (5:00 pm to 8:00 pm from Monday through Friday and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on weekends), as opposed to partial usage whenever Chantilly High School Sports are not using the field.

Discussion led to the following questions:

- Does the Committee make a recommendation to the Council to vote on?
- Will the committee have to develop a rule for future high schools proposals?

FCAC moved " that CYA's proposal is approved at full funding of \$150,000," Mr. Thompson seconded, and the motion did not pass by a vote of 6 to 11, with one member abstaining.

Finally, the committee recommended that the NCS director decides the monetary value of the grant, and the motion passed by a vote of 17 to 0, with one member abstaining.

Policy Committee:

No meeting at this time. The policy committee would like members to e-mail suggestions and points of topics.

Adopt a Field /Gym Committee:

First meeting was tonight and there were several good suggestions and insight ways to improve the current process.

The committee was given a six month time frame to finish the work plan.

Scholarship/Fee Committee:

No meeting at this time.

Champions of Character Committee:

No meeting at this time.

NCS is now sending the nomination form after each field and gym season.

By laws Committee:

No meeting at this time.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools:

- Walk-on policy: FCPS will endorse the walk-on policy with the number of 20 as a qualified group. FCPS has informed the Park Authority and NCS they will implement the number on school fields.
- Re-keying: process of re-keying high school locks is being done county wide. Keys will be available to Community users at a fee. Keys will be limited to “zone” and to exterior facilities only.
- FCPS budget: \$100/sport user fee is still in the budget for year 2012.
- Concussion program: Mr. Curran is working with Mr. Almquist to set up a training that will be held in late April at George Mason University. Hand out with concussion information will be distributed to NCS and FCAC.

Mr. Curran referred to a free, on-line concussion education program offered by the National Federation of State High School Associations (www.NFHS.org.) and by the center of disease control (www.CDC.gov).

The following links will provide you with more information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports/index.html>

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electivedetail.aspx?courseid=15000>

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority:

Mr. Johnson presented the turf field updates as follow:

- Funding is in place for new lights at Wakefield Park turf field
- Turf field at Spring Hill will be completed by the fall season
- Turf field at Oak Marr will be completed in late 2012

Information - Neighborhood and Community Services:

A slide show was presented to update on Athletic Community budget.

FCAC moved “ to support the allocation of \$150,000 of fee to the turf field replacement together with \$350,000 from general fund and to use carryover funds to at least match it annually total fund of \$1,000.000. Motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

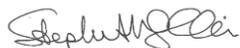
Information – Walk-on-use Policy:

Mr. Leonard reported that NCS and the Park Authority have met to straighten the walk-on-use issues. A target for public comment submissions and public meetings will be held in April.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary