



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

February 20, 2013

### 2013 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*

**Barbara Glakas**  
*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*

**Dave Vennergrund**  
*Basketball Council*

**Mark Meana, Vice Chairman**  
*Football Council*

**Mary Ann Wagner**  
*Lacrosse Council*

**Lula Bauer**  
*Soccer Council*

**Bill Bush**  
*Volleyball Council*

**Jenni Cantwell**  
*Women's Sports*

#### Non-Voting Members:

**Todd Johnson**  
*Park Authority*

**Michael Thompson, Jr.**  
*Park Authority*

**Bill Curran**  
*Fairfax County Public Schools*

**Megan McLaughlin**  
*School Board*

#### Executive Agency:

**Christopher Leonard**  
*Director*  
*Neighborhood and Community Services*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Michael Champness, Dranesville District  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District Alternate  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District  
James Elder, Hunter Mill District Alternate  
Michael Rodgers, Lee District  
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
David Lacey, Sully District  
Clement Chan, Diversity-At-Large  
Eric Sohn, Diversity-at-Large Alternate  
Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton  
Barbara Glakas, Town of Herndon  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Jerry Klemm, Baseball Council Alternate  
Gordon Austin, Basketball Council Alternate  
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Bill Bush, Volleyball Council  
Frank McDonough, Volleyball Council Alternate  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Michael Thompson, Jr., Fairfax County Park Authority  
Amy Craig, Fairfax County Public Schools  
Sarah Allen, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Paul Jansen, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Steve Groff, Neighborhood and Community Services

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Elmer Arias, Member-at-Large  
Dave Vennergrund, Basketball Council  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council

### **GUESTS:**

Fairfax County Athletic Council  
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## **MEETING OPENING**

Mr. Leff called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

## **PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL**

Sandy Stallman with the Park Authority gave a semi-annual update on the current status of the Tyson's Corner redevelopment. The goal of the Tyson's redevelopment committee is to have 20 full sized fields (nine rectangular, eight 'large' diamonds, three 'small' diamond) installed by the time the redevelopment is complete. All of the twenty fields will include the installation of synthetic turf and lights to help deal with capacity issues and maximize the space as much as possible.

Ms. Stallman stated that there are currently three fields (two full-sized, two half-sized) that are in the final planning stages. In addition, significant planning progress has been made towards two additional full-sized and one half-sized fields.

According to Ms. Stallman, there has yet to be a proposal for the development of any diamond fields. However, the planning group is working with developers to address that need. Mr. Hahne questioned how the planning group is hoping to meet the need of the diamond field community. It was emphasized during the presentation that the advisory group does not make the final decision on the development, those decisions are made by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

N/A

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The January 16 minutes were approved.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

N/A

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Turf Field Committee:

Mr. Leff updated the Council on the status of the Synthetic Turf Task Force. The most recent task force meeting was postponed, but the group is currently compiling information which will be included in a draft. Once the report is finalized, it will be presented at a joint meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board.

Mr. Jansen gave an update on the turf committee mini-grant applications. Three applications were submitted, but each of the applications has questions that still need to be answered. FCPS has a deadline of March 1 for projects starting in the summer of 2013; at that point the committee will reconvene and decide if any of the proposals can move forward

### Policy Committee:

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he recently received an updated policy with proposed changes. Mr. McLaughlin hopes to create several subcommittees to focus on areas which still need revision.

## **SPORT SPECIFIC UPDATES**

### Baseball

N/A

### Fast-Pitch Softball

Mr. Minto reported to the council that registration for the spring season is in full swing. The full softball council hopes to meet in the coming weeks to go over softball related issues and report to the Athletic Council next month.

### Slow-Pitch Softball

N/A

### Basketball

The winter 2012/2013 travel basketball season is winding down. This year, Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL) consisted of over 225 teams and 4,000 participants. The season went very well, and the executive board of FCYBL is hoping the playoffs conclude without any major incidents.

### Football

Mr. Meana reported that there are several spring football clinics scheduled. The NFL sponsored Heads Up Program is USA Football's comprehensive approach for a better, safer game with an emphasis on player safety (<http://usafootball.com/news/heads-football-%E2%80%9Cdrawing%E2%80%9D-gameplan>).

### Lacrosse

Ms. Wagner reported that registration is still open for the 2013 season. In anticipation of the season, the Northern Virginia Lacrosse League has set up several clinics for parents and coaches. Concussion awareness as well as coaching clinic to go over hot topics related to the sport of lacrosse are the main focus.

### Volleyball

Mr. McDonough reported that in mid-February there was a large volleyball tournament held in Washington DC. Numerous local teams participated and did well. The Volleyball community in Fairfax County hopes that within the next five years, Fairfax County will be able to host a large scale tournament which attracts programs from around the nation. Local clubs are currently in the process of building relationships with clubs around the country.

### Badminton

Mr. Chan wanted to remind everyone there is open badminton gym on Saturday nights from 6:30-9:30 at James Lee Community Center (2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church VA).

### Information – Fairfax County Public Schools:

Ms. Amy Craig stated that the home school bill introduced in the VA senate was voted down in committee. FCPS is currently working on guidance in regards to the individualized education plan ([http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special\\_ed/iep\\_instruct\\_svcs/iep/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/iep_instruct_svcs/iep/index.shtml)) and how it affects athletics. In addition, the VA house is currently looking at proposed legislation regarding concussions, with a vote coming in the near future.

## **MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES**

### Information – Fairfax County Park Authority:

Mr. Johnson reported that the synthetic Turf field at Great Falls Nike is currently open for play. The Park Authority is currently working on the development of an additional turf field at Lewinsville Park. The current synthetic turf field at Lewinsville Park is near the end of its lifecycle. The proposal is to rotate the layout of the park and install new turf for a total of two synthetic turf fields with lights. In addition, the current turf field at EC Lawrence park is near the end of its lifecycle. The installation of an additional synthetic turf field at EC Lawrence was included as part of the 2012 approved bond.

Mr. Johnson wanted to remind council members that the Park Authority Tournament Director position has closed and interviews will take place the last week of February.

Mr. Johnson gave several updates related to construction and renovation at several parks throughout the county. South Run Park is scheduled for Parking lot extension during the summer. The widening of Stringfellow road will have impacts on both Greenbriar and Poplar Tree Parks over the next several years. The Park Authority recently repaired the turf at Bailey's Elementary school. There have been many issues related to inlaid lines on synthetic turf fields, if you notice these issues at any other parks; please contact the Park Operations division so they can take care of them before they cause serious damage.

Park Authority Policy 402 related to the opening closing dates for Park Authority athletic fields was recently modified. The open date for Level 1 Park Authority fields (lights and irrigation) is now the same as Level 2 and 3 fields, the last full weekend in March. The Park Policy Committee is currently working on the proposed closing dates for all parks. The committee has recommended closing all Park Authority Diamond fields the first weekend of November and closing all rectangular fields the third weekend of November.

Mr. Thompson reported that the planning process will begin shortly for the expansion of Patriot Park. The funding is not currently in place to expand the park, but planning will start with the hopes of adding three full-sized rectangular fields and three 90' baseball diamonds. The Park Authority hopes the expansion will create a tournament complex, and is also looking to expand the parking regulations currently in place to allow for a larger parking lot to accommodate additional capacity.

Mr. Thompson reported that the needs assessment process will begin in the coming months. The needs assessment is a two year process that is performed every ten years, and puts a plan in place for future park development.

### Information - Neighborhood and Community Services:

Ms. Allen reported that proposed FY14 Fairfax County Budget will be announced on Tuesday, February 26. An email with impacts related to athletics will be sent out after the budget is announced.

Neighborhood and Community Services has scheduled a spring field sports kickoff meeting for Wednesday, March 6 at Luther Jackson Middle School starting at 7:00. The meeting will address numerous topics related to the spring field season as well the status of several other projects within Fairfax County Athletics.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Meana reported that he recently attended a series of meetings in Indianapolis with the main topic of education and training related to safety and concussions. The intent of the meetings was to unify national sports governing bodies and send out positive information while avoiding delivering mixed messages.

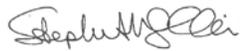
**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin  
Secretary