



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

April 16, 2014

2014 Council Members

Magisterial Representatives:

Marcia M. Pape Daniels
Secretary
Braddock District

Gregory Beckwith
Dranesville District

Harold Leff,
Vice Chairman
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Michael L. Rodgers
Lee District

Barbara R. Lowrey
Mason District

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Chairman
Providence District

Michael Thompson, Jr.
Springfield District

David L. Lacey
Sully District

Elmer Arias
Member-At-Large

Clement Chan
Diversity-At-Large

Town Representatives:

Jeffrey E. Stein
Town of Clifton

Barbara Glakas
Town of Herndon

Sam Althoff
Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives:

Jerry Klemm
Baseball Council

Suzy Willemsen
Fast Pitch Softball Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III
Adult Softball Council

Gordon Austin
Basketball Council

Mark Meana,
Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner
Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer
Soccer Council

Bill Bush
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Thompson
Park Authority

Todd Johnson
Park Authority

Megan McLaughlin
School Board

William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Christopher A. Leonard
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason 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 T. Sohn, Diversity-At-Large Alternate
Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton
Barbara Glakas, Town of Herndon
Jerry Klemm, Baseball Council
Suzy Willemsen, Fast-Pitch Softball Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Allison Agee, Slow Pitch Softball Council Alternate
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Michael Thompson, Jr., Fairfax County Park Authority
Sarah Allen, Neighborhood and Community Services
Paul Jansen, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael L. Rodgers, Lee District
Elmer Arias, Member-at-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Gordon Austin, Basketball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Bill Bush, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

GUESTS:

Becca Frece, Fairfax County Park Authority
Eric Kulczycky, Visit Fairfax

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MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

N/A

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The March 19, 2014 minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The County Executive's proposed budget included the recommendations of the Synthetic Turf Task Force to increase the user fee for athletic services from \$5.50 to \$8.00 and raise the tournament fee with the increased revenue to go toward synthetic turf replacement. Mr. McLaughlin testified before the Board of Supervisors at the public forum in support of the budget and indicated that it went well. He suggested to Supervisor Smyth that this would be a good time to install lights at James Lee Park. Mr. McLaughlin will also prepare a list of positives and negatives regarding various proposals to change the school start time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mr. Lacey reported that the committee was done reviewing the policy except for the tournament portion. The committee is looking for attorney feedback regarding a couple of issues, including background checks, insurance requirements, and non-profit status. Mr. Lacey indicated a meeting will be scheduled on April 21 to review the tournament section of the policy.

SPORT SPECIFIC UPDATES

Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported that she had submitted a proposal for tournament allocation to Mr. Jansen and Mr. Lacey.

Diversity-At-Large

Mr. Chan stated he will be the sport coordinator for badminton for the upcoming World Police and Fire Games.

Baseball

Mr. Klemm indicated that the council was still working on their by-laws. He also suggested that the baseball community would be open to discussing a user fee increase with the promise that the fees would go to turf development for diamond fields.

Softball

Ms. Willemssen reported that the season had started, but they were dealing with a lot of early season rainouts.

Slow-Pitch Softball

Ms. Agee echoed Ms. Willemssen that the amount of rain and snow had impacted the start of the season.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Fairfax County Public Schools

No report

Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Thompson reported that Rolling Valley West Park rectangular field #2 would be converted to synthetic turf this summer. Mr. Thompson also reminded the council about the needs assessment and how it will impact field development for the next 10 years. Mr. Lacey suggested that the same process be used for gyms.

Ms. Frece received good feedback from the miniature golf event. She informed the council that the Park Authority would be conducting overnight softball on May 31 at Braddock Park and at this point there are 24 teams registered. Ms. Frece also indicated that she had the Lake Fairfax multi-purpose field reserved on September 6-7 and to contact her if anyone was interested in hosting a tournament. Ms. Frece pointed out that she would have a table set up for Tournaments for Turf the following weekend at the Healthy Strive Race.

Neighborhood and Community Services

Ms. Allen indicated that there would be more information to share regarding the proposed fee increase after next Tuesday. That information will be sent out to the Council members.

Mr. Jansen gave an overview of the Hershey Track Meet, which will take place May 9-10 at Falls Church High School. This will be the final year for this event. Mr. Jansen indicated that the Partnership for a Healthy Fairfax will be holding a design summit on May 6 from 8:00am-12:00pm; he will provide the link to Council members. Mr. Jansen thanked Ms. Bauer and Ms. Lowrey for attending the sports scholarship meeting that was held.

Mr. Jansen stated that the goal is to present by-laws for all the sports councils at the June AC meeting. Any sports councils needing assistance should contact Mr. Jansen or their scheduler.

New Business

Mr. McLaughlin reminded the Council that elections are in June and a new chairman is needed for the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Jansen pointed out that as more high school stadium fields are turfed, existing track and field events may impact or be impacted by stadium field events. Users should keep this in mind.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia Pape". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Marcia Pape
Secretary