



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

December 14, 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:

**Todd 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  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District  
Jim Elder, Hunter Mill District Alternate  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Terry Adams, Mason District Alternate  
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
David Lacey, Sully District  
Clement Chan, Diversity-At-Large  
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large Alternate  
Gerald W. Carter, Town of Herndon  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Frank McDonough, Volleyball Council Alternate

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Chris Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Paul Jansen, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Steve Groff, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Taylor Dixon, Neighborhood and Community Services

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

### GUESTS:

Fairfax County Athletic Council  
12011 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
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**MEETING OPENING**

Mr. Leff called the meeting to order at 7:50 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 November 16, 2011 minutes were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Leff would like welcome Terry Adams to the council as the newly appointed Mason District alternate.

Chairman Leff reported on the Park Authority Executive meeting. The FCAC executive council and FCPA met last month to go over several issues, including but not limited to Turf field replacement. In the meeting, the Park Authority presented a handout that broke down the funding needs to replace all synthetic turf fields over the next ten years. In the Park Authority Executive Board meeting, the FCPA proposed partnering with the Athletic Council to run tournaments as a source of funding.

The FCPA is planning on sending a survey to the FCAC on their feelings about partnerships. Mark Meana stated that it is very important for all Athletic council members to respond to the survey. Mike Thompson and Lula Bauer both commented that the FCPA needs to rethink the time of year the tournaments are held, as the two trial tournaments currently scheduled (FCPA sponsored) affect both Lacrosse and Soccer seasons.

Chris Leonard reported the NCS stance from the beginning of this discussion was that the FCPA would hold tournaments from Thanksgiving through March 1, a relative quiet period for youth and adult sports.

Many council members feel that the running of tournaments by the FCPA is a very slippery slope, with no process in place to limit the time and amount of fields that are used. The Athletic Council would like a voice to serve on the committee to make decisions on this process.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Turf Field Committee:

No Report

Policy Committee:

No Report

Adopt a Field /Gym Committee:

No Report

Scholarship/Fee Committee:

No Report

Champions of Character Committee:  
No Report

By laws Committee:  
No Report

**MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES**

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools:  
No Report

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority:

Mr. Johnson reported that project teams for the replacement of synthetic turf at EC Lawrence and Lewinsville Park are currently in place. McLean Youth Soccer has offered to fund the replacement at Lewinsville, which the FCPA hopes to replace in 2012.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Tysons Corner Development Plan and Financial Sustainability Plan updates will be given to the FCAC in the next several months. The FCPA is also planning to do a new needs assessment, with the report being presented to the FCAC as well.

Information - Neighborhood and Community Services:

Mr. Leonard indicated NCS has received 6 letters of intent to apply for the turf field mini-grant program. Five of the six locations applying for the grant are located at High Schools. Mr Leonard also commented that FCPS has revived the issue dealing with insurance. FCPS and NCS need to develop a process for the requirement of insurance if groups use school facilities. FCPS has recently re-emphasized the need for groups to provide proof of insurance and updated league contact information for any group using a FCPS facility.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The FCPS is changing the access keys for all schools. Groups would like to know where to get the keys, how this affects storage containers kept on school property and to make sure what is being stored in the storage containers is legal.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin  
Secretary