

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
April 9, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary*
Frank J. Vajda, Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Harold L. Strickland
Richard (Rip) C. Sullivan, Jr.
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Kirk Kincannon, Director
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/CFO
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant
Judy Pedersen, PIO
Steve Lewis
Cindy Walsh
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Debbie Babcock-Daley

Absent*

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Bouie announced that there would be no Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Two speakers were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes, March 26, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously by all members present. Ms. Quintana was absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Mobile Food Trucks
No action was necessary.

I-2 National Golf Foundation Report Status
No action was necessary.

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CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie noted that during the Planning and Development Committee meeting that he had mentioned correspondence he had received from Mr. Voyten regarding the mini-golf at Braddock Park. He thanked Dave Bowden and Jay Rauschenbach for working through the issues.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Ms. Cortina and Mr. Quincy for attending the Baron Cameron Park Master Planning information meeting held on March 27. The meeting was well attended; there was a lot of support for the dog park; and the citizens let Parks know what they wanted to see in the park. Jay Rauschenbach, Sandy Stallman and the team were well-prepared and made an excellent presentation.

Subsequent to that meeting one of the citizen advocacy groups in Reston held its own master plan meeting on Monday evening. He and Jay attended that meeting and the feedback was much the same as the meeting held by the Park Authority. There was little to no opposition for multiple-field complexes with lights. The community is very engaged.

The public comment period ends on April 26 and he is looking forward to the final product, which should come to the Board in late June or early July.

- Mr. Bouie had an occasion to talk to a number of Supervisors and the Chair about the budget and the Park Authority's position. They are supportive of Parks and he is hoping Parks will be spared. He added that he is speaker #2 at the Board of Supervisors Budget Public Hearing on Thursday, April 10.

He sent an email to all the Friends Groups to advocate on Parks' behalf. In turn he has received correspondence from the Friends of Riverbend Park and EQAC Chair Stella Koch. The Friends groups are out in full support and actively engaged.

Mr. Bouie noted that he will communicate anything that he may hear prior to the final adoption of the budget.

- Mr. Bouie publically congratulated Mr. Simon, founder of Reston, who be 100-years-old on April 10. He will be celebrated at the Best of Reston on Thursday evening. Nine hundred people are expected to attend the event. A contribution of \$1M will be made to Cornerstone which was formally Reston Interfaith to fight homelessness in that part of the county.

Mr. Bouie extended kudos to Mr. Simon, not only for what he created and not only what it means to Reston, but to the entire county and what it represents.

Mr. Simon also attended the Baron Cameron meeting to ensure that his voice was heard.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Keeping an eye on the budget discussions, Mr. Kincannon reported that Mr. McLeod, Vice Chair of the Park Foundation, spoke on behalf of Parks at the Budget Hearings earlier in the day.

Various folks from the Friends Groups have signed up to speak as well. Mr. Griedinger is representing FLAP and is speaker #104 this evening. Their advocacy is greatly appreciated. He will be listening in on the hearings over the next few days to hear what the community supported.

Budget markup is April 18. If Parks learns of any changes Mr. Kincannon will notify the Board immediately.

- Mr. Kincannon expressed appreciation for the invitations that have come his way. He will be speaking to FLAP on April 17.

On the 19th of April he will be attending and Archaeology Seminar at Gunston Hall being put on by the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology. Dr. Crowell, manager of the Cultural Resource Management Branch of the Resource Management Division will be one of the speakers. The discussion is on the Archaeology of Slavery in the Chesapeake Region.

- 2014 *Springfest* Fairfax will be held on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center. Kudos to Ms. Baldwin and staff that have been involved in the planning of this event.
- Great Falls Day will be held on May 5 from noon to 5 p.m. This is a celebration of the history of Great Fall Grange and of the grange movement across the country.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Faisal Khan had nothing to report.
- Linwood Gorham had nothing to report.
- Mr. Batten attended the Franconia Park public information meeting on April 1. The community does not want Franconia Park to be a district park, but would rather that it remain a neighborhood park.

He and Mr. Bowden had an opportunity to meet with the key leaders in the community on Saturday afternoon. It was a very positive meeting. Supervisor McKay had some conversations with Kirk Kincannon and they understand that Parks may have to do some things to compromise. Those things are yet to be determined. Parks is willing to listen to what is being said and to hear what is being said.

The community has some issues not with the park itself, but issues related to the park being there such as parking and other issues. Mr. Bowden indicated that he has had some conversations with the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services to address some of those issues.

- Ms. Cortina attended the Baron Cameron Park Master Planning information meeting. A number of really good points were made. There were swimmers who wanted a facility, not necessarily at Baron Cameron, but a facility. There were people who didn't want a facility. Most of the people did not want the Reston tax district to have to pay for the facility for the use of the entire county. The presentations were well done. Overall, it appears there is a lot of support for most of the facilities in the plan.

Ms. Cortina attended Supervisor Cook's budget town hall, as well as a private meeting with him to talk about Parks. She also communicated with Chairman Bulova.

Ms. Cortina thanked Mr. Furey and Ms. Walsh for hosting her and Ms. Quintana in a round of golf at Burke Lake Golf Course. It was her first real time golfing and she really enjoyed it. They also saw the facility which was built long ago and needs some upgrades.

Ms. Cortina walked along the Wakefield Park path. It looks beautiful and continues the Cross County Trail. Unfortunately, the bridge is covered in graffiti.

Her family visited Huntley Meadows Park while she was golfing and reported back that the facility looks amazing. There is a dedication on May 10. Mr. Batten and Ms. Cortina are planning to attend.

- Mr. Strickland reported that the Sully Woodlands CDP meeting held on April 2 went very well. About 200 citizens attended the meeting. Supervisor Frey and his entire staff attended the presentation. The Sully District Planning Commission John Litzenberger and one At-large member that lives in the Sully District also attended. Both are very strong supporters of Parks.

The Sully Civic Association Council was well-represented with two committee chairs that deal with parks, recreation, and the environment. Four or five neighborhood civic associations were also represented. The presidents and several members of the CYA and SYA were there as well as members from Northern Virginia Radio Control, Inc. He was pleased that a number of people were just people that lived next to parks.

There were several activists that were there representing and speaking for the protection of cultural resources because of the location next to the Civil War field and other prehistoric culture in the area. A number of folks were also interested in the natural resources. Mr. Glasgow also attended the meeting. Foot and bike trail users expressing an interest in more trails. Skateboarders wanted more skateboard parks.

A local newspaper reporter was there and Mr. Strickland understood the report would be very positive.

The stations manned by staff contained good information. The attendees had an opportunity to talk with staff one on one.

The director, deputy directors, several division directors, and a number of staff were present to answer questions. Mr. Strickland is amazed at the cross section of folks that are interested in parks. The turnout affirmed the fact people do consider parks as being important to the quality of life in the county.

Ms. Stallman's and Ms. Rosend's presentation was on point, informative, and professionally done. The citizens quickly recognized the complexity of the planning process. Each section showed that there was a balance of protection of resources while meeting other park needs.

At the conclusion of the presentation, staff almost received a standing ovation. This is one of the few times in which the audience applauded the presentation.

Mr. Strickland thanked Pat Rosend, Sandy Stallman, Kevin Williams, Justin Roberson, John Rutherford, Wang Bang, Liz Cronauer, Andi Dorlester, and Anna Bentley for one of the best presentations he attended in his 20 years with Parks. They have set a high standard of excellence and he once again thanked them for a job well done.

Mr. Strickland thanked Dave Bowden, Brian Williams and John Zeigler for an excellent briefing on Monday, April 2, with Sully District Supervisor Frey and his staff along with Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger concerning a proposed telecommunications facility to be located on park property at Pleasant Valley Golfers' Club. Commissioner Litzenberger was impressed with the staff's knowledgeable discussion of the proposed telecommunication facility.

- Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Kincannon for meeting with him and discussing all things Dranesville.

He thanked staff for some hard work over the last ten days. The carousel at Clemyjontri Park was struck by lightning which fried all the electronic controls. Clemy was at risk of not having a carousel on opening weekend. Staff worked quickly to get it repaired.

The Friends of Riverbend Park are ready to advocate and remain hopeful that the budget reductions will go away.

- Mr. Vellucci announced that the Elly Doyle Awards are open for nominations. Ms. Pedersen added that Board members should contact their respective Supervisors to obtain names of nominees. The nomination forms are online.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ellydoyleawards.htm>

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) have new bylaws and have executed a Friends agreement with the Park Authority.

FLAP held a cleanup on April 5 and placed a donation box at the park similar to what Huntley Meadows Park had done.

Mr. Kincannon will be the guest speaker at the April 17 FLAP meeting.

Mr. Griedinger will represent FLAP at the Board of Supervisors' Budget Hearing later in the evening and is speaker #104.

FLAP has blanketed the three district Supervisors (Lee, Braddock, and Springfield Districts) and Chairman Bulova in support of Parks.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Ms. Nugent who approved a request from Braddock Dogs to serve drinks and refreshments at Braddock Nights at Royal Lake Park. They will raise funds that will come back to the Park Authority for the dog park at Monticello Park.

Mr. Vellucci attended Supervisor Cook's budget meetings along with Ms. Cortina and Ms. Quintana on April 1 in which County Executive Ed Long presented. Members of FLAP also attended the meeting and advocated for Parks.

He met with Supervisor Cook on April 4 with Mary. It was a very good meeting. Supervisor Cook stated that Parks needs to get its ducks in a row with regard to the stabilization points. There is no algorithm yet.

The Wakefield stream restoration is completed. He thanked the Park Authority and DPWES and the partnership that has been forged. DPWES just completed the restoration at the DeQuincey stream in Crooked Creek Park and it's amazing what has been done.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Richard Maple for organizing a Boy Scout tree planting effort at Wakefield Chapel Park.

FCDOT is looking to widen Braddock Road and perhaps putting in HOT Lanes on Braddock to hook up with the HOT Lanes on I-495. The Park Authority has a significant amount of property from Wakefield Park to the Beltway.

- Mike Thompson thanked Mr. Kincannon for rearranging his schedule to meet with him.

Mr. Thompson noted that Mr. Kincannon had been invited as a guest of the Fairfax County Sports Committee hosted by Visit Fairfax which includes members from various sports groups, the Park Authority, NVRPA, OP3, NCS, Schools, the Athletic Council, and others.

Mr. Thompson had mentioned to the group what Parks was going to be doing with the non-smoking signs and Patricia Stevens from OP3 mentioned that CVS has a foundation. She

believes that if CVS could place its logo on the signs it may be willing to donate money through the Park Foundation to pay for potentially all of the signs.

The Planning and Development Committee had discussed Rolling Valley West Park and he mentioned the need for Parks to consider parking issues at the front end of the planning process.

Mr. Thompson commented that it was his understanding that Transportation has assigned someone to Shirleygate. Hopefully this will help Parks to understand where Shirleygate will be so that the planning of Patriot Park can move forward.

As mentioned by the Mr. Bouie, Mr. Thompson had received a letter from Mr. Voyten. Mr. Thompson added that Mr. Voyten did come over to talk with him when he was looking at the park.

- Frank Vajda had nothing to report.
- Kala Leggett Quintana was absent.
- Mr. Quincy reported that on Wednesday, April 2, he attended the kick-off of the REI Take Back the Forest program at Nottoway Park. REI has been a prominent partner in this IMA program. REI has provided \$35,000 in grants along with a number of people to help with the removal of invasives and planting of trees.
- Mr. Bouie concluded the meeting by congratulating all the Little Leagues and everything else that opened on Saturday, April 5, with many parades throughout the county. He extended best wishes to all those teams seeking a championship season.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:22 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on April 23, 2014

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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