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PRESENTATIONS

P-1 Combo Classic Golf Tournament

Fairfax County Park Foundation Board members, John Osborne and Harry Glasgow will provide a briefing on the Foundation's plans for the tournament.

P-2 Smoke Free Parks

Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Director, Fairfax County Health Department, and Park Authority Deputy Director Sara Baldwin will speak about the initiative to reduce smoking in county parks.

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – April 9, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on April 23, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the April 9, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/CFO
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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**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.

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 Quincy Branch 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 and Supervisor Herrity when they were 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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Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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ACTION – 1

Smoke Free Parks

ISSUE:

Approval to install “Tobacco-Free Play Zone – Thank you for your voluntary cooperation” signs requesting that residents using Fairfax County Park Authority campgrounds, skate parks, playgrounds and athletic fields refrain from using tobacco products while visiting athletic fields, skate parks, and playgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the installation of the Tobacco-Free Play Zone signs so that parks can remain clean and safe outdoor environments for children and their families to visit and recreate.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on April 23, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2011, the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax conducted a Community Assessment. Twenty percent of Fairfax County residents listed tobacco use as the “Most Important Health-Related Issue for the Community.” Reducing tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke where we live, work and play will help reduce environmental hazards and health complications. Two priority objectives were identified to support tobacco-free living: reducing smoking in county parks and multi-unit housing.

The Parks objective is designed to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke for children and adults, specifically who visit the Fairfax community parks, including park amenities such as playgrounds, athletic fields, and skate parks. The objective is designed to implement best practices for tobacco-free living and improve the environment in which the residents of the Fairfax community live and play.

This objective also aligns with Fairfax County’s litter campaign to help reduce cigarette butt litter. Cigarette butt litter eventually ends up in local streams, lakes, rivers, and even the Chesapeake Bay. The carcinogenic materials contained in littered cigarette filters and tobacco contaminates the ecosystem and pose a threat to the environment, marine and animal life, and water quality. Aligning Parks’ efforts with this campaign may lead

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to cleaner water by eliminating contaminated run-off as required by Federal Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The Fairfax community can improve the health of its residents by preventing and reducing second-hand smoke exposure at park amenities. Smoking increases risk for disease, disability, and death for smokers and those who are exposed to second-hand smoke throughout their life. In the U.S., second-hand smoke is the cause of approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 46,000 heart disease deaths each year. Parks should remain clean and safe outdoor environments for children and their families to visit and recreate. Although the Park Authority is currently unable to restrict smoking in outdoor public places from a policy level, the Park Authority can request that park users voluntarily refrain from tobacco use.

This initiative is being implemented in coordination with the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax and the Fairfax County Health Department. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed the policy and indicated that there are no legal implications since the program is voluntary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total project cost is \$20,000. Funding is in the form of a Community Transformation Grant, Three-Year Pilot Project.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Picture of the Tobacco-Free Play Zone sign

Attachment 2: Smoke Free Parks Offer Healthful Benefits

Attachment 3: Park Authority Board Tobacco-Free Play Zones Proclamation

STAFF:

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Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Barbara Nugent, Director, Park Services Division

Todd Johnson, Director, Park Operations Division

Cindy Walsh, Director, Resource Management Division

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Thank you for your
voluntary cooperation!



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Smoke Free Parks Offer Healthful Benefits

- Parks are healthy places for kids, families and community. The more tobacco free places we have the fewer opportunities youth have to start using tobacco products.
- The U.S. Surgeon General reports there is no safe threshold of exposure to second-hand smoke. Second-hand smoke has over 4,000 chemicals in it which are toxic.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has found that secondhand smoke causes 3,000 deaths a year from lung cancer and 46,000 deaths from heart disease.
- Tobacco-free practices establish the community norm that tobacco use is not an acceptable behavior for young people or adults within the entire community.
- This is an opportunity to be a positive role model. Youngsters often emulate the behaviors of adults. Most adult smokers began this habit as impressionable teens.
- You can help reduce litter. In smoke free parks you don't see discarded cigarettes that pollute land and water. Your abstinence can reduce park maintenance costs.
- You can help protect toddlers, pets, birds, fish and wildlife which might ingest toxic substances found in discarded cigarette butts.
- Thousands of communities around the nation have successfully adopted similar voluntary bans on smoking in parks and other public places.
- You can show respect for the environment, your fellow park users and the health of those around you through voluntary compliance.

For more information about the Smoke Free Parks initiative in Fairfax County Parks call 703-324-8700 or visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/livehealthy/>

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority, in cooperation with The Partnership for Healthy Fairfax; has taken on an effort to protect Fairfax community members from exposure to second-hand smoke by promoting healthier, tobacco-free environments; and

WHEREAS, the Park Authority plans to reduce second-hand smoking near children and adults, who visit Fairfax County parks particularly near playgrounds, athletic fields, skate parks and picnic shelters because tobacco increases risk for disease, disability, and death for smokers and those who are exposed to second-hand smoke throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority has the goal to increase the number of individuals in the Fairfax community with access to smoke-free parks from 0 to 1,800,000 by September 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, by the Fairfax County Park Authority is requesting that park visitors voluntarily refrain from smoking while in parks, a strategy which will facilitate Fairfax County's litter campaign to help reduce cigarette-butt litter which eventually migrates into local water bodies such as streams, lakes, rivers, and even the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority will implement the smoke free park effort by placing signage declaring "Tobacco-Free Play Zone, Thank you for your voluntary cooperation" near playgrounds, athletic fields, skate parks and picnic shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, from this day forward, authorizes that signage be installed in the parks requesting voluntary cooperation from all visitors in order to enable our parks to be tobacco-free play zones;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Tobacco-Free Play Zones

will be established in Fairfax County Parks encouraging voluntary compliance with the smoke-free request resulting in a clean and safe outdoor environment for children and their families to visit and recreate.

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Fairfax County Park Authority Board

Kala Quintana, Secretary
Fairfax County Park Authority Board

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ACTION – 2

Scope Approval – Poplar Tree Park Parking Lot Renovation (Sully District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to renovate the west parking lot at Poplar Tree Park as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

ACTION – 3

Scope Approval – Woodlawn Park Bridge Replacement (Mount Vernon District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to replace the existing pedestrian bridge in Woodlawn Park with a 35' fiberglass bridge as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

ACTION – 4

Scope Approval – Installation of Synthetic Turf on Field #2, and Related Stormwater Enhancements at Rolling Valley West Park (Springfield District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to design, permit and convert field #2 to synthetic turf, and related stormwater enhancements at Rolling Valley West Park as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

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ACTION – 5

Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service for recognition and implementation of sections of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail on Fairfax County Park Authority lands as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

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INFORMATION – 1

Needs Assessment Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

INFORMATION – 2

Installation of Emergency Generators and Telecommunication Equipment on Athletic Field Light Poles

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

INFORMATION – 3

Board of Supervisors/Park Authority Board Land Bank Agreement Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

INFORMATION – 4

Braddock Park Mini Golf Update (Springfield District)

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 9, 2014.

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INFORMATION – 5

Financial Related Issues – Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Funding Policy and Bond Committee on April 9, 2014.

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