

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
May 11, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Walter Alcorn*
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Maggie Godbold
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci
Grace Han Wolf

Staff Present:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns
Bobbi Longworth

Absent*

Guests: Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers: Trevor Lowing
Cathy Ledec
Deborah Fraser

Subject: Land Acquisition – Lorton Area
Healthy Parks Healthy People Initiative
Preserving the Community Recreation
Greenspace behind the Lincolnia Senior
Center.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Va, Code Ann. Section 2.2-3711(7) to

- a) consult with legal counsel concerning Virginia Code §15.2-2302.04 and to receive legal counsel regarding specific legal matters; and
- b) discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or the disposition of public property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the

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bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body pursuant to Va. Code Ann. Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3); seconded by Mr. Quincy and approved by all members present, Messrs. Alcorn and Khan were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion to certify that, the members of the Board certify that to the best of each member's knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the closed hearing was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Vajda and approved by all members present, Messrs. Alcorn and Khan were absent.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action was necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Approval of Minutes of the April 27, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Messrs. Alcorn and Khan were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Adoption – Sponsorship Policy
Deputy Director/CBD, Aimee Vosper, presented the item for review. Following discussion it was decided to bring the item back on May 25, 2016, for review and action.

INFORMATION

I-1 Fairfax County Park Authority Lines of Business
Aimee Vosper presented the Sponsorship Policy and provided the timeline for review, adoption, hiring of the Sponsorship Manager, and launch the program in the fall.

She indicated that the County Attorney's Office had extensively reviewed the policy and would be adding an additional statement with regard about Parks tax exempt status.

Mr. Bouie noted that the National Park Service (NPS) issued its Sponsorship package recently and he recommended that Parks take a look at it to make sure that its policy lines up with NPS. He asked that staff review the NPS package and provide the board a status when the next board package is published, which will provide the board the opportunity to ask questions before adoption.

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Mr. Kincannon noted that staff had extensive discussion with the County Attorney's office and Bond Counsel regarding the limitations relating to tax exempt bonds.

Mr. Vellucci expressed his concern that the director would have the authority to terminate the sponsorships and not the board.

Ms. Cortina inquired if the sponsorships and naming rights could be run through the Park Foundation.

Ms. Wolf wanted to ensure that the sponsorships and naming rights were not historically or culturally inappropriate.

After further discussion, the chairman asked staff to bring the policy with the additional information back to the board on May 25 for review and approval.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie had nothing to report.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- The Fairfax County Park Authority led the way for the 10th anniversary of Culmore Multicultural Community Day, "Building a Strong Community", on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at Woodrow Wilson Library in Falls Church. The event drew more than 500 people of all ages and cultures representing Culmore community.

The event has a two-fold purpose: to raise public awareness of county programs and services and to build collaboration among agencies and organizations seeking to serve the diverse community.

The day's activities were kicked off by Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Penny Gross who welcomed the community to the event. Performers on the main stage featured multicultural dancers performing music and folklore dance traditions of Peru. "Monarca In Flight" provided a dramatic aerial dance with acrobatic moves. A free soccer clinic and mini-games were held on the turf field led by coaches from Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (HCAN).

Over 35 businesses, non-profits, and government agencies from the community participated, providing information, public safety education, free refreshments, food, and entertainment. Partner agencies who provided activities and a wealth of information about services to the community included Alternative House, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and Police, and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office who provided free fingerprinting identification for children.

Organized by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Culmore Multicultural Day Planning Committee, the event was underwritten by donations and sponsorships including Stein Sperling Attorneys who provided pizzas for volunteers, Coca Cola Refreshments which donated over 400 bottles of water and juice to event, and INTotal Health (INOVA Hospital) which brought the Fun Bus equipped with activities or kids to play. La Comunidad Cristiana Renacer donated gift food baskets and James Lee Center donated 100 hotdogs. Numerous other local businesses and individuals provided free prizes throughout the day.

- The third annual Pirate Fest at Lake Fairfax Park was a great success with almost 2,500 visitors and a little over \$20,000 in net revenue. The combined efforts of Resource Management, Park Services, and Park Operations Divisions transformed the area around Lake Fairfax into a pirate port of call, complete with two pirate ships! Increased living history and entertainment, an easier admissions system and additional food vendors gave festival goers a great opportunity to enjoy a beautiful sunny day and learn more about Fairfax County's rich cultural history.
- The Fairfax County Park Authority is pleased to announce that "Go Ape" has been awarded a contract to develop, build, and operate a high ropes course at South Run RECenter. The development will begin within 30 days with an anticipated opening date of March 2017, of course subject to weather events.

This course will soar through the tree tops within this district park in a manner that will provide both fun and stewardship messages along the way. Go Ape hosts more than 15 sites throughout the country and is anxious to provide this new adventure in Fairfax County Parks.

- Chanel 9 recently did a video shoot to celebrate 10 years at Clemyjontri Park and is planning to air the package tomorrow morning during The Great Day Washington show tomorrow, May 12, between 9 and 10 a.m.
- Mr. Kincannon called attention to Washingtonian Magazine's park wars. Parks has two of four parks in the quarterfinals. Burke Lake Park could be pitted against Clemyjontri Park in the semi-finals.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to report.
- Ms. Wolf had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci thanked the board for approval of the Mastenbrook Grant for Friends of Royal Lake Park. The equipment should go on order soon with receipt and installation by Late July/early August.

He thanked Gayle Hooper for providing him with a wonderful synopsis of the Lake Accotink Sustainability Study on Monday, May 2. Staff has also presented to Supervisors Cook, Herry, and McKay.

On Monday, May 16, the Lake Accotink Sustainability Public Meeting will be held at Kings Glen Elementary School in Danbury Forest off of Braddock Road.

On Monday, May 9, DPWES held a Pardon Our Dust Meeting for Royal Lake Dredging Project and was attended by about 120 residents and Friends. The lake drawdown has started. DPWES is monitoring water level to determine optimum date/time for the Mussel Rescue Party. Several Friends groups will be supporting Friends of Royal Lake to include, Friends of Accotink Creek, Friends of Lake Accotink Park, Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley, Friends of Woodglen Lake and Friends of Oak Hill Park. The mussels must remain in the Pohick Watershed and will be relocated to Huntsman and/or Woodglen Lakes. Everyone is invited to be a part of the Mussel Rescue Party.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Barbara Nugent and Judy Pedersen for the press release that went out about Monday, May 30, Memorial Day and Park facilities that will honor military members with free admission. Given the number of veterans on the board, and that May is also Military Appreciation Month, this is the right thing to do. On behalf of the county's veterans, he extended a note of thanks.

As a Navy vet, Mr. Vellucci announced one of the most important nautical events scheduled each year on the eastern seaboard – Sunday, June 5, the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park.

As the Awards Committee Chairman he noted the need to submit nominations for the annual

- Elly Doyle Service Awards
- Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award
- Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award
- Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award

Awards should be submitted by the end of May to Judy Pedersen. Staff will help support write-ups as needed. Talk to your supervisors, your Friends groups, civic/community associations and neighbors.

Mr. Vellucci was happy to hear that Parks was working with DPWES on a Memorandum of Agreement /Understanding. He asked when the board might see a draft of the agreement. Kirk noted it would be in September. One of his key concerns is the wording dealing with Friends groups.

Mr. Vellucci's Soapbox issue: DPWES' dredging meeting brought up the issue of the mute swan at Royal Lake which brought up the fact that the state has a Mute Swan Management Plan and that he sincerely believes that the Fairfax County Park Authority should have an

Encroachment Management Plan. He has been working with Sara Baldwin on wording and he intends to reintroduce a motion at the next board meeting on May 25.

- Ms. Cortina acknowledged the Oak Marr RECenter Renovation & Addition Park Team Members by name: Dave Bowden, John Lehman, Deb Garris, Monika Szczepaniec, Eric Inman, Cecil Hardee, Davood Majidian, Dale Willingham, Ray Miller, Ron Pearson, Brian Laws, Monica Phillips, Kirt Chase, Jennifer Elgas, Gary Logue, Jim Lear, and Mike Baird.

She also acknowledges Hughes Group Architects: Wayne L. Hughes, AIA Principal; Amado Fernandez, AIA Principal; and Eliel Alfon, AIA Principal

- Mr. Thompson had nothing to report.
- Mr. Quincy had nothing to report.
- Ms. Godbold had nothing to report.
- Mr. Batten reported that the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision public meeting would be held on Monday, May 16, at Kings Glen Elementary School in Springfield at 7 p.m. and invited everyone to participate.

He thanked whoever was responsible for getting the new chairs.

- Mr. Gorham recognized the great job staff did at SpringFest at the Lorton Workhouse. It's getting better every year.
He thanked Dave Bowden for the wonderful presentation he provided regarding the study of what to do with the Mount Vernon RECenter and for fielding all of his calls.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 9:20 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on May 25, 2016

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

[Signatures continue on the following page.]

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Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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