

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
May 27, 2015**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.*
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham*
Faisal Khan*
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci*
Grace Han Wolf

Staff:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns
Brian Williams

Absent*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Speaker: Jeanne Harrison, Traveling Players Ensemble
Subject: Licensing agreements for non-profits

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of the Minutes, May 13, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Quintana. Mr. Quincy made a motion to amend the minutes by added the name of Steve Lewis to the Staff list; seconded by Mr. Thompson. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 FY 2016 Adopted Budget Plan – Park Revenue and Operating Fund 80000
Ms. Quintana made motion to approve the FY 2016 Adopted Budget Plan – Park Revenue and Operating Fund 80000; seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Ms. Cortina had some questions about the assumptions going into the revenue projections. Ms. Burns addressed the questions and provided additional information following the meeting.

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The motion carried. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

A-2 Scope Approval – Historic Huntley Tenant House – Exterior Restoration and Interior Renovation and Related Improvements

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope to restore the exterior and renovate the interior of the tenant house and related improvements at Huntley Historic Site; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

A-3 Approval – Mason Neck West Park Master Plan

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the Mason Neck West Park Master Plan; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

A-4 Approval – Old Colchester Park and Preserve Master Plan

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the Old Colchester Park and Preserve Master Plan; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

A-5 Naming of the Amphitheater at Lee District Park in Honor of Leonadus K. Plenty

Ms. Quintana and Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the naming of the amphitheater at Lee District Park in honor of Leonadus K. Plenty; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 FY 2015 Third Quarter Status Review, Fund 10001, General Fund

No action was necessary.

I-2 FY 2015 Third Quarter Status Review, Fund 80000, Park Authority Revenue and Operating Fund

No action was necessary.

I-3 FY 2016 Adopted Budget Plan – General Fund 10001– Information

No action was necessary.

I-4 FY 2016 Adopted Budget Plan – General County Construction 30010

No action was necessary.

I-5 Draft Mount Vernon Woods Draft Master Plan Revision for Public Comment

No action was necessary.

I-6 Quarterly Project Status Report

No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie called attention to the May issue of the *Washingtonian* magazine featuring Huntley Meadows Park as one of the best walks in the area. He suggested that everyone take the opportunity to read the article. Scotts Run is also mentioned in the article.
- Following the Wellness and Healthy lifestyle presentation during the Park Services and Golf Committee meeting, Mr. Bouie again challenged those 50+ / Master age Board members to participate in a Virginia Senior Olympics event. He indicated that he would share the list of contests, over 100, with the Board. Mr. Bouie again stated that he would pay the entry fee.

Mr. Bouie added that everyone should take health and wellness seriously and this should be a main recurring theme.

- Mr. Bouie attended a meeting on the development of Reston with Sandy Stallman, Andi Dorlester, Supervisor Hudgins and her staff as it relates to standards. Reston is working against three different standards--urban, suburban, and transit service areas. In addition, Reston works with other providers in the community. They are trying to come up with a comprehensive plan that serves the needs of the community.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Judy Pedersen, Dave Bowden, Kirk Kincannon, and Sara Baldwin for attending the opening of the courts complex at Stratton Woods Park. It is getting used every day. There is an issue (that is being worked on) with the tent added to the wall which projects a shadow. The neighbors have stated that the courts have revitalized the park.
- On Trails Day Ms. Cortina will MC the event on Saturday, June 6, at Lake Fairfax Park. Mr. Bouie encouraged everyone to come out and walk a trail.
- The Combo Classic Golf Tournament Awards Ceremony and luncheon will take place on Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m., at the Twin Lakes Golf Course Oaks Room. The food will be catered by Maggiano's.
- There is nothing new to report on the crumb rubber. Schools and the Board of Supervisors have taken no action on the information presented by some groups and individuals. The Health Department is reviewing the information and will make determination.
- Messrs. Bouie and Quincy participated on Leadership Fairfax panel with Supervisor Smyth presenting a picture of art in parks within the Providence District.

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- Mr. Bouie would like the Park Authority to move forward with a sports tournament over the 4th of July weekend in 2016. Parks is missing out on money that others are making off of its facilities.
- Mr. Bouie announced that the Board will discuss the director's performance evaluation in closed session at its meeting on June 10.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon reminded everyone about the Old Colchester open house on June 6. Staff has discovered the corner areas of a graveyard.
- The Water Mine opened Memorial Day weekend. Summer camps get into full swing in June.
- Hidden Pond Nature Center's Envirothon team won the state competition at Longwood University, in Farmville, Virginia, on Monday, May 18. Envirothon is a competition among high school students in the topics of soils, forestry, aquatic ecology, wildlife and a changing yearly special topic-this year's being Urban Forestry. In addition, the team must do a problem solving presentation.

The team qualified for the state competition after winning the District competition held at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in March and the regional one, held in Fauquier County in April. At the state competition, the team placed first in the topics of soils, forestry, urban forestry, and wildlife. The Hidden Pond team is composed of the following young people

- Sydney Spicer-West Springfield-12th grade
- Monica Banghart-West Springfield-12th grade
- Matt Baker-Woodson-12th grade
- Michael Buontempo-Lake Braddock-12th grade
- Stuart Murdoch-West Springfield-10th grade
- Alternates
- Evelyn Rosado-Robinson-10th grade
- Caroline Healey-Woodson-10th grade

Staff and volunteers who worked with the team for this competition have been as follows: Kyle Hughes-Segrove, Shannon Morely, Karen Murdoch, Katie Spicer, and Mike McCaffrey.

- During his Leadership Team meeting in the morning 48 staff members received the Director's Leadership Award for actions which promote, reinforce, or exemplify the Park Authority's values. To be considered for the Director's Leadership Award a staff member or

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group of staff members working together must make a deliberate, obvious and valuable contribution to the Park Authority's mission through actions which relate directly to the Park Authority's values:

- Enhancing Stewardship
- Fostering Diversity
- Developing Partnerships
- Providing Quality and Value
- Communicating Effectively
- Valuing our Workforce
- Demonstrating Fiscal Responsibility

Mr. Kincannon congratulated the recipients of the Director's Leadership Awards.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie noted that Mr. Vellucci provided the following report to be included in the minutes:

“On May 13th Tony Vellucci provided a briefing on the Park Authority to members of the Braddock District Council.

“On May 16th, the Braddock District Representative held an informal picnic at his home for key leaders of Braddock District Friends groups which included Braddock Dogs, Friends of Lake Accotink Park, Friends of Royal Lake, Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley, and Friends of Audrey Moore RECenter. Friends leaders discussed their organizations, identified areas of synergy and shared lessons learned in working with Park Authority staff. Supervisor Cook was also invited and attended the picnic.

“On May 16th, Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley volunteers undertook needed trail maintenance activities along the Long Branch Stream Valley trail. Thanks to Park Operations Division staff Ed Richardson and his support staff for having material dropped off along the trail, and then being on hand Saturday morning to direct FLBSV volunteers. A second trail maintenance day is scheduled for Saturday May 30th.

“On May 23rd, Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) volunteers, along with scouts from Troop 1113 (St. Leo The Great) who were supporting an Eagle Scout project for Scout Ben McDonald, helped remove some eight outdoor fitness equipment stations that were beyond their normal life in varying degrees of deterioration. The stations were located in flood prone areas of Royal Lake, had community support for removal, and will not be replaced. The scouts then removed invasive species in the area, and replanted native species where the exercise equipment had been. Thanks again to Park Operations Division staff Ed Richardson

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and his support staff for providing guidance for this project, and removing the refuse from the discarded stations.

“For this entire week, the Friends of Audrey Moore RECenter (MooreFriends) are conducting a survey of Audrey Moore patrons to ascertain patron needs and wants, pending a renovation to the RECenter. The results of the survey will be shared with Park Services and Planning & Development division personnel sometime in the June/July timeframe.”

- Ms. Cortina attended the opening of the Stratton Woods Park courts. She congratulated Dave Bowden and the Park Authority for the project. What was gratifying to her was when an individual came up to Bill Bouie at the end of the ceremony and stated that he would like to really help kids and hold summer programs for them at the complex.

She began the day at 8 a.m. at Greens Spring Gardens at its annual plant sale. There were 40+ vendors and all the proceeds go to FROGS and back to Green Spring. She purchases all her plants there before planting in the Bo White Gardens plot. She commends all the staff that came out and volunteers of FROGS.

Ms. Cortina attended the Reston Fine Arts Festival. She recommended that everyone should go to the Town Center to see the Twig Sculpture by Patrick Dougherty. The sculpture will remain there for the next two years.

- Mr. Vajda had no comments to share.
- Ms. Wolf reported that the Korean Festival opens in Herndon on Thursday, May 28, and runs through Sunday, May 31. It is the area's largest Korean family festival.

The Arrowbrook concert series will begin on June 6. She would like to have food vendors there. Sara indicated that she would get the information to Grace on how to get the permits.

- Mr. Thompson noted that staff is getting ready for a public comment meeting about a ropes course at South Run District Park.

Parks is getting ready for the master plan process for Patriot West.

Staff briefed the Athletic Council on the Needs Assessment.

He thanked staff for all the work they are doing to plan for a tournament over the 4th of July holiday in 2016.

Mr. Thompson indicated that he would like an update on sponsorships.

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- Mr. Strickland thanked Supervisor Frey for his service at Chantilly Days. The letter he and Bill signed was placed in a book of memories. Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Foust spoke highly of Supervisor Frey. It was a good day for Supervisor Frey and Hal was pleased that he appreciated Parks and everything he did for Parks.

He thanked Judy Pedersen for the speaking points, they were spot on.

Mr. Strickland attended the Stringfellow Road ribbon cutting ceremony on May 26. The road was widened from two to four lanes. Five parks and 23 fields are accessed from Stringfellow Road. The project was funded by the 2004 and 2007 Transportation Bonds. The citizens worked hard to get this project as a priority.

Some park property was given up to make the project go forward, but Planning and Developed staff worked with VDOT to get some mitigation. Greenbriar Park's gravel area that was used for parking was regarded, paved, and lighted. Poplar Tree Park received a new entrance road and parking was reconfigured and more screening was added. A special designed bridge was placed over Rocky Run which created an unimpeded animal corridor.

Mr. Strickland extended a special thanks to Cindy McNeal who helped keep the parks open during the construction phase.

He noted he was surprised to learn of the item for the Committee of the Whole and noted that he would not attend the meeting so as not to impeded discussion of the item.

- Kala Leggett Quintana visited several parks over the weekend. She went to the Water Mine, which was at capacity by noon. She sent a note to Barbara Nugent and staff noting how impressed she was with the young people working and stated that they are top notch. It was a pleasant experience from entry to exit. She is excited to see what the revenue opportunities will be.

She went to Burke Lake Park and the train looks great and operates well. There were lines of people waiting to ride the train.

The playground facility near the train should be enlarged to accommodate the number of folks waiting for the train or to hold birthday parties.

Ms. Quintana went to Fort Fun in Newport News and thinks the Park Authority could use a similar facility.

She commented that Burke Lake has some serious potholes near its entrance booth. Mr. Kincannon indicated that staff looked into it and will bring an item back to the Board on July 8. Lake Accotink Park resurfacing will also be discussed.

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Ms. Quintana was pleased to see the Healthy Strides initiative. She thanked Sara Baldwin and staff for making that happen.

- Mr. Quincy reported that he attended the May 16 ribbon cutting at Arbor Row and Jones Branch Stream Valley Park fields at Tysons. There was a good turnout, including a representative from Senator Warner's office who was very enthusiastic to Dave Bowden and his staff. This was a partnership with Cityline. Andi Dorlester was interviewed by Channel 16 and gave a very good presentation.

This was special for Mr. Quincy because up to this point it has all been on paper and this was real life. In the beginning Parks was not represented, but thanks to Planning Commissioner Ken Lawrence and former Park Board Chairman Hal Strickland Parks had a presence. This is a result of Parks' presence.

He met Jeanne Harrison at the Arbor Row event and learned about the Traveling Players Ensemble. He suggested to her that she needed to come to the Board meeting and tell about it. Ken worked with Judy Pedersen to get Ms. Harrison to address the Board during the public comment session.

Mr. Quincy noted that he donned his Park Authority shirt and rode his bike on Bike to Work Day and stopped at several bike stops. If any Board member wanted questions about parks, they should wear their shirts and go to a bike stop. He received a number of questions and compliments.

- Ms. Cortina thanked staff for the Hidden Pond public meeting. She appreciated the public participation.

She went to Riverbend Park on Memorial Day. She thought the whole area was pretty quiet, but everyone was there. Great Falls Park was closed so people came to Riverbend. There was no available parking at Riverbend. There were long lines to get into the park. Parks should revisit using the huts to collect fees from those out of county.

- Mr. Quincy seconded Mr. Bouie's challenge to become involved in some physical activity. He participated in the Healthy Strides run. There was a team out there from Providence RECenter. He was the lone Board member there.
- Mr. Bouie noted he had been to Fort Fun in Newport News and that it had a senior playground at that park as well.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. Ms. Quintana made a motion that the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for:

- a) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3).

Seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried. Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Quintana made a motion to certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried; Messrs. Batten, Gorham, Khan, and Vellucci were absent.

C-1 Land Acquisition Status Report
No action was necessary.

C-2 Property Located in the Lee District-Update
No action was necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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