

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
May 28, 2014**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:34 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

Absent*

Guests: Arthur Lopez, Nadar Por Vada

Staff Present:

Kirk Kincannon, Director
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/CFO
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Judy Pedersen, PIO
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
John Lehman
Todd Johnson
Roberta Longworth
John Berlin
Ginger Colin
Don Sweeney
Brian Williams

PUBLIC COMMENT: No speakers were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Arthur Lopez and Nadar Por Vida (Swimming for Life)
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the resolution to honor Arthur Lopez, founder of Nadar Por Vida (Swimming for Life) who has partnered with the Park Authority for the past eight years, creating life-saving, learn-to-swim classes, and a competitive swimming program for minority children and their families; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes, May 14, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14 2014, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 FY 2015 Adopted Budget Plan – Fund 80000, Park Revenue Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to adopt the FY 2015 budget for the Park Revenue Fund, Fund 80000; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.

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- A-2 Scope Approval – Twin Lakes Oaks Course Bunker Renovations and Reallocation of Project Funding (Springfield District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope to renovate the bunkers on the Oaks Course at Twin Lakes Golf Course and reallocate funding for the project; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.
- A-3 Scope Approval - Green Spring Gardens Gazebo Area Improvements (Mason District)
Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the project scope to design and construct improvements to the gazebo area at Green Spring Gardens that will expand the patio area, make the patio and gazebo fully accessible, and enhance the area's appearance; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.
- A-4 Approval – Staff Recommendation for Land Dedication as part of the Rezoning Application RZ/FDP 2014-MV-002 (Hollybrook Farm) (Mount Vernon District)
Ms. Cortina and Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the staff recommendation for dedication of approximately 6.7 acres of land as part of the rezoning application and final development plan for 2014-MV-002 (Hollybrook Farm). The applicant has offered to dedicate approximately 6.7 acres of land within a portion of Parcel Tax Map Nos. 99-4((1)) A to the Fairfax County Park Authority in conformance with the Countywide Policy Plan to dedicate portions of stream valleys and Chesapeake Bay Protection Ordinance designated Resource Protection Areas; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 FY 2014 Third Quarter Budget Review, Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund
No action was necessary.
- I-2 FY 2014 Third Quarter Budget Review, Fund 80000, Park Authority Revenue Fund
No action was necessary.
- I-3 FY 2014 Adopted Budget Plan, General Fund 10001
No action was necessary.
- I-4 FY 2015 Adopted Budget Plan, General County Construction Fund 30010
No action was necessary.
- I-5 Greenbriar Commons Park Draft Master Plan for Public Comment
No action was necessary.
- I-6 Quarterly Project Status Report
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie announced that there has been a lot of discussion about the meals tax. We should be seeing results from the task force in mid-June, which could have some positive results for Parks if it moves to referendum and passage. Ads are now starting to appear in various newspapers and on the radio regarding discussions on the meals tax.
- He apologized for not attending the May 14 meeting, he was in Newport News at the Virginia Senior Olympics and he did win. Congratulations, Bill!

This all ties in with a Healthy Fairfax--just living in Fairfax and having these opportunities being presented to people of all ages. About 3,000 people were involved over two and half weeks in these Senior Olympics. There is a Northern Virginia Senior Olympics that will take place in mid-September. Mr. Bouie encourages anyone over 50, no matter what they do, there is something to your liking from pinochle to walking, to racquetball and softball throws, eight to 85, to go out and have a good time. Enjoy yourself and really enjoy our parks and the things we have to offer. Every time he gets into one of these events he goes back and looks at the things that we are fortunate and blessed enough to have in the county and think what an outstanding opportunity it is to be able to live a healthy lifestyle.

- Mr. Bouie reminded the Board if they have not engaged their respective School Board members there are a number of public discussions and forums around the SLEEP initiative.

Mr. Quincy attended the discussion held at South Lakes High School on May 27. The letter the Board sent to the School Board was distributed to the Park Board via email. Parks is still gathering information and its public position is that we have no position.

Mr. Bouie asked the Board to keep their ears to the ground with regard to rumors going around, keep their fact sheet handy, and engage their School Board members. He and Ken Quincy are actively engaged with School Board liaison to the Park Board, Sandy Evans. They will continue throughout the summer as the discussions continue in order to provide the Park Board with information in real time. This is a critical matter and Parks will have a significant impact one way or the other.

Mr. Bouie recently met with the chair of EQAC, Stella Koch, and discussed a number of things for a joint meeting sometime in the fall. The first thing Stella would like to do is thank this Board for investing in the Natural and Cultural Resource programs. EQAC was very excited that these programs have a sustainable funding resource. They also discussed stream mitigation, the beginning discussions about a 2016 Park Bond, and many other things.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- On Memorial Day the Park Authority and Park Foundation offered complimentary access to RECenters and free amusements at lakefront parks to residents who have served our country in the U.S. Armed Forces. Approximately 255 veterans and their families took advantage of this opportunity.

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Honoring America's Veterans is a new program that recognizes the service of veterans, active military and their families who live in the county, and is the Park Authority's way of saying thank you. Complimentary RECenter admission includes use of pools, fitness rooms, drop-in fitness classes, gyms, and mini-golf. Lakefront park amusements include carousels, boat rides, train rides, mini-golf, and camping (amenities vary by location).

This program is possible by generous contributions to the Park Foundation in collaboration with the Park Authority. We thank the Park Foundation for its support in fully funding this program.

- Celebrate Fairfax will be held on June 6 – 8, Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. The Park Authority booth will be in the Greenology Tent located at the front lawn next to the Wegman's yellow gate. Our theme for this year is "Unplugged Games" which promote games that are earth friendly and energy saving. There will be historic games such as graces and hoops and recreational games like hula hoop, a corn hole bean bag toss, and Planko. We will also be promoting sites with flyers and brochures and will also have Parktakes and the calendar of events. As giveaways, we will have pencils and stewardship magnets.

The booth is manned by staff and volunteers. If you wish to spend some time at the booth handing out information, helping kids play games, or speaking with visitors about the parks, please contact Diana Fuentes in the Public Information Office at 703-324-8702.

- Mr. Kincannon called attention to a draft letter from Chairman Bouie to the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Noise Ordinance. Sandy Stallman reminded the Board that the topic was addressed at the May 14 Planning and Development Committee meeting. Staff attended public meetings held by the Department of Planning and Zoning to reach out to the public regarding the draft ordinance. It was coupled with the proposed amendment on group assembly which got most of the play. The key issues related to the Park Authority were the provision that exempts recreational grounds was seen as a potential double-standard by some during the first two nights. The third night there were no park related issues. They heard from folks that live near several dog parks. There was one person who was opposed to dog parks in principle who provided multiple comments. There were comments about sports noise and amplified sound. Most comments were directed at School athletic fields.

The draft letter first of all thanks the Board and DPZ for the exemption and addresses the key impact to our golf courses. The restrictions of mowing are already being enforced impacts Parks ability to maintain the turf areas within 100 ft. of residences before 7 a.m. tee times begin at dawn and turf needs to be maintained prior to those start times. Peter Furey has done some calculations and the impacts will have some fiscal impact of about \$250,000 per year.

After further discussion, the Board asked staff to make revisions discussed. Mr. Bouie asked Mr. Furey to send a copy of the final letter to his peers in the golf community and asked Mike Thompson to share with the athletic groups. Ms. Quintana asked for speaking points.

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BOARD MATTERS:

- Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.
- Mr. Sullivan had nothing to report.
- Tony Vellucci reported that the dedication for Wakefield Run was held on May 17. He thanked Mary Cortina and Frank Vajda for attending. Kirk Kincannon was also there. He thanked Judy Pedersen for the wonderful weather.

Ms. Pedersen repeated her performance on May 24 at the opening of the pedestrian bridge at Canterbury Woods. He thanked Ms. Cortina, Ms. Quintana, Cindy Messinger, Liz Cronauer, Judy Pedersen, and Diana Fuentes. Mr. Vellucci will participate in the Providence Tour on May 31.

June 1 is the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park. The race begins at 2 p.m. and the judging takes place at noon. He invited everyone to come out and join the fun.

On June 5 at 10 a.m. there will be a site walk-through in preparation for the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan kick-off.

On June 11 Whole Foods Springfield, located at the corner of Rolling Road and Old Keene Mill Road, will donate five percent of its daily net sales to the Friends of Accotink Creek and the Friends of Lake Accotink Park. Mr. Vellucci encouraged anyone that happens to be in the areas to stop by and do some shopping. The money will go to the Park Foundation to be used in the park.

The Lake Accotink Park master plan kick-off meeting is tentatively set for June 26 at Crestwood Elementary School at 7 p.m. *(This meeting was subsequently cancelled. A new meeting date will be announced when finalized.)*

A two-day skate fest will be held at Wakefield Park on June 28.

Mr. Vellucci asked the chairman to add the Friends of Accotink Creek to the Friends list. The Friends of Accotink Creek are adding a field trip to the Anacostia watershed to see how they trap trash in the Anacostia River. As soon as the trip is finalized he will let everyone know in case they are interested in making the field trip.

Mr. Vellucci reminded the Board that Elly Doyle Award nominations are due on June 20. He asked the Board to submit nominations for anyone they feel are deserving.

- Mr. Thompson gave a shout out to staff. There was a trail issue in Springfield. He read an email from a constituent to Supervisor Herrity regarding this issue thanking staff (Area 4 and Ed Richardson) for taking care of the issue.

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- Mr. Vajda stated that in addition to Mr. Lopez's accolades and his work with Nada Por Vada he has also been responsible for keeping the Mason Dog Park going. It has been a tough job, but one he took on. Mr. Vajda indicated that he is sorry to see Mr. Lopez leave the area.
- Ms. Quintana spent the past weekend doing all kinds of Park activities including visiting the Farmers Market in Burke.

She thanked Mr. Vellucci and Supervisor Cook for a great morning out at the Canterbury Woods bridge. It was a beautiful day and a great event planned by Ms. Pedersen and her staff.

She visited Burke Lake for a short time over the holiday weekend. There were lines of cars trying to get into the park, although parking did not seem to be the issue once inside the park.

Huntley Meadows on Memorial Day was full of people. It was good to see the wetlands making a comeback. The only downside was that the restrooms were closed since the park was closed for the holiday.

Ms. Quintana is looking forward to the tour of the Providence District and hopes to learn a lot.

- Mr. Quincy called attention to a memo at the Board members' places regarding the bylaws review. This lays out the plan for the review to include a small work team to review and make recommended changes to the bylaws. The process has a timeline. The team will be working to bring the recommendations to the Board for comment and input. If anyone has any comments they would like to be considered at the front end of the process they should submit them to him and/or Cindy Messinger. The process has begun. In addition to the Bylaws a Board Governance Manual will be introduced to address many points, especially some made by Mr. Vellucci. The information will be coming to the Board as it develops and he urged them to look it over, if there are any questions contact either him or Ms. Messinger.
- Mr. Khan reported that it was a busy weekend at Viva Vienna was held in the Town. Ms. Cortina attended, even though he missed her. The event has expanded every year and he has attended for the past six years. He encouraged everyone to try to visit next year.

Mr. Khan thanked Todd Johnson for working with him on the award ceremony he is planning for the cricket championship on Sunday, June 1. He invited everyone to be at Oak Marr Park at 6 p.m. They have just finished the first of four tournaments.

- Ms. Cortina at a luncheon on May 6, the Children's Science Center announced their new locations in Fair Oaks Mall, a temporary site to open by the end of 2014, and in Sterling, where the museum will be located within five years. Mr. Stalzer in the County Executive's office worked very hard to make a permanent location work to suit their needs in Fairfax County. Mary thanked the Park Authority staff for their efforts in trying to identify locations

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as well. Ultimately, it was hard to compete with Loudoun County who offered access to a 167-acre natural area, a developer proffer, and \$250,000 in operating funds. It will be great to have a hands-on Children's Museum in the area, starting first in Fair Oaks, and Fairfax County children will still benefit as this is a regional museum.

She attended the McLean Project for the Arts Spring Benefit in the Dranesville District – the Park Authority supports their ArtFest event.

Ms. Cortina also attended the Wakefield Run Stream Restoration ribbon-cutting Saturday, May 17, led by Mr. Vellucci. Park Board member Frank Vajda, Supervisor Cook, DPWES Director James Patteson, Kirk Kincannon, Soil & Water Director Laura Grape, and many people from the community attended, including the Friends of Accotink Stream, Friends of Lake Accotink Park, and Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE), our mountain bike partners at Wakefield Park. At the event, Ernest Rodriguez, the President of MORE, invited Mary to participate in S'MORES, a free youth bike ride on Monday afternoons at Wakefield and Lake Fairfax Parks. She and her son joined up with about 20 kids ranging in age from 6-16 and many adult volunteers. Ernest Rodriguez and MORE are focusing on engaging youth as one of their top priorities and if the Federation of Friends pursues the idea of a youth friends group, as was suggested at the last Federation meeting, he's someone they may want to speak with.

Ms. Cortina attended Green Spring Gardens' annual plant sale on Saturday, May 17 – a gardener's "must-attend" event put on by the Friends of Green Spring Gardens (FROGS). The sale features over 40 plant vendors and was packed with shoppers. The food truck serving Middle Eastern food appeared to be a hit as well.

The Friends of Lake Accotink (FLAP) meeting was very interesting with a presentation from Sandy Stallman regarding the Master Planning process, Julie Tahan on gearing up for Springfield Days, and a busy summer season ahead.

Many members from the Long Branch Stream Valley community and their families came out to attend the Canterbury Woods Bridge Replacement ribbon-cutting Saturday, May 23, officiated by Mr. Vellucci. She and Supervisor Cook and Board member Ms. Quintana were in attendance as well. The community representative thanked Tony and the park authority's efforts. Mr. Vellucci also spoke of the need for community members to remove invasive species from the area and many PTA volunteers immediately began discussing ideas for community service.

Residents can have a great "Staycation" in Fairfax County by attending our parks. Many of our partners offer opportunities that, as a park system, we would never be able to support ourselves. For instance, she and her family went to the Turner Farm observatory to watch the meteor shower (which turned out to be a dud) but were able to view the rings of Saturn and the moons of Jupiter through the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club members' very large telescopes. Our partners at Turner Park host free events every Friday night when the skies are clear. This, and many other activities that are organized by our partners, like the group we

honored tonight, really expand the reach of the Park Authority and help make it a great organization.

- Mr. Quincy added that while on the topic of IMA talking points were distributed to Board and he hoped that the Board had an opportunity to talk with their Supervisors about the funding. Supervisor Smyth suggested that perhaps there should be a Board to Board meeting to discuss IMA since some of the Supervisors did not understand it.

Bill has had a number of conversations and the Board of Supervisors understands the oversight and no additional communication is necessary as they have heard from several other groups. Unofficially, he has been told it will be restored one way or another.

During the Resource Management Committee meeting Ms. Cortina failed to mention that her biggest concern is discretionary funding. Parks should take the opportunity to quantify the cost of the IMA program, the NRMP, the CRMP and present them to the Board of Supervisors as part of the regular budget and separate items that need funding.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:24 p.m. Ms. Quintana MOVED the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for 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 unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. Ms. Quintana MOVED the Park Authority Board 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. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Messrs. Batten, Gorham and Strickland were absent.

No action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:56 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

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Minutes Approved at Meeting
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