

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 8, 2016**

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
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary*
Mary Cortina, Treasurer
Walter Alcorn
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
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
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Chrissy Mead

Absent*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers were present.

Mr. Quincy introduced Boy Scout Nicolas Matsukas from Troop 976 who was attending to meet the requirement for a Communications badge to achieve Eagle Scout status.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Approval of Minutes of the May 25, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting As Amended

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting as amended; seconded by Mr. Vajda.

With regard to A-1 Approval 2016 Park Bond Category Allocations, Mr. Vellucci made a motion to amend the minutes by inserting the following discussion for historical purposes: "Mr. Vellucci asked that for clarification the listing of projects used to develop the percentages was notional and did not indicate approval for any project on the list staff prepared." Seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried by seven votes, Ms. Godbold and Mr. Alcorn abstained; and, Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Thompson were absent.

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With regard to D-2 Encroachment Management Plan, Mr. Vellucci made a motion to change the wording in the second paragraph, second line, from “Mr. Kincannon indicated that he would address the Encroachment Management Plan” to “Mr. Kincannon indicated that he would address **identifying the resources necessary to develop** an Encroachment Management Plan”.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Vellucci asked that the following administrative changes be made:

Page 3, A-9, change “use of **us** to fifty percent” to “use of **up** to fifty percent”

Page 4, D-2, fourth line, change “**park**” to “**Park**”

Page 4, D-2, third paragraph, change “**recommend**” to “**recommended**”

Page 6, Mr. Vellucci’s Board Matters, third paragraph, second line, add “**relationship**” to read “interested in a closer **relationship**. . .”; and add “**in a canoe**” to read “along the coastline **in a canoe**. . .”

Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried by a vote of seven. Ms. Godbold and Mr. Alcorn abstained. Ms. Wolf and Messrs. Bouie and Thompson were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 FY 2017 Adopted Budget Plan, Park Revenue and Operating Fund 80000

Ms. Cortina made a motion to adopt the FY 2017 budget for the Park Revenue and Operating Fund 80000; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Wolf, Messrs. Bouie and Thompson were absent.

INFORMATION ITEM

I-1 FY 2016 Third Quarter Status Review, Fund 10001, General Fund

No action was necessary.

I-2 FY 2016 Third Quarter Status Review, Fund 80000, Park Revenue and Operating Fund

No action was necessary.

I-3 FY 2017 Adopted Budget Plan General Fund 10001

No action was necessary.

I-4 FY 2017 Adopted Budget Plan – General County Construction Fund 30010

No action was necessary.

I-5 National Golf Foundation Update

No action was necessary.

I-6 FY 2017 Deer Management Plan

No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The Chairman was absent. Mr. Quincy had nothing to report in his absence.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Mr. Kincannon reported that the Green Team will meet on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the boardroom. He asked the board members to ensure that they or their representatives are aware of the meeting and plan to attend.
- He reminded the board to review the Planning and Development Division's FY 2017 work plan which was presented during the Planning and Development Committee meeting and is online. He asked that the board to get comments back to Mr. Bowden by the end of the month so Mr. Bowden can incorporate those comments before bringing it back to committee on July 13 and to the board on July 27 for approval.
- Mr. Kincannon reported that Parks the recipients of the PTI (Public Technology Institute) Award for our implementation of smart irrigation systems.

The team responsible for implementation of the system include:

FCPA area management team (Dan Sutherland, Kevin Williams, Troy Miller)

FCPA energy management team (Davood Majidian, Alan Crofford)

Fairfax County EIP Program Team (Dave Molchany, Kambiz Agazi)

The FCPA replaced the existing irrigation controllers with a smart irrigation control system that is web based and works off of local weather data to automatically adjust watering times.

The system is beneficial for several reasons:

The system saves water consumption due to the fact that it will only water when needed, if it is cloudy for several days and there is not much evaporation, the system will dial back watering times or postpone watering completely.

The system is able to learn flow for each particular zone, if it notices a spike in flow i.e. a broken head, it will shut off that zone and send an email or text alerting that there is a problem. If the system senses flow and the system is not scheduled to water i.e. main line break, it will shut the water off completely and send an email or text.

The system is web based and has a smart phone app, if a problem is reported to us we have the ability to shut off the water from anywhere at any time. The manufacturer reports that smart irrigation technology can save 20% - 40% on water consumption.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Khan had no comments.
- Mr. Gorham said that he looked forward to getting home in the daylight and had no further comments.
- Mr. Batten had no comments.
- Ms. Godbold commented that she chose a good time to be out of town noticing how long the meetings ran, but it was good to be back.
- Ms. Cortina thanked Mark Plourde, Area 2 Manager, for his endless work to keep Pine Ridge Park and other parks in the system picked up.

She also thanked Amber Stramel for not walking past a huge pile of trash and taking the initiative to pick it up, even though it may not have been her job. Ms. Cortina stated that she appreciates it when people don't just walk past things, but just take care of it. Everyone should do that as well.

Mary feels that some of the residents, especially the sports groups, are literally trashing parks. Parks really needs to enlist them to be partners with Parks and help clean up our parks and take their trash with them. Parks may need better trash cans, better partnerships, better education – there needs to be a better understanding that these children who play in our parks are part of the solution. They are the stewards for the future. When she was a kid, her coach told her team pick up all the trash at the end of the game because it was part of their responsibility for getting to play there. You give back. Parks needs to teach our children, our parents, and our residents that it is their responsibility. It should not be left to the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts, it's everybody's job.

She closed with a thank you to Mark Plourde, Amber Stramel, and all those that pick up trash in our parks.

- Mr. Thompson was absent.
- Mr. Alcorn had no comments.
- Mr. Vellucci recognized some noteworthy individuals at Audrey Moore RECenter. On Saturday, June 4, an individual had cardiac arrest and staff performed CPR and employed the

AED. The patient was successfully stabilized until the EMTs arrived and transported the individual to the hospital. Mr. Vellucci was advised that the individual had literally dropped dead and was brought back to life. He recognized Chris Hisponia, Andy Dinh, and Andrew Van Dam who are the lifeguards who administered aid to the patient. Other staff involved were Peter Hocevar, operating manager; Tida Saengchanh, Vanessa Harris, Sam Herold, and Gino Briggs who cleared the pool and contacted 911. Mr. Vellucci indicated that he is working with staff to get these folks recognized.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Ken Quincy for showing up at the National Trails Day event on Saturday, June 4. There was a fair showing due to the weather, but he thanked everyone that did show up – Mr. Kincannon, and Ms. Pedersen. It was a good event for Supervisor Cook who learned a lot from Bill about trail construction.

The Cardboard Board Regatta scheduled for June 5 was cancelled due to the weather and has been reschedule for Saturday, June 18, at 8 a.m.

- Mr. Vellucci thanked Mark Plourde for what he did earlier in the day. Tony received an email message from one of the members of the Friends of Oak Hill Park. Mr. Vellucci also noted that the Friends of Oak Hill Park were just announced as a winner in the Best of Braddock.

Mr. Vellucci read the email which reported that the member of the Friends group witnessed a lawn service company dumping debris in Oak Hill Park and reported it to Mark Plourde. Mr. Plourde contacted the lawn service and found out that the homeowner had instructed them to dump the debris in the park. The lawn service, after being advised that Parks would take legal action, removed what it had dumped and agreed to discontinue the dumping. A letter will be sent to the residents advising them that the property behind their house is not theirs.

Mr. Vellucci commented that he receives a lot of email like this and Mark Plourde is very busy with all the parks he has, as are all the Area Managers. These are not isolated incidents these happen all the time. Parks was lucky that the mowing company owned up to it and fixed the problem and will not do it again. Mr. Vellucci questioned whether Parks can do something if it has a listing of all the landscaping companies in the county by sending them a polite letter advising them of the incident and asking them to stop if they are doing the same.

- Ms. Wolf, Dranesville District, was absent.
- Mr. Vajda, Mason District, on June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, a public information meeting was held for the John C. and Margaret K. White Horticultural Park to update the citizenry as to Parks' plans for that park. There were 75 attendees and the meeting went very well.

However, one gentleman complained that his garden was continuously molested by the deer and was upset that the archery hunt had been cancelled and wanted to know why. Supervisor Gross was there and she admitted to it being cancelled in response to homeowners and because under the rules the property was not big enough to sustain the archery hunt.

On Saturday, June 4, a ribbon cutting was held for the outdoor fitness gym at Lincolnia Park.

There will be an opportunity to see another ribbon cutting for another outdoor fitness gym on June 18 at the Gum Spring Community Center. Mr. Vajda suggested that everyone get out to see and use the equipment which uses one's weight for resistance.

He thanked the Kincannons and Mr. Bowden for attending the ribbon cutting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection Mr. Quincy called the meeting to a close at 8:02 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on June 22, 2016

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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