

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 24, 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
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Cindy Walsh
Barbara Nugent
Brian Williams
Don Sweeney

Guest: Amy Clayton

***Absent**

**** Late arrival**

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Bouie announced that he was going to change the schedule slightly and bring ADMIN-2 forward for approval before ADMIN-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No speakers were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-2 Adoption of the Minutes, June 10, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Amy Clayton upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Amy Clayton upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Batten.

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The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Messrs. Strickland and Thompson were absent.

Mr. Thompson arrived following approval of Administrative Items.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Linway Terrace Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Request – McLean Youth Soccer Association (Dranesville District)

Ms. Wolf made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant request from McLean Youth Soccer Association in the amount of \$8,066.86 to install fencing along the side of field 1 at Linway Terrace Park; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

A-2 Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Southwestern Youth Association (Springfield District)

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request from Southwestern Youth Association in the amount of \$13,425 for improvements to field 3 at Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

A-3 Reston North Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Reston Little League (Hunter Mill District)

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request in the amount of \$4,993.06 for fencing on field 2 at Reston North Park; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

A-4 Cunningham Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Fairfax Athletics (Hunter Mill District)

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Fairfax Athletics in the amount of \$16,156.85 for fencing on field 1 at Cunningham Park; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

A-5 John Mastenbrook Greenway Downs Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Greenway Downs Civic Association (Providence District)

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Greenway Downs Civic Association in the amount of \$2,000 for playground swings at John Mastenbrook Greenway Downs Park; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

- A-6 Scope Approval – McNaughton Fields Park Renovation (Mount Vernon District)
Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the project scope for the McNaughton Fields Park renovation; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park Draft Conceptual Development Plan for Public Comment (Springfield District)
No action was necessary.
- I-2 Ruckstahl Park Draft Master Plan Public Comment Meeting (Providence District)
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie congratulated the Park Authority on its 65th anniversary and for recognition of Park and Recreation month. The Board of Supervisors' presentations on June 23 were running long which prevented him and his backup, Mr. Quincy, from presenting remarks. Mr. Kincannon, however, did a great job.
- Mr. Bouie presented each Board member with a cup from the World Police and Fire Games. The athletes' village open early in the day at the Reston Town Center. He ran into a number of athletes from Russia, Bulgaria, and France. Opening ceremonies are Friday night, June 26, at RFK Stadium in the District. The tickets are free and can be obtained online.
- Mr. Bouie congratulated all the Little League Teams as they embark upon their playoff season. They will be using Park Authority fields starting this evening on the road to Williamsport.
- He extended wishes for a safe and happy Independence Day holiday. There will be plenty of fireworks at Lake Fairfax. Any Board member wishing to attend the event at Lake Fairfax should get in touch with Ms. Pedersen for parking accommodations.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon reported that he, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Vosper took a tour at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park early in the week related to helping lands heal. He thanked Ms. Walsh and her staff for the tour. They also got to see some camp kids.

While talking with John Shafer, Mr. Kincannon learned that some training was held at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park on June 8 and 9 to teach 18 staff about how to write and create

Interpretive Exhibits. The training was led by Dr. John Veverka, a professor and partner in the John Veverka & Associates design firm. Mr. Veverka has worked with numerous interpretive projects during his 35 year career and written a number of publications on Interpretive Master Planning. His project experience includes planning two World Heritage Sites, museums, parks, and even working with the staff at Stonehenge in the UK. The training was financed using money from the Helping Our Land Heal project and the 18 employees involved worked in teams to use the new concepts taught to create five draft exhibit designs to interpret the HOLH natural capital resource management program. The training for staff cost ~\$2,500 and provided knowledge that can be applied back at all the sites the staff work at. Additionally, Mr. Veverka stated that the real cost of the draft exhibits created as a product of the training represented \$5,000 to \$8,000 worth of exhibit creation if paid for through a professional design company and provides a leap forward in producing one or more final exhibit products.

- On May 28, Public Technology Institute Solution's Award Program announced winners of 2015 PTI Solutions and Significant Achievement Award for two county projects:
 - Hands Free Water Dispensing Systems (FMD), and
 - Athletic Courts Lighting Control (FCPA)

Athletic Courts Lighting Control is one of the Park Authority's energy projects funded by EECEBG (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program).

PTI's Solutions Award program is a very prestigious PTI member award program and has been in existence for more than 30 years. This annual award program, only open to PTI members, actively seeks solutions that solve real problems, create a sense of team/collaboration, and are replicable. The 2015 Solutions Awards will be presented during the PTI 2015 Local Government CIO Summit which will be held October 11-13, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- The 42nd annual Antique Car Show at Sully Historic Site went on as planned on Sunday, June 21, in spite of rain and wind on Saturday evening. The weather caused attendance of show cars and public to be down slightly but 2,842 people enjoyed a great show, grossing \$25,506 in revenue. Approximately 300 cars were on display, competing for trophies and plaques and 35 vendors were in the flea market. The Sully Staff Award was given to a 1957 Thunderbird. This is a very popular event held every year on Father's Day and always generates a lot of happy faces and positive comments.
- Huntley Meadows Park Manager Kevin Munroe recently announced that he has taken a job with an organization that protects and manages a seasonal wetland just outside of Sebastopol, CA (The Laguna Foundation). He will be moving to Northern California this July. His last day in the park will be July 11. Mr. Kincannon wished Mr. Munroe well in his new position.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Vajda had no comments to share.
- Ms. Wolf reported that the Korean Festival was held in Herndon and Reston last weekend. Over 3,500 people attended with 2,000+ athletes, and 21 different sports. Everything went well despite the weather. The athletes were extremely grateful. Nineteen cities in Canada were represented. Everyone had a good time and was left with a good impression.

Eddie from Ohio will be playing at Arrowbrook Centre Park on July 11 as part of the summer concert series.

- Mr. Vellucci attended the auto show at Sully Historic Site.

The Friends of Audrey Moore RECenter did a survey and received over 130 responses and 65 new members signed up.

- Mr. Thompson thanked the wide variety of staff that attended the public comment meeting held by Supervisor Herrity and Planning Commissioner Peter Murphy for the ropes course at South Run District Park. Attendance was good. There were a number of good questions and answers and everyone walked away with a better understanding of what was going on.

Patriot Park North at Willow Springs public comment meeting will be held on July 14 at 7 p.m. at Willow Springs School.

Mr. Thompson indicated that he will miss the July 8 meeting.

- Ms. Quintana again thanked staff at the Water Mine for her son's birthday party. Staff there is amazing and the quality of service they provide is outstanding.
- Mr. Quincy was impressed by the number of staff that attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 23 to receive the proclamation. The success of the agency over its 65 year is due in large to its staff.

In Mr. Strickland's absence, Mr. Quincy reminded the Board about the Children's Citizenship Ceremony being held on July 8 at 10 a.m. at Sully Historic Site. He encouraged anyone that has not attended one of these ceremonies to make the effort to go.

- Mr. Khan had no comments to share.
- Mr. Gorham announced that he is a proud parent of a Fairfax County Public School high school graduate. Not only did his son graduate, but he was also selected as Band Student of the Year.

Mr. Gorham will miss the July 8 Board meeting.

- Mr. Batten thanked Ms. Pedersen for the three exceptional events—the Leon Plenty amphitheater naming, the Huntley Meadows 40th anniversary celebration, and the Mount Vernon Woods Park public comment meeting. Mr. Batten also thanked Wegman's for the cake it provided for the Huntley anniversary celebration.
- Mr. Strickland and Ms. Cortina were absent.
- Mr. Bouie added that while he was attending a recent Nat's game with Mr. Thormahlen, not only to enjoy the game, but also to help Park Foundation recruit individuals for the Foundation Board.

He recalled that while attending the Baseball Hall of Fame game in Milwaukee in 2002 he had an extra ticket and gave it to a gentleman, Nate Fletcher, who is a dentist in Baltimore. Recently Mr. Bouie discovered that Nate Fletcher is a fraternity brother of Leon Plenty.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:04 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. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland 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. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Cortina and Mr. Strickland were absent.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

- C-1 Update on properties located in the Mason, Mount Vernon and Providence Districts
No action was required.

Mr. Batten announced that former Board member Harold Henderson attended both the naming of the Leon Plenty amphitheater and the 40th anniversary celebration of Huntley Meadows Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on June 24, 2015

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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