

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
July 22, 2015**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:32 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  
Judy Pedersen  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Barbara Nugent  
Todd Brown  
Brian Williams  
Janet Burns  
Mike Baird  
Sousan Tavallai  
Don Sweeney

**Absent\***

**Guests:** Tim Scott  
Sousan Frankeberger

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Bouie announced that there were a number of changes to the agenda.

- P-1 Needs Assessment Update was deferred
- A-5 Approval – Cross County Trail Improvements at Lake Accotink Park – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Cross County Trail Improvements within Lake Accotink Park was replaced with a new item A-5
- A-5 Approval – Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive Connector Trail
- The closed session was cancelled.
- The Committee of the Whole which was scheduled to take place following the Board meeting to discuss budget information was cancelled since Parks has not received FY17 budget direction from county at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Speaker: Jeffrey Pandin, Treasurer, Westgrove PACK  
Subject: Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Application

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**ADMINISTRATIVE/PRESENTATION ITEMS****ADMIN-1** Resolution Honoring Tim Scott upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Tim Scott upon his retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

**ADMIN-2** Resolution Honoring Sousan Frankeberger upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Sousan Frankeberger upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Vellucci. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

**ADMIN-3** Adoption of the Minutes, May 27, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Thompson.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to amend the minutes, striking the sentence on the bottom of page 1 stating “Mr. Thompson arrived following approval of Administrative Items.” Seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried, Mr. Strickland was absent.

**P-1** Needs Assessment Update

This item was deferred until September.

**ACTION ITEMS****A-1** Recommended New Legislation

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approve moving forward a topic for the 2016 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly which would enable individuals to earn a tax credit, versus deduction, for donations to park authorities, foundations or government entities; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried, Mr. Strickland was absent.

**A-2** Recommended New Legislation

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approved moving forward a topic for the 2016 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly which would request that any retailer of plants, shrubs, trees, etc. in the Commonwealth, or anyone who sells to a resident of the Commonwealth, identify the plant product they are selling is a native, non-native, or invasive species for that part of the Commonwealth so that the individual understands the impact or benefit of the plant product; seconded by Mr. Vajda.

Following discussion Mr. Gorham made a motion to amend by striking “native, non-native or” from the main motion. Seconded by Mr. Vellucci.

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Ms. Wolf stated that she would like to make a change to the amendment to add “or wholesaler” following “. . . request that any retailer . . .”

Following discussion Mr. Vellucci withdrew the main motion and Mr. Gorham offered a substitute motion which includes the removal of “native, non-native or” and adds “or wholesaler”. The motion now reads, “To move a topic forward for the 2016 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly that would request that any retailer or wholesaler of plants, shrubs, trees, etc. in the Commonwealth, or anyone who sells to a resident of the Commonwealth, identify the plant product they are selling as an invasive species for that part of the Commonwealth so that the individual understands the impact of the plant product.” Seconded by Mr. Vellucci. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson voted “Nay.” Mr. Strickland was absent.

- A-3 Approval of the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Award, and the Harold L. Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to award the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award to Paula Elsey. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

Mr. Quincy made a motion to award the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award to teachers on the science education team at Fairfax County Public Schools, headed by Science Coordinator Myra Thayer. Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Following discussion Mr. Vellucci made an amendment to the motion to provide the award to the sited individuals as the coordinators, as basically the facilitators whose efforts have resulted in the teaching of 10,000 students; seconded by Mr. Gorham. The motion failed. Messrs. Khan, Batten, Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, and Vajda, and Ms. Cortina, Ms. Wolf, and Ms. Quintana voted “Aye”; Messrs. Vellucci and Gorham voted “Nay”. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

The main motion carried, Messrs. Khan, Batten, Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, Gorham, and Vajda, and Ms. Cortina, Ms. Wolf, and Ms. Quintana voted “Aye”; Messrs. Vellucci and Gorham voted “Nay”. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to award the Harold L. Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award jointly to Supervisor Michael Frey and Harold L. Strickland; seconded by Ms. Cortina. Following discussion regarding the timing of the award, the motion carried. Mr. Vellucci abstained; Mr. Strickland was absent.

- A-4 Approval – Pohick Stream Valley – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant for Funding Cycle 2015 for Trail Improvements within Pohick Stream Valley (Springfield District)  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to submit a grant application for federal funding assistance from the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) administered by the Virginia Department of

Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in the amount of \$250,000 for the RTP grant, with a \$62,500 required RTP grant match to defray the costs associated with trail improvements within Pohick Stream Valley; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-5 Approval – Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive – Resolution Authorizing Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive Connector Trail (Braddock District)

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to submit a grant application for federal funding assistance from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) in the amount of \$45,000 for the LWCF grant with a \$45,000 required grant match to defray the costs associated with trail improvements for the Lake Accotink Danbury Forest Drive Connector Trail; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-6 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-7 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-8 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80000, Park Revenue and Operating Fund

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund; seconded by Messrs. Quincy and Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-9 FY 2015 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction Fund

Ms. Quintana and Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Budget Carryover for Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

A-10 The Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan with the revision to Attachment 2; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

**A-11 Scope Approval – Turner Farm Roll Top Observatory (Dranesville District)**

Ms. Wolf made a motion to approve the project scope to construct the Roll Top Observatory building at The Turner Farm Park; seconded by Mr. Quincy.

Mr. Vellucci expressed his concerns for the ability of the Park Operations Division to support this facility because Parks does not know what the Total Ownership Cost is several years down the line; cost growth, which was addressed by Mr. Bowden prior to the meeting; and reallocation of funds. Mr. Bowden explained that Park Operations handles the grounds and buildings and Park Services handles revenue. Volunteers in coordination with existing staff will operate the facility, so there are no additional staff costs with operating the facility. The Analemma Society will provide the telescope and the technical equipment. Annual estimated building maintenance costs are approximately \$3,000 per year; estimated utilities are about \$4,000, so the total operating cost is about \$7,000 per year. Revenue from the programs is estimated at approximately \$10,000 per year.

Mr. Bouie called for a vote. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

**A-12 Scope Approval – Tolson House Demolition at Mason Neck West Park**

Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve the demolition of the Tolson House at Mason Neck West Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Mr. Strickland was absent.

**INFORMATION ITEM****I-1 FY 2015 Changes to the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution**

No action was required.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie announced that he represented Virginia in the racquetball competition during the U.S. Senior Olympics in Minneapolis. He came home with a silver medal, losing to the Canadian team.

There were 15,000 senior athletes and every one was very serious. The Minneapolis convention center had 80 pickleball courts, which shows how many pickleball players there were in that particular tournament.

The in the news there has been a feature about a women's 85+ 3:3 basketball team that won the gold medal. They practice three times a week and play in a league. Every one of them is over 85 years old.

The highlight of the weekend was the 100 meter dash in the 100-year-old division, of which there were six participants. The winning time was 17-something. These people are so serious and passionate about the things they do. There is something for everyone. For those that meet the age requirement, Mr. Bouie again reminded the Board to go out and fully participate in these activities.

- The first racquetball tournament was held at Stratton Woods Park last weekend. Forty-seven people signed up. The event was cancelled on Saturday because it was too hot, but it took place on Sunday. Regular scheduled play is now ongoing with the elite players on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The courts are getting a lot of use and the neighbors love it.
- Mr. Bouie invited everyone to come out to the opening of the Water Mine expansion at Lake Fairfax Park on Saturday, August 1, at noon. He indicated that he will be the first one to go down the slide.
- The 4-H Fair and Carnival will be taking place at Frying Pan Farm Park beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 1.
- Mr. Bouie announced that a Board member is leaving – this was Ms. Quintana’s last meeting. He stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with her on the Park Board. He indicated that he would let her provide more information during her Board Matters. In closing, he congratulated Ms. Quintana on her new appointment.

#### **DIRECTOR’S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Kincannon noted that the FY17 budget directions from the county have not been provided as yet. He will provide that information to the Board electronically when it becomes available. He will be in contact with Chairman Bill Bouie related to any budget meetings that may be required prior to submission in September. If the Board has been watching the economy and the latest news related to home sales and employment, everything is moving up, which is a good sign. The Park Authority is hopeful for the next year based on the projected impact related to shortfalls of \$100M for next year and remains hopeful that it will continue to come down based on the economy.
- In relation to budget cuts for the current fiscal year in FY16 the agency reduces its paper and office supply budget by \$15,000. So everybody is doing their part. Staff has noted that for the last several meetings there have been a couple of Board packages that have been left on the dais after the meetings. So, we are asking that if Board members have the ability to move to electronic capabilities that they do that because there will be a full-fledged effort by the agency during this next year to go electronic for everybody. Parks is looking at PDs and those sorts of things, but if it is possible to do that prior to the agency getting there after

September that will help Parks save some money in printing Board packages. We are required to print one for public access and staff will continue to print one for Board members if they need one, but if they have the ability; Mr. Kincannon asked them to please go electronic. He asked that they let Ms. Gorski know if they are willing to eliminate their paper copies.

Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Pandin for coming to address the Board about the dog park and Westgrove PACK's contribution.

Mr. Bouie noted that on Tuesday, July 21, the Reston Connection had a full-page story on the Baron Cameron Dog Park and what an asset it is to the community and how the community wants to make it bigger.

#### **BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Strickland was absent and excused.
- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Bouie on his silver medal and his performance.

Mr. Khan noted that he was surprised to hear about Ms. Quintana, but added that it has been an honor and a pleasure working with her. He wished her good luck in whatever she does in the future.

Mr. Khan reported that his cricket group is working with Chris Pulley of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services on some fundraising programs for different groups that are in the planning stages. Mr. Khan's group is trying to go forward every month to pick one weekend when they are playing and pick up one issue and try to support it. Starting with back to school kids they are going to collect school supplies and try to get backpacks ready for the kids. Next month they will move on to the food drive and then will go to the coat drive before winter sets in. Once the dates are set for these events he will share them with the Board.

- Mr. Gorham thanked everyone for holding down the fort while he was on vacation. He saw a lot of national parks between here and California and noted that we have some world class parks around here too.
- Mr. Pandin addressed the Board earlier advocating the Mastenbrook Grant for water for the dog park at Westgrove. As many are aware, Mr. Gorham believes that he has not spent any more effort on any one issue since he has been on the Board for the past five years than having that dog park built. He will continue to support the dog park and the Mastenbrook Grant. He will continue to support that dog park as grass and for as long as it stays grass.

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The board that brought this dog park to fruition has turned over and he wished the new board would give respect to the board that fought to get the dog park established.

- Mr. Batten told Ms. Quintana that he would personally miss her. The Board will miss her enthusiasm and her vision, and her willingness to be wherever the action is, whatever level the action is. He expects that he will see Ms. Quintana and her family from time to time at Huntley Meadows. Whatever she is going to be doing he wished her continued success in all endeavors, business, social, and family.

To his colleagues, he encouraged them to continue to look for those candidates that they believe will truly make excellent members of the Park Foundation Board of Directors. Ed asked the Board to contact Bobbi Longworth with any information and let him know as well to make sure someone makes contact with the candidates.

- Ms. Cortina told Ms. Quintana that she would miss her, congratulated her and stated that she was sorry to see her leave the Board. She brings a certain perspective that the Board doesn't have enough of sometimes. (Case in point, the Park Operations Committee meeting discussion regarding restrooms.) Especially Ms. Quintana's vision on strategic planning committee and all of her insights. It has been a pleasure serving with Ms. Quintana and Ms. Cortina hopes to see Ms. Quintana around Burke.

Ms. Cortina met with the Friends groups on Saturday, July 11, at Green Spring Gardens. She was invited to attend the informal meeting which was intended to allow them to share and network and get to know one another and learn of the kinds of things they are doing in their organizations. They also need more help from the Park Authority organization. They have great relationships with the park managers and the teams in the parks. It's like one big team. They don't think of the difference between Park Authority staff and themselves. But, at the organizational level there are the MOUs between the groups, insurance and liability, with capital projects with multi-year plans so they can fundraise for amenities at the major parks and programs. As an organization it is good to hear from these folks and to align itself with what the organization does and how it is working with them.

Ms. Cortina thinks it would be very helpful to have these periodic meetings. The Friends groups plan to meet twice a year, in the summer and in the winter. If Parks hold its two meetings, which are more presentation style, then it would be once a quarter. She challenged to Board to think about the other large groups.

Ms. Cortina went to see the Capitol Steps on Sunday, July 12, at Mason District Park. It was a great event with over 700 people there. The park was mobbed, not only including the Capitol Steps, but with all the parties going on and the fields in use. That park sees so much activity. She really felt for the maintenance crew that would show up on Monday morning to clean up the park. There is an enormous water bottle trash issue and recycling receptacles. Parks really needs to think about this.

Ms. Cortina extended a special thank you to Sousan Frankeberger for what she does and did for the Park Authority. These programs are loved.

Thursday is a big day for Rec-PAC. Rec-PAC campers, staff and chaperones will attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the most people making heart-shaped hand gestures. The record-setting attempt will take place at 11 a.m. at the Udvar-Hazy Center at 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway in Chantilly. Ms. Cortina encouraged anyone that could get out to Udvar-Hazy to be involved in the record breaking activity.

She reported that Wakefield Skate Park held a skate fest on Saturday, July 18, that was really sick (in a good way). She added that she would like to see more “sick” (great) things like that going on in the Park Authority.

- Mr. Vajda reported that there was quite an event at Mason District Park on Sunday, July 19, with the performance of Capital Steps. Supervisor Gross came prepared with five, five-gallon jugs of water to have water handy in the heat. She had anticipated the worst because on Friday one of the patrons had a fainting spell because of the heat.

Mr. Vajda thanked Ms. Quintana for the outstanding vision she brought to the Board and wished her and her family the very best. He noted that she owed some gratitude to her young assistant (her son) whose perception showed her a lot of things that needed to be done or things that were done properly.

With Ms. Cortina’s help Mr. Vajda said that he was going to find the missing shelter in Mason District Park which was referenced in the Park Operations Committee meeting presentation on the infrastructure review of picnic shelters and restrooms.

- Ms. Wolf had nothing to report.
- Mr. Vellucci thanked Tim Scott and Sousan Frankeberger for the contributions they have made. He realizes that Parks is losing a lot of brain trust. He knows it’s inevitable, but it is interesting. He again thanked them for what they have done.

The Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley were out on Wednesday, July 22, doing trail maintenance. About 15 folks participated.

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park were out on the water on Saturday, July 18, and performed a “Raiders of the Lost Trash” exercise. It’s quite a rich environment out there, unfortunately.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Ms. Baldwin for her efforts on Carney Park. It was a park that was turned over to Parks by a builder. The playground is pretty squishy, almost like being on a moon bounce. Ms. Baldwin is working with Park Operations staff to get that fixed.

One of Mr. Scott's last projects was the Surrey Square playground. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 25, at 2 p.m. He thanked Judy Pedersen in advance since the Board will be in recess in August.

Mr. Vellucci wished everyone a wonderful August.

- Mr. Thompson thanked everyone across the board for all the work they had done for the World Police and Fire Games. It was a tremendous effort that included a lot of planning and a lot of work.

It appears that the community outreach for the ropes course at South Run District Park was successful. Mr. Bowden noted that Planning Commission approved the 2232 last week.

A lot of people came out, including Pete Murphy who is the Chair of the Planning Commission as well as the Springfield District representative, Supervisor Herrity, Kirk Kincannon, and lots of staff to the master plan meeting for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs, or whatever it is going to be called. They received a lot of good feedback. A number of concerns were related to the sewer lines and folks were pleased when they learned that Parks would not be connecting to the sewer lines. There were suggestions about adding more parking and additional fields. The neighborhood and the sports communities generated a positive response.

Staff was helpful with the one person who showed up at Burke Lake Park about the sewers and all the concerns that came up about the cross country trail. Months ago when Parks was discussing changes to the golf course, some cross country folks expressed concerns about cutting through the cross country course to put in the sewer might disrupt their course. The West Springfield Cross Country coach and school coordinator, not only for the conference but on a larger scale, proactively said that he was supportive of the change and could make it work. Things have changed things before and it would not be a problem. He also agreed that any one that had a complaint could be referred to him. He not only provided his phone number but indicated that he would be meeting with all the coaches and would tell all of them what was going on and why it was a good thing.

Mr. Thompson asked the Board members to consider telling staff not to print anything for them. If they did not have a personal device, perhaps they could print their own paper and bring them in.

Finally, he thanked Ms. Quintana for her service to the Park Authority Board. They mostly agree, but when they haven't they have done it as friends with respect for each other. He added that he would miss her and her insights.

- Mr. Quincy indicated that the master planning meeting for Ruckstuhl Park would be held on Wednesday, July 29, at Marshall High School at 7 p.m. Uniquely, this meeting will be preceded by an open house on Tuesday, July 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the park site. The open house will provide the community to wander through the site to determine what they would like and where. This will be quite interesting.

Speaking about what Parks is losing with the retirees and their expertise, Mr. Quincy noted that Ms. Frankeberger showed up at the Seldom Scene concert at Nottoway Nights on July 16. Over 1,000 people were there to listen to the concert. Fortunately, she is not going too far away.

Mr. Quincy commented that he was looking at the news the other day and there was a picture of the Turner Farm house and a story about it being restored.

He wished Ms. Quintana the very best and echoed what everyone else had said. He appreciates her views and her insight. He added that it has been a pleasure working with her and fortunately, the Board still has the Board member in training.

Mr. Quincy wished everyone a good recess in August.

- Ms. Quintana indicated that as many Board members were aware, she was looking for a new position and accepted a position with Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT). It's a management level position to build its communication and marketing for Fairfax Connector. She'll be working with a great team of people – Tom Biesiadny, whom she has worked with for years; Beth Francis; and, Anna Nissinen who recently joined the team from Loudoun County. She is hoping to bring the Fairfax Connector a little energy, a little help, and a little enthusiasm, as well as to the county as she joins the ranks of staff and leadership in the county.

While there wasn't an obvious conflict of interest her moral compass is always fairly strong and she just wouldn't want anything to come into conflict with that. She discussed this with the team at FCDOT and they all felt it was the best thing to leave the Park Authority Board.

Ms. Quintana stated that she would miss everyone. She really loves what she has done while with Parks. She knows that many times she has been helping people throughout the county. Everyone has been so wonderful and so gracious and she has learned so much from everyone including staff.

Ms. Quintana commented that having a child changed the course of her plans. She had been planning to run for office. In such a good way this allows her to continue public service and her love for the people of Fairfax County and what we do here. He came with her in utero to the Board meetings and he has been indoctrinated into the county as far as public service ever since.

Ms. Quintana thanked everyone and remarked that she knows that the Board members haven't always agreed at times and that she can be tough to get along with sometimes – a lot of the time. She wanted everyone to know that her passion, her love, and her moral compass are what drive her. She will potentially look into the Park Foundation to see what she is able to do and determine if that would be as much of a conflict.

She concluded that she hopes to see everyone around sometimes, thanked everyone, and added that it has been such a pleasure.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

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Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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