

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
July 27, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 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  
Walter Alcorn  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.\*  
Mary Cortina  
Maggie Godbold\*  
Linwood Gorham\*  
Timothy B. Hackman  
Faisal Khan  
Frank S. Vajda  
Anthony J. Vellucci

**Staff Present:**

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Judy Pedersen, PIO  
David Bowden  
Todd Brown  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
Janet Burns  
Mike Baird  
Diane Roteman

**Absent\***

**Guests:** Mary Butler

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Speaker: Victoria Brickman

Topic: E.C. Lawrence Park Safety Issues

Mr. Khan arrived at 7:35 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Mary Butler upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Mary Butler upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority. The motion was seconded and carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

ADMIN-2 Approval of Recommendation for the 2016 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, and the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approve the Awards Committee nominations of The Friends of Riverbend Park, Spring Hill Au Pairs, and Michael Mescher as recipients for the 2016 Elly Doyle Park Services Award; Mary Jane Medeiros, Fernando

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Mendez, and Brian Gritte as the 2016 Elly Doyle Special Recognition recipients; Will MacDonald as the Elly Doyle Student Honoree; Harry Glasgow as the recipient of the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award; and Mary Lipsey as the recipient of the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Vellucci noted the caliber of the slate of nominees for the awards and expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Awards Committee for its efforts in selecting the awardees.

In the context of lessons learned, he put out some thoughts for the board's consideration. First, the committee instituted a process this year that had the committee members voting for three awardees whereby the ones with the most votes received the Elly Doyle Awards while others received special recognition, but the committee could have awarded more. He recommended expanding the number of committee members to seven or eight. Second, due to the disparity in the quality of the award write-ups he recommended a more structured approach to the nomination process to normalize the writing capabilities of the nominees. Mr. Vellucci asked for the board's concurrence to instruct the director to structure the nomination forms for the next year to require greater specificity from the nominator and seek to put each candidate on a level playing field for evaluation.

Mr. Bouie called for the vote. The motion Carried. Mr. Hackman abstained; Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

ADMIN-3 Resolution to Honor Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients  
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the resolutions honoring the Outstanding Volunteer Awards recipients as presented to the board; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Vajda. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

ADMIN-4 Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing for a Proposed Land Exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed land exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC in the Sully District; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

ADMIN-5 Adoption of Minutes of the June 22, 2016 Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Quincy and Ms. Cortina made a motion to the minutes of the July 13, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1 FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund  
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund as revised. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.
- A-2 FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund  
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund as revised. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.
- A-3 FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 80000, Park Revenue and Operating Fund  
Ms. Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 80000, Park Revenue and Operating Fund as revised. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.
- A-4 FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction  
Ms. Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Carryover Budget Review for Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction as revised. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.
- A-5 Scope Approval – John C. and Margaret K. White Gardens (Mason District)  
Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the project scope for improvements at John C. and Margaret K. White Gardens. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.
- A-6 Scope Approval – Danbury Forest Drive Trail Connector (Braddock District)  
Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approve the project scope to replace the existing Danbury Forest Drive Trail Connection to the Lake Accotink Loop Trail with 270 linear feet of asphalt trail. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.
- A-7 Approval – Accotink Stream Valley Land Dedication Request – RZ/FDP 2016-PR-012-Sekas Homes, Ltd. (Providence District)  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the land dedication request of approximately 13.67 acres of land to the Park Authority as part of the rezoning application RZ/FDP 2016-PR-012-Sekas Homes, Ltd. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

**A-8 Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan Schedule for FY 2017**

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Planning and Development Division Annual Work Plan Schedule for FY 2017 as revised. The motion was seconded and carried. Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Batten and Gorham were absent.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie stated that Mr. Kincannon has some good news that the board has collectively done.
- Mr. Bouie extended congratulations to the Vienna American Little League team that won the Majors Division state championship. They beat North Springfield-Annandale in a 7-inning game. They are on their way to Warner-Robins Air Force Base to play in the Southeast Regional that begins next week.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:**

- Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe congratulated the Park Authority on the designation of six additions to the Fairfax County park system as Land Conservation Treasures under the Virginia Treasures initiative.

In a letter Kirk received this week, the Governor wrote, "...the actions you have taken join you with others across Virginia in fostering a stewardship ethic for our natural and cultural resources." He extended thanks to the Park Authority for taking this step to protect and showcase Virginia's many and diverse treasures.

The properties now considered statewide treasures include: Accotink Steam Valley Park, Cub Run Stream Valley Park, Dulles Rock Hill, Horsepen Run Stream Valley Park, Long Branch Stream Valley Park and Monch Park.

The Virginia Treasures initiative focuses on quality rather than quantity and stresses safeguarding significant sites and assets. The idea is to preserve, protect, and highlight Virginia's most important ecological, cultural, scenic and recreational assets, as well as its special lands.

Mr. Kincannon congratulated the board and to staff for their care, maintenance, and resource protection on those particular sites.

- The Park Authority received four awards from the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials, which also a part of NACo. The one award Parks was unaware of until the awards arrived was the Environmental/Conservation Award for the Wetlands Restoration at Huntley Meadows. Parks is proud of the project team and staff at Huntley Meadows, and the board members involved in the project as well.

The goal of the Huntley project was to expand the wetland and improve management of water levels. Park personnel thought it would take three years to judge the project's success and determine whether wildlife would return, but after just seven days of rain in October 2013, the park saw a tremendous return of birds and other wetland dwellers.

Huntley's honor was among four NACPRO winners the Park Authority garnered this year. The organization also honored the Spring Hill RECenter renovation and expansion project and the Colvin Run Mill Partners in Preservation Campaign.

Former Park Board chairman and long-time member Harold L. Strickland received a professional lifetime achievement award from NACPRO. Once we can track Hal down Parks will be able to provide him with this award.

- Parks received some great news. During the July 26 Board of Supervisors' meeting and at the recommendation of Ed Long Parks will receive \$100k of the \$300k it requested for capital equipment needs. This is the first money Parks has received since about 2010. Parks will also receive \$226k at carryover for the drive-cam, so that will not be a budget request in FY18. Additional funding will be provided to catch us up on seasonal pay disparity. Parks has had to absorb all the pay increases over the last eight years for Parks' seasonal part-time staff. The county gave Parks \$120k, a living wage adjustment.

The biggest news is that Parks received \$1.291M for the Infrastructure Finance Committee recommendations for Parks' infrastructure.

- As this was the last meeting before the board begins its August break, Kirk reminded the board to check the updated board calendar that is posted online with the board & committee packages. The calendar is currently showing meetings and events through the end of November, which are always subject to change. Stay informed! Stay cool! And have an enjoyable break.

Mr. Bouie congratulated Mr. Kincannon, stating that his advocacy exceeds all bounds. Staff and the board are to be celebrated as well because Mr. Kincannon's advocacy and voice to the Board of Supervisors is making all the difference.

The Stewardship Award that Parks won meant so much that Stella Koch, EQAC, took him to lunch and will write an official letter thanking Parks for that honor.

#### **BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Vellucci stated that when people go to the outer banks and hear of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, they think of the Wright brothers and the first powered-flight in the United States. No one would necessarily think of Clifton, Virginia, in Fairfax County as being on the same

level as Kitty Hawk. But in reality, they do share a common history. On March 8, 1908, Dr. William Wallace Whitney Christmas of Clifton, Virginia, made the third powered flight in the United States from Fairfax County. We would not know this had it not been for the exceptional research done by the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship awardee this year, Ms. Mary Lipsey.

Ms. Lipsey wrote a book on it which has been published. Mr. Vellucci recognized her contributions to cultural stewardship and her contribution to Fairfax County because this would have been lost in history.

With that in mind, Parks needs to preserve our history as much as possible before it's lost. He believes that the Park Authority has many needs, but the greatest need is to commit to preserving our archaeological heritage according to the museum and archaeological collections. That need is contained in the 2016 bond package which will go before the voters in November.

- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Kincannon for the great job he and his staff are doing.
- Mr. Alcorn had nothing to report.
- Mr. Thompson congratulated the Braddock Road Youth Club 01 Elite Girls' Soccer Team that is in Texas competing for the National Championship. Just two hours ago they won their second game with ten seconds left in the game to win 1-0 on their way to the national championship as they play the defending champions on July 28.
- Mr. Vajda reported that he attended the Fairfax County Employee Awards ceremony (OPAs) held in the Government Center Forum. Presentations were made by Chairman Sharon Bulova and County Executive Ed Long. The Park Authority did quite well, it had 11 awardees, second only to the Police Department. Frank acknowledged and congratulated the awardees: Megan Baker, Rosie Bombaugh, Elizabeth Cronauer, Melissa Emory, Cecil Hardee, Deanna Miller, Keith Montgomery, David Ochs, Elizabeth Paynter, Patricia Stevenson, and Alexander Titus.
- Mr. Hackman had nothing to report.
- Ms. Cortina reported that she went to the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling meeting the previous week and there was a lot to talk about. The group would like Parks to come before them sometime in the fall. They are making tours around the various districts. Mary encouraged anyone that receives an invitation to attend. School Board members have been invited as well. The meetings are enlightening.

She wished the Park board members a good summer and thanked staff for their dedication. They make these awards happen. They are an impressive group of people. She added that

Parks has wonderful properties and she is pleased to learn that Parks is receiving stewardship awards and she hopes to see more of the same moving forward.

- Mr. Quincy seconded the comments made concerning the awards and the truly dedicated staff and board, and director.

The dedication of the Child Care room in honor of Kathy Cahill at Oak Marr RECenter will take place on Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m.

He wished everyone a happy, healthy, and cool August.

- Ms. Godbold and Messrs. Gorham, and Batten were absent.
- Mr. Thompson added that he attended a meeting about the extension of Shirley Gate Road. Hopefully the official planning will start about a year from now which will allow Parks to begin work on the new master plan for Patriot Park. This should give Parks access to all the new sports facilities.
- Mr. Kincannon introduced Todd Brown, the new Park Operations Division Director, and the new Golf Operations Division Director, Todd Johnson, who will co-mingle with Peter Furey who will retire in December. Mr. Kincannon congratulated both Todds as outstanding Park employees. He stated that he has known them for a long time and they will do awesome things.
- Mr. Bouie congratulated Ms. Sandy Evans on her appointment to School Board Chair.

Mr. Bouie added that he has a meeting scheduled with Pat Hynes to discuss the meals tax initiative. He will report back in September.

He wished everyone a great, safe, and happy summer

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 7:59 p.m.

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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