

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
September 10, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8 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 Vajda, Treasurer
Edward S. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Harold L. Strickland
Richard C. Sullivan, Jr.
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Anthony J. Vellucci*

Absent*

Staff:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/CFO
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Deborah Babcock-Daley
Brian Williams
John Zeigler
Janet Burns
Mike Baird
Sousan Tavallai

PUBLIC COMMENT – No speakers were present.

AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Bouie announced that Action-1 Authorization of Agreement with JLB Dulles Tech LLC Granting Limited Power of Attorney and Indemnification would be added to the agenda as discussed in the Planning and Development Committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes, July 23, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously; Ms. Quintana and Mr. Vellucci were absent.

ACTION ITEM

A-1 Authorization of Agreement with JLB Dulles Tech LLC Granting Limited Power of Attorney and Indemnification

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Mr. Thompson made a motion to authorize the Director to executive the limited power of attorney and indemnification agreement with JLB Dulles Tech LLC; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously; Ms. Quintana and Mr. Vellucci were absent.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie congratulated 'Delegate' Sullivan on his election to serve as Delegate of the 48th District of Virginia. Mr. Bouie said that while the Park Authority would miss him, it is good to know that it will have a friend in Richmond. The swearing-in ceremony will take place on Friday, September 12.
- Mr. Bouie also congratulated Mr. Strickland, staff, and everyone that participated in the tour of the Sully District on September 6. It was long day, but it was broken up to view athletic opportunities, resource protection, and ended the day with cultural resource management. It was great and well thought out day. He thanked staff and noted that the tour showed the valuable assets within the Park system, however, so uniquely different. Mr. Bouie noted that Mr. Strickland commented throughout the day that people love their parks, which was expressed by their participation at the opening ceremonies. A number of things that were viewed on the tour were things that were not paid for by the public. Mr. Bouie added that he is looking forward to more projects like those at Sully Highlands.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the carryover on September 9. Carryover included \$535,000 related to environmental issues, which includes \$150,000 for the IMA program. Some of that money includes \$225,000 for lighting retrofits at Park Authority sites, energy efficiency conservation, and LED technology. Another \$145,000 of the \$535,000 is for the Green Purchasing Program, but also for watershed restoration, and looking at installing smart web meters and irrigation controls at 20 parks sites, and a weather system at Greendale Golf Course.

Supervisor Cook put forward \$179,000 for an additional study for Lake Accotink Park that will help define some of the issues there. Parks has heard from some people that want to keep the lake there, but have also heard from others that want to know why we continue to fund dredging every couple of years. This is a discussion that will continue with the community.

Mr. Strickland added that it was good that all the Supervisors supported the environmental initiatives.

Mr. Kincannon commended the Park Board for the work it has done to get the word out to the Board of Supervisors and to the community as to how important this initiative is.

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The general construction contribution for synthetic turf field program of \$1.5M has been identified for the school turf fields. The Supervisors are anticipating that Schools will have its funding and will partner with Parks as it has in the past.

Parks is very happy with the Supervisors' action assisting the Park Authority with its immediate needs for its constituents/park users.

Mr. Bouie stated that he understands that as a result of the Supervisors making the change in the synthetic turf along with the proffer money in the Mount Vernon District, it will accelerate the implementation of the fields by a couple of years.

Mr. Kincannon commented that we are not out of the woods yet as far as the recession and the economy, which is moving at a slow pace. Expenses are still out-pacing incoming revenue growth across the board in the Northern Virginia community. We have a lot of tasks ahead. He commended staff for the great job with the FY15 and FY16 presentations and reductions, but we are not done yet. Realistically, given the forecast we may be going through this exercise again in FY17. Parks is following up with some of the ideas that came out staff team meetings and the innovative ideas that came forward as far as looking at other ways to be efficient. The Leadership Team will work to identify the next steps for additional cost savings. Parks will continue to look for efficiencies over the next several years.

- On Tuesday, September 9, Senior Park Planner Anna Bentley attended a Virginia Outdoors Plan Technical Advisory Committee meeting in Richmond on behalf of FCPA. Anna has participated in the TAC for almost three years, assisting with development and publication of the 2013 Virginia Outdoor Plan.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan had nothing to present.
- Mr. Gorham made a request to begin the committee meetings earlier in the day, such as 4 or 4:30 p.m. to avoid the after Board meeting committee meetings.
- Mr. Batten thanked everyone for the well-wishes and for inquiring about his wife who is now doing extremely well.
Mr. Batten thanked staff for working with Carolyn Banks to establish a Friends group for Banks Park. Mr. Johnson indicated that Parks will meet with her on Friday, September 12, to encourage her to Adopt-a-Park.
- Ms. Cortina reported that she had recently visited the Water Mine and it is so professionally run. People from the local community and Fairfax County return frequently because it's a

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safe, clean, nice environment. The lifeguards are impressive. They perform a number of surprise exercises.

The Washington Post had a big spread on the front cover of the Living Section, which talks about getting to parks from the Silver Line. Encouraged by the article, she took her bike, her son, and her nephew and performed a little test to see how it actually goes. The wayfinding to get to FCPA parks is difficult, but once you arrive the trails are wonderful. This is something to consider for the future – linking parks to some of these newer amenities like the Silver Line.

Ms. Cortina thanked Ms. Cronauer for putting together a meeting with Mr. Peter Christianson from the Sidewalks and Trails Committee. They covered a list of trails as well as some of the issues. There is a referendum coming up. Ms. Cortina floated an idea to them to think about “Safe Routes to Parks”, similar to the “Safe Routes to Schools”. Parks’ trails staff are already looking at parks and how to get access. She would like to see them elevate that concept to make it safe for kids to get to parks.

With regard to the Virginia Outdoors Plan, a survey came out in June that lists the most needed facilities. The survey is online by locale http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/vop.shtml. If you select Northern Virginia, the top one is hiking, walking, and biking. The laundry list looks very similar to Parks’ list. The federal government is sending funds to the state, and the state will only fund the things that are on this list of most needed facilities. There are opportunities for Parks to get more grants to fund some of these issues, including stewardship education.

Ms. Cortina thanked Ms. Longworth for meeting with her. While the Board will be looking at the Financial Management Plan later in the evening, it looks pretty clear that several years out the revenue operations do not generate the kind of revenue to support all these other things that Parks wants to do. Parks will have to look at the Foundation growth and grants for a lot of other things that are part of Parks’ mission.

She thanked Park Authority staff. It was a wonderful summer at the parks.

- Mr. Quincy seconded the compliments made regarding the Sully District tour provided by Hal and staff. It was outstanding. As Mr. Bouie indicated, there is such diversity within that one district; it exemplifies what Parks has all over the county.

On September 4, Mr. Quincy attended the School board meeting in which they introduced new business, such as the no-smoking effort for fields and playgrounds. Parks has been working with Schools as a collaborative effort. Schools will take action on this effort on September 11. Parks received kudos for its collaboration.

Mr. Quincy reported that he and Mr. Khan attended the Oak Marr RECenter open house following the Sully tour. The RECenter was packed with a lot of happy people. He extended kudos to Ms. Nugent, front office staff, and Oak Marr staff. It's a beautiful facility.

National Public Lands Day is being held on Saturday, September 27. A 'Take Back the Forest' event will take place at Nottoway Park, which is a major IMA project. Mr. Quincy asked everyone to come out at 10 a.m., wearing old clothes and gloves, and get ready to pull some invasives.

- Ms. Leggett Quintana was absent.
- Mr. Vajda reported that Mason District had a very successful and enjoyable summer concert series at Mason District Park and at Ossian Hall Park. He is sure other board members had equally successful concert series in their respective districts. He is sure they would join him in extending a great thank-you to Sousan Frankeberger who does the scheduling for the series. She did an absolutely fabulous job.
- Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Khan for inviting him to attend a cricket match at Oak Marr Park.

He thanked staff for the work they did on the budget.

Mr. Thompson echoed the appreciation to Mr. Strickland and staff for the Sully District tour.

But, he really wants to thank Mr. Strickland and Supervisor Frey because what they saw was 20+ years in the making that they have been doing proactively. The public-private partnerships don't magically happen. Those opportunities happened because of their forward thinking nature. Not only did Mr. Thompson thank them for Saturday, but thanked them for the 20 years that led to making Saturday what it was.

- Mr. Vellucci was absent.
- Mr. Sullivan thanked everyone in the room and thanked Mr. Bouie for his comments regarding his election. It was a remarkable experience and he appreciates all the support and encouragement he received from his Park Authority family.

The County Attorney is currently looking into whether or not he can legally stay on the Park Board. It may actually be legal for him to stay on the Board; however, it may not be physically possible. Once he hears from the County Attorney he will better know his situation.

He apologized for missing some recent meetings and for missing the tour on Saturday. He understands from his fellow Board members that it was a terrific day.

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Mr. Sullivan asked everyone to mark October 5 on their calendars, which is the McLean ArtFest at McLean Central Park. This is always a terrific event. This is a jewelry/art show and there are great things to buy and to do. It's a great event for the young and old and has become, in his opinion, McLean premier gathering arena.

- Mr. Strickland thanked everyone for the kind words. He stated that he enjoyed the tour. It went well because the staff prepared exactly what was needed and made a great presentation. The hand-out materials were really good. Mr. Strickland indicated that he shared with the Board his email back to staff and asked that it be included as part of the record. (The email follows his remarks.)

Mr. Strickland welcomed the Board members that attended to Sully sauna. It was a truly hot day, but some of the sites were air-conditioned.

The Foundation members, Messrs. Osborn, Brooks, Walsh, and Foundation volunteer Mr. Albers, were so attentive and interested in what we were doing and how it was going it was quite uplifting. Mr. Strickland expressed his appreciation to them for showing the interest they did. They asked for additional information throughout the day, which really pleased him. If all the Foundation Board members are similar to these, they have a fantastic Board.

Mr. Batten expressed appreciation for Mr. Strickland's comments and added that he would share those comments at the next Foundation Board meeting on September 16. They truly are a great Board and they are still looking for others to add to the Board. Mr. Fay will be added to the Foundation Board.

Mr. Strickland apologized to two very important staff members that he failed to recognize in his email message – Ms. Nugent and Ms. Henry, manager of Cub Run RECenter. They did a great job!

“-----Original Message-----

From: Harold Strickland

To: Barbara.Gorski

Sent: Wed, Sep 10, 2014 10:28 am

Subject: Fwd: Sully Tour Invitation - Reminder from Hal Strickland

Barbara,

Please share this with the our Board members -- with the following note --

I also thanked Barbara Nugent and Doreen Henry (Cub Run ReCtr. manager) for hosting us at lunch time.

Once again our staff did an outstanding job of preparing for the Sully Tour, as well as, the two dedications.

I continue to be amazed but not surprised,

Hal

Harold Strickland

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From: Harold Strickland

To: Kirk.Kincannon; Sara.Baldwin; Cynthia.Messinger; David.Bowden; Todd.Johnson; Cynthia.Walsh; judith.pedersen; Kevin.Williams; Carol.McDonnell; john.shafer; sandra.stallman; patricia.rosend

Cc: bill.bouie

Sent: Mon, Sep 8, 2014 9:10 am

Subject: Fwd: Sully Tour Invitation - Reminder from Hal Strickland
Good Morning "Great" Staff,

I received many kind words from Foundation members, our Board members and others (similar to the attached) expressing how enjoyable and informative your well prepared handout material was and the clarity of presentations for the Sully Tour Saturday.

Supervisor Frey was very impressed and ask me to pass along his appreciation and thank you for a job well done. As you can see from John's note he was also very pleased. The expressed support and turn-out by CYA folks at the Sully Highlands dedication show their appreciation for what Park's facilities mean to their programs. And as always, the Sully Historical site volunteers and Sully Foundation members attending the Visitor Information facility opening expressed their pleasure. Chairperson Bulova told me she was delighted to be a part of the dedications for these added facilities serving the citizens of Fairfax county -- "Parks just do a fantastic job working with the citizens to improve their quality of life". Her words with out my prompting. My response -- "The citizens love their Parks".

I add my thanks to all for a wonderful experience provided our guest -- and the great effort by all --

With Warmest Regards,
Hal
Harold Strickland

-----Original Message-----

From: Harold Strickland

To: John.Litzenberger

Sent: Sun, Sep 7, 2014 8:38 am

Subject: Re: Sully Tour Invitation - Reminder from Hal Strickland

Thanks for the kind words -- we do have a great staff.

Hal

Harold Strickland

-----Original Message-----

From: Litzenberger, John

To: Harold Strickland

Sent: Sun, Sep 7, 2014 7:33 am

Subject: RE: Sully Tour Invitation - Reminder from Hal Strickland

Absolutely fantastic job yesterday Hal by you and your fine staff. It was a pleasure to be a part of this. Thanks for inviting me.

John"

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- Mr. Thompson reminder the Board that the matching grant challenge of up to \$3,000 from the Park Foundation is still open, and closes that day. The grant will match Park Authority Board contributions to the Park Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 p.m. Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close without objection.

Kala Leggett Quintana
Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on September 23, 2014

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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