

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
September 23, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:45 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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Two speakers were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes, September 10, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Strickland was absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 FY 2016 Budget Submission, Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Park Revenue and Operating Fund (Fund 80000) Budget Submission; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Strickland was absent.

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- A-2 FY 2016 Budget Submission, Fund 10001, General Fund
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the FY 2016 General Fund (Fund 10001) Budget Submission; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Strickland was absent.
- A-3 FY 2016 Budget Submission, Fund 30010, General County Construction Fund
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the FY 2016 General County Construction Fund (Fund 30010) Budget Submission; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Strickland was absent.
- A-4 Scope Approval – Trail Signs for Stream Valley Trails
Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the project scope to provide way-finding signs for trails in stream valley parks; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Strickland was absent.
- A-5 Approval – Greenbriar Commons Park Master Plan (Springfield District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Greenbriar Commons Park Master Plan; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried unanimously; Mr. Strickland was absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 FY 2015-2017 Financial Management Plan Park Revenue Funds 80000 and 80300
No action was necessary.
- I-2 FY 2016 Budget Submission, Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction
No action was necessary.
- I-3 FY 2016 Budget Submission, Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund
No action was necessary.
- I-4 FY 2015/FY 2016 – 1% and 3% General Fund Budget Reduction Options
No action was necessary.
- I-5 Old Colchester Park and Preserve Draft Master Plan for Public Comment (Mount Vernon District)
No action was necessary.
- I-6 Needs Assessment Update
No action was necessary.
- I-7 Quarterly Project Status Report
No action was necessary.

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CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie wished happy holidays to everyone that is celebrating Rosh Hashanah.
- He thanked staff for the extraordinary amount of publicity Sully Highlands is getting. On Sunday morning News 4 did a piece on the turnkey proffer and all the things that can be done at Sully Highlands. He offered congratulations to staff and to Mr. Strickland, Supervisor Frey, and to all the folks that came together to make it happen.
- Mr. Bouie commented that he had the opportunity to go back home for an event called "Homecoming Detroit." He was one of 150 people selected to spend three days in a symposium about best practices and how to bring back the city. It was a fascinating event that was attended by three past mayors (not the one that is in jail), the governor, the presidents of all the auto companies, and the presidents of the major universities, and Warren Buffet. One of the things that he hopes to be able to do is to contribute based on everything this Board has done to show how much parks means to a community, try to institute best practices, and get citizens groups going with community adoption and a park foundation. He thanked the Board for the education that allows him to go back.
- Mr. Bouie said that he is hearing a lot of good things about the improvements that are taking place at Clemyjontri Park. The neighbors and the entire community are excited about the improvements.
- Kudos to Davood Majidian for the fantastic work he is doing with energy management.
- Mr. Bouie congratulated Mr. Quincy for not only participating in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, but for taking home two gold and one silver medal.
- Congratulations were also extended to Mr. Khan's cricket team that lost in the finals of the Fairfax Cup after going undefeated for the entire season.
- On Friday, September 19, Mr. Bouie did get to take batting practice at Comerica with the Tigers.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Though the deer management program remains basically the same as in past years and as was presented by Sargent Earit Powell at the May 28, 2014, Resource Management Committee meeting, there has been several new staff involved. The new Wildlife Management Specialist Dr. Katherine Edwards was recently hired and is being managed by Tawny Hammond, Director of the Animal Shelter. Sargent Powell is still the Police Department representative running the operations of the program and he is being managed by a new chain of command. All of these changes have led to some confusion with citizens on whom to

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contact with questions and concerns as well as the management of the countywide program. Some of the concerns have been hunt locations on parkland and requests for taking specific parks off the list resulting in calls to some BOS and PAB members. In order to ensure continuity and success moving forward Kirk and Chief of Police Ed Roessler met and the following actions have/are occurring:

- Staff from FCPD and FCPA met to clarify roles and communication moving forward.
- An MOU has been drafted for the relationship between the two departments as well as Health Department and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.
- The Wildlife Management Specialist will be leading the effort to create a new countywide deer management plan to replace the existing plan that has been in place since 1998.

A meeting was held on Tuesday night in the Sully District in one of the areas that had some concerns. Supervisor Frey met with the Police Department, park representatives and others met with concerned citizens and addressed the questions and issues very well.

Mr. Kincannon extended kudos to RMD staff.

- With regard to Todd Johnson's presentation during the Park Operations Committee meeting on infrastructure, the Board will begin to see more and more information on the cost of operations and ownership of all of parks' facilities. We anticipate discussions of lifecycle management as well as green energy and green technology, and will look for ways to get those credits to be used to help Parks with stormwater management, and to find other mechanisms that may be available to help fund some of these things.

Like the new technology available regarding energy savings, there is also new technology related to park design, infrastructure, and construction. All these things are part of that assessment.

BOARD MATTERS

- Delegate Sullivan was happy to report that he survived his first special session in Richmond.

Mr. Sullivan is still waiting for an opinion from the County Attorney's office as to whether it is okay for him to remain on the Park Board.

Mr. Sullivan reminded everyone that the McLean Project for the Arts is holding its Artfest at McLean Central Park on Sunday, October 5. He encouraged everyone to try to get out to the Artfest. There is something for everyone.

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- Mr. Vellucci reported that he stepped aside as president of the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) on September 18. Ms. Megan Walker is the new president and she is doing great.

FLAP is working more closely with the Friends of Accotink Creek and the newly formed Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley and will all be involved in the cleanup of Accotink Stream Valley on October 18.

FLAP made a donation to the Park Foundation for Lake Accotink Park to help fund environmental programs for underprivileged kids. They have now had two “Accotink Raiders of the Lost Trash” expeditions whereby they go upstream in canoes and collect the trash before it gets to the marina. Mr. Vellucci circulated a copy of the Springfield Connection that had an article and photo of the bootie that was collected.

Mr. Vellucci reminded everyone that there is a public meeting on Wednesday, September 24, at 7 pm. at Cardinal Forest Elementary School regarding the Lake Accotink Trail Improvements.

Mr. Vellucci commented on a recent email the Board members received from a constituent regarding encroachments. This person should have gone through his civic association, which he had not; however, he should have received an answer much quicker than he did. Mr. Vellucci stated that the Park Authority needs to respond to its citizens in a timelier fashion and there should be Standard Operating Procedures in place for that.

Mr. Vellucci added that Parks needs to put more focus on encroachments because it is a problem countywide. He suggested that encroachments be put on the agenda the next time Parks meets with the Police Department to figure out some concrete actions that Parks can take. Parks needs to do something that says to the citizens that it is serious about encroachments. People are using park property for disposal of yard trash, which is frustrating.

The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) received bids for the dredging of Woodglen Lake and they were significantly higher than expected. DPWES forecasted \$3.5M and the bids came in at \$5.3M. Mr. Vellucci understands that one of the biggest price drivers is the cost of hauling the material to Maryland. Planning and Development is working with DPWES to find locations in the Lorton area that are owned by the Board of Supervisors.

With regard to the Bylaws revision, Mr. Vellucci had expressed some concerns to Mr. Quincy. While Roberts Rules of Order have been cited with regard to the bylaws, he requests that the Park Authority follows RRO with regard to the development of the bylaws. Chapter 20 is very specific about what should be in the bylaws; Standing Committees should be in the bylaws.

- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for dealing with the opening times issue. A constituent expressed a desire for the South Run RECenter to open earlier. The opening time has been adjusted to 4:15 a.m.

Staff has been very helpful in dealing with the Burke Lake dam where a contractor had actually mowed some of the new trees.

Staff gave a great presentation to the Athletic Council on the Needs Assessment. Mt. Thompson believes there is a good chance that a number of groups will do the meeting in a box. He encouraged everyone to think about the meeting in a box that allows most of the groups to be involved and give some feedback.

Mr. Thompson congratulated those that were involved in getting a signed contract for the design of Lewis-Lincoln Vannoy. The baseball community has been concerned especially after the delays that are going on at Patriot Park because of the road work. The baseball community is much happier now.

The additional parking that was added to South Run District Park is huge. The park could use more parking, but these additional spaces have made it much easier considering the number of playing fields in use at one time. Mr. Thompson thanked those that were involved in making the additional spaces fit into the park.

- Mr. Vajda reminded everyone to come out to Ossian Hall on Saturday, September 27, at 1 p.m. for the installation of the very first tobacco-free sign.
- Ms. Leggett-Quintana thanked Mr. Strickland and staff for the tour of the Sully District. It was great to see what's going on with the ball fields, appreciating what resources we have, and to see what infrastructures are already in place and what needs to be done.

The new entrance to Frying Pan Farm Park is going to make it easier to get in and out of that facility.

Ms. Quintana took her family to Cub Run RECenter to enjoy the waterpark. Her son had a blast. People seem to genuinely enjoy the facility. Staff is really top-notch and she was very impressed.

She offered belated congratulations to Mr. Sullivan and stated that it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know him and to work with him on the Board, and to go on tours with him. Mr. Sullivan has an enthusiasm, a sharp wit about him, and an affable demeanor that will serve us well in Northern Virginia and in Richmond. He is a true example of the Sorenson Way, the Virginia Way. She is pleased that guys like Mr. Sullivan really do care

about what we are doing up here. She thanked Mr. Sullivan for continuing to dedicate himself to people of Northern Virginia.

- Mr. Quincy reported that on September 18 the School Board passed the installation of tobacco-free signs. Parks collaboration with them was mentioned in a very positive light. Schools will be at the Ossian Hall unveiling.

Mr. Quincy invited everyone to come to Nottoway Park before they go to Ossian Hall on Saturday, September 27. A Public Lands Day event along with an IMA program will be held at 10 a.m. at Nottoway.

Mr. Quincy's first participation in the Northern Virginia Olympics was a real eye-opening experience. He was surprised at the number of seniors, even older than the Board members, actively participating in all sorts of activities. He had an opportunity to speak with a number of them and they use park facilities a lot--not only Fairfax County park facilities, but Arlington and Loudoun as well. Several Board meetings ago the Board discussed the changing demographics of our population. Seniors is the fastest growing segments of the population age wise. These folks use parks and were not hesitant to tell him how they could be improved. They are willing to pay, but want services and facilities. As he stated earlier, it was an eye-opener for him. As an example, there was a 94-year-old walking a 3-mile walk.

- Ms. Cortina thanked Marty Smith, manager of Riverbend Park for a tour of Scott's Run Nature Preserve. Several safety incidents have taken place there this year with one fatality. There are hazards along the Potomac River and a concern was brought to her by a constituent. There is a possibility for signage and other trail routes. She appreciates the hands on tour.

Mr. Glasgow joined her on a subsequent tour. It was very educational to go through the park with him. There were so many species in the park and he knows so much about them. She noted that she even ate some paw-paw fruit. It was delicious.

Ms. Cortina thanked Bill Godfrey of Historic Properties Rental Service who gave her a tour of the Grange, the Schoolhouse, the Dranesville Tavern, and Ashgrove. These are wonderful artifacts of our American history. We sometimes forget in Fairfax County that the founding of our nation is right here in Fairfax County. These are real treasures to protect and the Park Board has the responsibility to remember that it is the caretaker of this heritage. Sometimes in its quest to focus on the many things it does in the Park Authority the Board needs clarity of focus that Parks has resources, the natural resources, the recreation, and health and to make sure it pays enough attention to all of those aspects, especially the cultural one.

It was a great tour and she recommended that perhaps it could be added to the list of tours.

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Ms. Cortina thanked Mr. Vellucci for stepping down as president of FLAP. She had concerns about the dual role. There has been a total revitalization in spirit of the whole Lake Accotink group. They are gung-ho and have a lot of great ideas and enthusiasm. The synergy that is coming out of them working with the Accotink Stream Valley and the Friends of Accotink Creek who are bringing disadvantaged children to Lake Accotink through programming there. None of that was happening prior to the rebounding of this group. Ms. Cortina commended Mr. Vellucci for that and for getting the Long Branch Stream Valley Friends Group going. She believes the Friends Groups are key to so much of what Parks does. They are advocates; they're volunteers. She also thanked Tony for listening to her concerns and acting on them.

- Mr. Batten reported that the Park Foundation met on September 16 and that Mr. Glasgow is currently the Treasurer.

The Foundation received an audit report by its auditor, and as Ms. Longworth would concur, was a pretty successful audit report.

Clemyjontri Park is in great need at this time and is a priority of the Foundation. He encouraged the Park Board and others to help get it back to what it was, if not better. There is commitment from the Foundation Board. Clemyjontri Park was the Foundation's first major project.

The Foundation Board approved the nomination of Kevin Fay to the Foundation Board. The action should be coming to the Park Board soon.

The Foundation continues to do everything it can to enrich and enhance the quality of life for this community through its commitment to helping Parks in any way that it can. Mr. Batten is still encouraging everyone to provide the Foundation with the kind of candidates that currently exist on the Foundation Board so that it can enlarge the Foundation Board and do more on behalf of the Park Authority as a whole. Adding Mr. Fay will help that, but the Foundation is looking for additional members. Ed encouraged his colleagues to look at their friends and associates for any that may be interested. He asked that they please contact Bobbi Longworth.

On Friday, September 19, a meeting was held with Supervisor McKay to review some of the things that have been done regarding the Franconia Park Master Plan since the initial public meeting. Mr. Bowden and his staff have done some significant work and they were there along with leaders from the community. They are doing everything they can to be supportive of the master plan while at the same time keeping Parks focused on the fact that there is a community surrounding that park. We want to do whatever we can to cooperate with the community and encourage it to continue to do all that it can to keep that park where it needs to be relative to meeting the needs of the community at large and the larger community of Fairfax County.

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Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Bowden and his team for doing all that they have done. The community members that were at the meeting were very appreciative of the fact that what Parks told them at the public meeting that Parks is not only listening to them, but it hears them and are responding to their needs; responding to the kind of incentives that they provide Parks to work in a better manner on their behalf.

Supervisor McKay was very pleased with the meeting.

- Mr. Gorham thanked Ms. Pedersen and Mr. Johnson for listening to some people that are not happy at a dog park. Mr. Gorham got two groups together a couple of weeks ago. They agreed that they would work together and are making a good faith effort.

Mr. Gorham regretted that Mr. Strickland could not make the meeting because he really wanted to talk to him about the South County/Chantilly football game. Last year Chantilly squeaked it out over South County, one of their few defeats. Last week both undefeated teams, South County beat Chantilly 34-14.

- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Sullivan on his great achievement. He added that if Mr. Sullivan leaves the Park Board he will be greatly missed and it has been a pleasure knowing him. Mr. Khan wished Mr. Sullivan the best of luck in whatever he is going to do and is sure it will bring the Northern Virginia community some good luck as well.

Mr. Khan thanked Mr. Thompson for attending one of his cricket matches, which they won.

He thanked Messrs. Johnson and Majidian. They are doing a great job with the non-stop work and the great results they are producing.

Mr. Khan commented on the Fairfax Cup which Mr. Bouie mentioned in his remarks. He added that he will invite the full Board to the ceremony at the end of the season. This is all part of a program to bring exposure to the Park Authority and the county. They are getting the word out and people are building interest in the parks and everything.

He thanked Ed Busenlehner and Mike Harris at Oak Marr Park for the great job they have done in maintaining the fields. They can match international standards; it is top notch.

Mr. Khan wished Ms. Pedersen happy holidays.

- Mr. Batten commented on a recent incident at Huntley Meadows Park.
- Mr. Bouie noted that he did not know that there was a second Chairman Bulova here in Fairfax County. He received a letter from Chairman Gretchen Bulova from the History

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Commission last week notifying Parks that the History Commission fully endorsed the Resident Curator Program.

On September 27-28, in Reston the Multicultural Festival is taking place. Another citizenship ceremony on Saturday beginning at noon at Lake Anne.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:38 p.m. Ms. Quintana made a motion to convene in closed session for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of public 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. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Strickland was absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. Ms. Quintana made a motion to that the Park Authority Board 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. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Strickland was absent.

C-1 Addition of Property Located in the Lee District to the Work Plan

Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the addition of property located in the Lee District to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Strickland was absent.

C-2 Addition of Property Located in the Hunter Mill District to the Work Plan

Messrs. Batten and Khan made a motion to approve the addition of property located in the Hunter Mill District to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Strickland was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:52 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana
Secretary

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Minutes Approved at Meeting
on October 8, 2014

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