

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
October 14, 2015
As Amended**

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
Michael Thompson, Jr. Secretary
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer
Walter Alcorn
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
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

Absent*

Guest: John Frey, Clerk to the Court
Deborah Babcock-Daley

OATH OF OFFICE - Clerk to the Court, John Frey, administered the oath of office to Walter Alcorn, At-large.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No speakers were present.

PRESENTATION

The resolution honoring the Oak Marr Renovation Team was deferred to December 16.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Deborah Babcock-Daley upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Deborah Babcock-Daley upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by

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Mr. Batten. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

- ADMIN-2 Adoption of the Minutes, September 21, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2017 – FY 2021)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the submission of the Capital Improvement Program (FY 2017-FY 2021) to the County’s Capital Improvement Program review team; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.
- A-2 Approval – Exception to Policy 302-Athletic Field Use for Fairfax Adult Softball
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the request by Fairfax Adult Softball to grant an exception to Policy 302-Athletic Field Use extending the season to November 14; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.
- A-3 Greenbriar Commons Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Greenbriar Civic Association (Springfield District)
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Greenbriar Civic Association in the amount of \$7,636.25 for renovation of the asphalt trail at Greenbriar Commons Park; seconded by Mr. Strickland. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.
- A-4 Brookfield Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Trails for Youth.Org (Lee District)
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Trails for Youth.Org in the amount of \$7,135 for the construction of a bicycle pump track at Brookfield Park; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.
- A-5 Westgrove Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Westgrove Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness (Mount Vernon District)
Mr. Gorham made a motion to approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Westgrove Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness in the amount of \$6,460.50 for the installation of a water meter and hydrant for the dog park at Westgrove Park; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.
- A-6 Approval – Ellanor C. Lawrence Park – Naming of Soccer Field # 4 Honoring Jeff Stein (Sully District)
Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the naming of Soccer Field # 4 at Ellanor C.

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Lawrence Park in honor of Jeff Stein; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

A-7 Approval – Ellanor C. Lawrence Park – Naming of the Field #6 Honoring Gary Flather (Sully District)

Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the naming of the Field # 6 at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in honor of Gary Flather; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

A-8 Approval – Burke Lake Park – Naming of the Sand Volleyball Complex in Honor of David Lacey (Springfield District)

Mr. Thompson made a motion to naming of the Sand Volleyball Complex at Burke Lake Park in honor of David Lacey; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

A-9 Approval – Sully Highlands Park – Naming of the Rectangular Synthetic Turf Field #1 to Honor Ralph Wills (Sully District)

Mr. Strickland made a motion to name the rectangular synthetic turf field #1 at Sully Highlands Park in honor of Ralph Wills; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Park Authority Board Meeting Schedule – January to December 2016

It was the consensus of the board to accept the schedule as presented. Meeting dates are

January 13 and 27	August Recess
February 10 and 24	September 14 and 28
March 9 and 23	October 13 (Thursday) and 26
April 13 and 27	November 9 (committee meetings only)
May 11 and 25	November 16
June 8 and 22	December 7 (committee meetings only)
July 13 and 27	December 14

I-2 Infrastructure Projects Affecting Parkland

No action was necessary.

I-3 2016 Bond Process

No action was necessary.

I-4 Strategic Plan FY15 Report and FY 16 Implementation Plan

No action was necessary.

- I-5 FY 2016-FY 2018 Financial Management Plan Park Revenue Funds 80000 and 80300
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie thanked the folks at Frying Pan Farm Park and Sara and everyone for the poetry contest winners' event on October 3 at Frying Pan Farm Park. It was a cool event with nearly 100 folks in attendance.
- Mr. Bouie has had a number of opportunities to meet with elected officials and supervisors over the past three or four weeks because of the upcoming elections. When our elected officials talk about expanding needs most of them including the board chair is always saying that she understands that schools need this, but Parks is always the leader. It's always in line with Libraries in terms of what they need to pay attention to. One of our congressmen speaking to a school board member stated that the school board should take an example from Parks in the way Parks and its tone in the way it works with the Board of Supervisors. In essence, Parks was complimented on its tone and approach in putting its needs in front of the Board of Supervisors. So, the Park Board is to be commended for constantly communicating Parks' message to that leadership, which is coming through loud and clear.
- Parks made a donation of some passes to the Library Foundation. In exchange for that Parks received a book level sponsorship with two complimentary tickets to the Library Foundation Jubilee Event on October 16 from 5 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodrow Wilson Library. Mr. Bouie was unable to attend and extended the invitation to any board member that was interested.
- While Mr. Quincy and Mr. Bouie have been bugging everyone about the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Mr. Bouie is always amazed the more and more people are exposed to our parks and the different things in our parks that one can take advantage of. If anyone has not taken advantage of our parks, they are really missing out on a good thing.

Mr. Bouie had some down time over the last few weeks and one of the things that has come to his attention was senior health. Senior health is so important. While in Central Park in New York he was able to see what they have done with the railroad tracks and various pocket parks that have been put together, along with senior adult playgrounds that have activities for seniors that are non-invasive. Mr. Bouie commented that everyone should take care of their health and go out a visit our Parks when they can.

- Mr. Bouie congratulated all the winners of the Trailblazer awards.

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DIRECTOR’S MATTERS

Mr. Kincannon reported that Parks had a great Trailblazers’ event with staff awards. Trailblazer Awards were presented to the following:

Lifesaver Award:	Tammy Yelmgren
Trailblazer Committee Award:	Jesse Bradford
Stewardship Award:	Christopher Sperling
Quality of Life:	Darrel Picard
Customer Choice:	Alexandra Fernandez
Diversity:	Mount Vernon Woods Master Plan Team
Site of the Year:	Area 3 Park Operations
Team of the Year:	RecPAC Team
Project of the Year:	Volunteer Management Manual
Supervisor of the Year:	Jonathan Casey
Employee of the Year:	Nicole Falceto

The turnout was great. The team did a fantastic job. There were a lot of positive comments received from staff. The food was donated by the Park Foundation.

- Mr. Kincannon provided the board some details of the initiative to target new homeowners across the county with a self-mailer addressed to Our New Neighbor. The mailer includes guest pass for the family to visit a RECenter, and we will track how many cards are redeemed. The first mailing is going out this week (Oct. 12) and targets 5,900 addresses of new homeowners across the county.
- On October 28, Joe Mondoro, CFO, and County Executive Edward L. Long, Jr. will come before the Park Authority Board to present the Lines of Business programs and process. Around the first of the year Parks will roll out its LOBs that were developed in-house. Staff has been working for many weeks. Kirk thanked Janet Burns, Aimee Vosper, and Sara Baldwin for their work. All the staff and division directors have been doing a yeoman’s job to try to get this all together.
- The governance manual is in draft completed form. Information will be coming to the Board early next week with the link, login, and password. If any board member would like a printed copy, they should contact Barbara Gorski, or we can make a computer available to anyone that would like to come to the office to review the document. The board will have about 30 days for review and comment. The compiled thoughts will be brought back to the board with the idea that the document will be approved by year end. If not, soon after the beginning of the new year. This is a new document and is one of our strategic goals to move this forward. Mr. Kincannon thanked the board for its patience, and Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Vosper, Ms. Messinger, and Ms. Gorski for helping to move this document forward.

- With regard to the legislative proposals, the Board of Supervisors said thanks but no thanks. The request that retailers and those who sell to residents of the Commonwealth does not take legislative action, the Board of Supervisors recommended that the Park Authority get with Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to support and promote this cause. Supervisor Gross indicated that she would support this in her efforts. Parks needs to work with other groups in the county to make this advocacy piece a little stronger.

As for tax credits or legislative action, the Board of Supervisor will not take any action.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Khan thanked Mr. Bowden and his staff for providing the presentation on the infrastructure impacts to park land.

He congratulated Mr. Alcorn and offered an official welcome to the ‘club.’

The cricket season is coming to an end on Sunday, October 18, at Oak Marr Park. If his team wins the presentation will take place Oak Marr Park at 8:30 p.m. on October 27.

- Linwood Gorham had no comments.
- Mr. Batten reminded the board to provide the Foundation with names of potential viable candidates for the Foundation Board.
- Ms. Cortina had no comments.
- Mr. Quincy, reported that as liaison to the School Board he attended a meeting on September 24, which was a sort of follow up to the meeting on the collaborative efforts Parks has with Schools. Superintendent Garza provided her annual report. It was very interest. Mr. Quincy believes there is more collaboration that could be done that would be beneficial to both organizations.

There are 188,000 students in Fairfax County, of those 54,000 are defined in the poverty level, or about 30%. Those families are part of Parks clientele. While Parks does a lot, it needs to keep that element in mind as Parks moves forward with programs.

- Mr. Thompson congratulated Mr. Kincannon with regard to the Strategic Plan document, which is a huge improvement from where Parks was a while ago.

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Mr. Kincannon noted that it was the team effort. Mr. Thompson rebutted that the leader of the team is doing a much better job than where Parks was prior to Mr. Kincannon coming to Fairfax County.

With regard to invasives that Parks got feedback on from the Board of Supervisors, besides the legislative issue Parks needs to figure out if it could get the Board of Supervisors to work into the contracts that anything planting a contractor does be a non-invasive species. That is something Parks needs to pursue.

Resident curator program has received a lot of comments and feedback from Mr. Thompson, which he appreciates as they try to pull the meetings together.

Thanked staff for work on the ropes course at South Run. Vendors are coming out on October 21.

Mr. Thompson reported an incident at Rolling Valley Park where a soccer team from outside the county was attacked by yellow jackets. Staff is apparently taking care of a number of bee issues out there.

Mr. Thompson commented that it is less than 30 days from now until the last board meeting in November. When Mr. Kincannon is thinking through timing issues, and is talking about extra meetings to work through the bond process, Mr. Thompson suggested that it would be better to do it right rather than try to shove the manual and all the bond meetings and all the other stuff together. With the holidays, it becomes a very strained schedule.

- Mr. Strickland reported that he and Mr. Quincy met last week with staff concerning the possible negative impacts to Parks in the Providence and Sully Districts from the several VDOT conceptual proposals for improving the I-66 Corridor, one of the information items presented to the board earlier in the evening.

Mr. Strickland thanked staff for being proactive and timely in their responses. He thanked Ms. Vosper, Mr. Bowden, Ms. Stallman, and Ms. Cronauer for their efforts. Their briefing was most beneficial providing detailed and timely information on the possible impact to Parks. He also commended them for recommending best avenues for effective Park Authority responses. Parks' comments have pointed out the impacts but also have offered alternative to VDOT in a very constructive and positive way. An excellent job, as usual.

Mr. Strickland and Ms. Cortina met with Mr. Kincannon, Ms. Vosper, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Bowden, and Ms. Stallman on Tuesday, October 13, for staff to brief them on their progress and status on the 2016 Park Bond. The discussion and recommendations were excellent and he was pleased with the presentation provided during the board meeting.

- Walter Alcorn had no comments.
- Mr. Vellucci commented to Mr. Strickland that going to a Committee of the Whole for bond issues is a very good idea and is very inclusive. This bond is very important to Parks, especially the amount and what the board has to do. Mr. Vellucci totally applauds making it an all-inclusive event.

Mr. Vellucci had some comments on the Financial Management Plan. He thought it was a really good document from the perspective that there was a lot of new information and was included in previous plans. He is happy to see that Parks' plans are starting to come together and getting towards where they are going to be integrated. He asked that the sooner they look and have the same feel, so they look like they come out of one organization instead of four separate organizations it would help.

He thanked Ms. Walsh for bringing to his attention to something very interesting that caused him to think of something else. That is that Parks has a mute swan at Royal Lake. He did not know that a mute swan is an exotic species. It is Eurasian. It's not necessarily an invasive species but it's a nuisance species. The state has a mute swan management plan and it has been effective in curtailing the number of mute swans in the commonwealth from about 1,300 to less than 200 today.

This discussion brought to mind another nuisance species—encroachers on park land. Virginia state code has identified that it is open hunting season on nuisance species meaning that we ought to be going after encroachers whenever/wherever they are found. As the primary land holder in Fairfax County Parks ought to have an encroachment plan that addresses encroachment on park land. It's the responsible thing to do as a public steward. At the next board meeting Mr. Vellucci would like to bring a motion before the board to adopt an encroachment plan. Parks should work with Planning and Zoning, Public Works, and the County Attorney. Parks has roles and responsibilities that are well defined. While Parks would prefer voluntary compliance, it may have to get nasty with those that do not.

- Mr. Vajda had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Thompson 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. Wolf was absent.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson 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. Alcorn. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

Mr. Vellucci made a motion to add the property discussed in closed session to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

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

Mr. Strickland made a motion to add the property located in the Sully District to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf was absent.

C-3 Update on Property Located in the Dranesville District

No action was necessary.

C-4 Update on Property Located in the Dranesville District

No action was necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on October 28, 2015

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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