

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
October 22, 2014**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 J. Vajda, Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Harold L. Strickland
Richard (Rip) C. Sullivan, Jr.
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Kirk Kincannon, Director
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/CFO
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Judy Pedersen, PIO
Deborah Babcock-Daley
Barbara Nugent
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Brian Williams
John Zeigler
Janet Burns

PUBLIC COMMENT: One speaker was present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes, October 8, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy and Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

- A-1 Endorsement – Tysons Park System Concept Plan (Dranesville, Hunter Mill, and Providence Districts)
Mr. Quincy made a motion to endorse the Tysons Park System Concept Plan; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.
- A-2 Scope Approval – Playground Replacement and Related Work at Wickford Park (Lee District)
Mr. Batten made a motion to approve the project scope for design and installation of replacement playground equipment and related work at Wickford Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

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A-3 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2016 - FY 2020)

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the submission of the Capital Improvement Program (FY 2016 - FY 2020) to the County's Capital Improvement Program review team; seconded by Messrs. Vajda and Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1 Draft Bruin Park Master Plan Amendment (Dranesville District)**

No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie congratulated Mr. Quincy and staff on the reopening of Oak Marr RECenter. It is a beautiful facility.
- Mr. Bouie announced that Mr. Kincannon would talk about of number of things that happened in Charlotte at the NRPA Congress.
- Mr. Bouie received some correspondence from the Chairman of the School Board with regard to discussions about changing of the start times and how Parks and Schools are working together. Schools believes it has some of the issues settled with regard to field use, golf courses, tennis courts, etc. Jeff Plattenberg continues to work with Kirk Kincannon on the situation surrounding swimming. Mr. Bouie indicated that the letter will be shared with the Board via email. Mr. Bouie will continue to keep the Board informed and will bring some things back to the Board for approval in the future.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon expressed what a great staff Parks has and added he has been blessed to work with the Fairfax County Park Authority. During the NRPA Congress in Charlotte he not only got to attend great educational sessions, he got to see a city that thinks it's as good as Fairfax (but it is not), and getting the Best of the Best Awards. Parks received the Kudos Marketing Award for the Colvin Run Mill piece for preservation.

The Excellence in Inclusion Award was presented for the programs and activities that Parks does in Fairfax County.

There are about 2,500 agencies across the nation that are part of the parks and recreation group. There is one award for these categories and NRPA received over 200 entries for these awards.

Hats off to staff for the great work they do and to the Board for its support through its policy that enables the agency to do what it can do.

As he listened to Mecklenburg County brag about the things it does he began thinking we do all those things and he realized that Fairfax County probably doesn't toot its own horn as effectively as it probably should. As Ms. Cortina had pointed out, we need to make sure the citizenry is aware of what it has available to them.

- Mr. Kincannon had sent the Board a note that Jean Packard had passed the other day. He indicated that he would keep them apprised of any arrangements as things move forward.
- Mr. Bouie added that since the last meeting he has spoken with a number of different Board members with regard to the volunteer groups and liability. Mr. Bouie came up with an idea that MR. Kincannon will run by the County Attorney that may work. Mr. Kincannon will have more information as we move forward.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan reported that the cricket league has three games left to the season. He invited the Board to join them in the ceremony at the end of the year. One of Mr. Khan's teammates was picked up for the U.S. National team and recently left for Malaysia for the qualifiers.
- Mr. Gorham brought forward his desire not to have committee meetings following the Board meetings. He suggested that if we continue to do that the Board meetings should begin ½ hour earlier.
- Mr. Batten commented that some Board members have been very helpful in submitting names for the Foundation Board. Anyone who has not talked with Ms. Longworth about Foundation Board members should please take a look at their community and do what they can to encourage those people to get their names and resumes to Ms. Longworth.
- Ms. Cortina shared her recent camping experience at Lake Fairfax Park. She feels it's a wonderful location for a Board retreat. It's a wonderful facility and she encouraged everyone to get out there.
- Mr. Strickland stated that he was sad to hear about Jean Packard. She had been such an activist in this county for many, many years. He has had the opportunity to work with her on many issues. Her husband was one of Parks' first directors. She supported Parks fully and it could always call on Jean with an issue. She could open any door to get into see any politician any time. When she went to Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority that improved the organization significantly and really turned it around. She started on the Soil and Water Conservation District and had been very effective in that area. Everywhere Jean served, she served well. Jean was early on one of the first politicians, first activists in our community to push green. Green wasn't cool then but she stood up for it. Parks and the community is going to miss Jean, she was a great citizen for the things we care about.

- Mr. Sullivan said that he missed a couple of meetings because he was doing some in-depth research on Italian parks. They do it well in Italy; they've had a couple of thousand years to do it. But, he didn't see any awards like the Park Authority received.
- Mr. Vellucci, Braddock District, reported that the cleanup of Lake Accotink Park took place on Saturday, October 18. Newly formed Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley had over 50 folks out on the trail. Kudos to them.
- Mr. Thompson commented about the NBC report on turf fields. The topic came up at the Athletic Council meeting. Todd Johnson and Kirk Kincannon decided not to take Bill Curran to the NRPA Congress to talk about turf fields, but left him behind to answer all the questions at the Athletic Council meeting. He did a good job of explaining how Fairfax County is different and doesn't have those same issues. Ms. Pedersen has put a statement out.

Mr. Bouie noted that when contacted about the turf fields he was able to recall the handout that was published as a result of the work of Parks and the Health Department, which seemed to settle down a lot of people.

Mr. Thompson reported that he did his first "meeting in a box" and encouraged everyone to get groups to do that. Folks that can should participate in one meeting in a box so they could explain better to those they are encouraging to do it. It's online, all the stuff is there. It's a good way to get feedback.

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to bring forward.
- Ms. Quintana, At-large, a friend of hers is turning 40 in November and wanted to do something different for her birthday. She doesn't want anything, but wants to be able to give back. Ms. Quintana urged her friend, who also has a special needs son, to encourage her guests to come to her party and bring a donation for Clemy. That donation can be given to the Foundation. Ms. Quintana is very excited about this and to have her friend share her love of our parks and what they are doing for her and her family and to give people an opportunity to support them.

Ms. Quintana issued a challenge to staff. She would like to visit a park she hasn't been to that's a little off the beaten path and will give her son an opportunity to run around. If anyone has an idea, please email her before Saturday. She'd love some new ideas, and who would know the parks better than staff. She will, of course, post something on Facebook.

- Mr. Quincy welcomed Ms. Sandy Evans from the School Board, the liaison to Parks.

While a little windy, a successful ribbon cutting took place at Oak Marr RECenter. There was a modest, but enthusiastic crowd. The unofficial opening took place about two or three

weeks ago. Apparently the sale of passes has just gone through the roof. Business is just booming. He has received nothing but great compliments about the center. Matt Kaiser did a great job keeping everyone in tow.

Speaking of Oak Marr, Ken invited everyone to come out and play haunted mini-golf on Friday, October 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 25, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board endorsed the Tysons Park System Concept Plan earlier in the meeting. This is a major achievement and everyone should realize that while this isn't the end, it is an important milestone that involved a lot of people and a lot of hours and a lot of work. It involved a Task Force of agency people, land owners, architects, and a lot of folks. Another interagency task force was formed which included a number of P&D staff, primarily Andi Dorlester, Sandy Stallman, Gayle Hooper, and Anna Bentley. Those folks did a yeoman's job and turned out a great product. The Board should be proud that it endorsed this to go into the Comp Plan for Tysons.

With regard to Oak Marr, Barbara Nugent plan of passes while it was in transition. Letting people go to other RECenters was a big success.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:55 p.m. Ms. Quintana MOVED 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. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Quintana MOVED 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 by all members present.

- C-1 Acquisition of Property Located in the Mason District – Update
No action was necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Frank S. Vajda, Treasurer

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on November 12, 2014

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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