

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
November 4, 2009**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 8 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Harrison A. Glasgow, Vice Chairman
George S. Lovelace, Secretary
Frank S. Vajda, Treasurer
Harold L. Strickland*
Gilbert S. McCutcheon*
Winifred S. Shapiro
Kevin J. Fay*
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Ken Quincy
Harold Y. Pyon
Marie Reinsdorf

Staff:

John W. Dargle, Jr., Director
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant
Cindy Walsh
Miriam Morrison
Dave Bowden
Barbara Nugent
Todd Johnson

Guest:

Johnny Morrison

Absent*

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Bouie announced the additional of **Action Item-4 Grant Application Approval – Pohick Stream Valley – Burke VRE Trail Extension** to the agenda and noted that there would be no closed session.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Miriam Morrison upon Her Retirement

Mr. Vajda MOVED the approval of the resolution honoring Miriam Morrison upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; SECONDED by Mr. Lovelace and APPROVED by all members present, Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland and Fay being ABSENT.

The Board members recalled Ms. Morrison's help and dedication, congratulated her and wished her luck in the future.

Ms. Morrison expressed her appreciation for the Board support and for the wonderful diverse staff she has had to work with throughout her tenure at the Park Authority.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Approval – Stratton Woods Park – Fourth Amendment Telecommunications License Agreement Between Fairfax County Park Authority and Crown Atlantic Company, LLC (Hunter Mill District)

Mr. Lovelace MOVED the approval of the amendment to the existing telecommunications license agreement with Crown Atlantic to allow the installation of antennae for a seventh carrier, Clearwire, at Stratton Woods Park; SECONDED by Mr. Pyon and APPROVED by all members present, Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland and Fay being ABSENT.

A-2 Approval – Stratton Woods Park – Fifth Amendment of the Telecommunications License Agreement Between Fairfax County Park Authority and Crown Atlantic Company, LLC (Hunter Mill District)

Mr. Quincy MOVED the approval of an amendment to the existing telecommunications license agreement with Crown Atlantic to allow the installation of pole antenna and two microwave ground dishes for an eighth carrier, FLO TV, at Stratton Woods Park; SECONDED by Mr. Lovelace and APPROVED by all members present, Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland and Fay being ABSENT.

A-3 Approval – Clarks Crossing Park – Telecommunications License Agreement Between Fairfax County Park Authority and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (Hunter Mill District)

Messrs. Lovelace and Glasgow MOVED the approval of the telecommunications license agreement with T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (T-Mobile) to allow the installation of telecommunication equipment and related structures within Clarks Crossing Park; SECONDED by Mr. Batten and APPROVED by all members present, Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland, and Fay being ABSENT.

A-4 Grant Application Approval - Pohick Stream Valley - Burke VRE Trail Extension (Springfield District)

Mr. Pyon MOVED the approval of the \$550,000 grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Transportation Enhancement (TEA-21) Program and commit matching funds of \$110,000 (80:20 ratio) if the grant is approved for the design and construction of the portion of the Pohick Stream Valley Trail from Burke Lake Road to Burke Road; SECONDED by Messrs. Batten and Glasgow and APPROVED by all members present, Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland, and Fay being ABSENT.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Bouie, Hunter Mill District, reported that he and John Dargle are working on a follow-up piece to their discussion during the October 28 Park Authority Board meeting regarding the County Executive's meeting with the Athletic Council. Those items will be contained in a letter to the County Executive. The Park Authority Board members will be given talking points regarding this issue to address when they meet with their respective Supervisors about the budget and other matters.
- Noting that since the Board discussed the possible consolidation of the Public Information Offices, there has been a groundswell among a number of departments regarding the consolidation of, or the loss of, their PIOs. Mr. Bouie announced that there is an upcoming meeting with County Executive to discuss this in more detail on November 13. He and Mr. Dargle will refrain from meeting with the County Executive on this topic until after this meeting.
- Mr. Bouie announced that there will be a celebration of life for Ann Rodriguez on December 3 at the Reston Community Center. Particulars on the celebration will be forthcoming.

There are a number of groups in the Reston area that are interested in locating a piece of land potentially donated to the Park Authority for some type of sculpture garden or something of that sort. This is in the beginning stages. Ann Rodriguez's family appreciates the gesture. A number of calls have come in about what she has meant to the County and the arts community.

- Mr. Bouie reminded the Board that a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 7 at The Turner Farm equestrian area, located at 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- The Fairfax County Park Authority won Gold level honors in the MarCom Awards sponsored by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. The award was earned for the podcast "The Sounds of Spring," which is accessible through the Hidden Pond Nature Center Web page.

The podcast features the spring voices of frogs as they take their turns making their spring calls. It was written by Hidden Pond Nature Center Manager Jim Pomeroy, produced by Park Authority Video Producer Mark Garrah and voiced by RMD Manager of Stewardship Communications, Dave Ochs.

- On Saturday, December 5 at 9 a.m., the Park Foundation will host a fundraising workshop for park friends at Green Spring Gardens. Following a welcome by Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Craig Stephens, Chairman of the Foundation Board, there will be sessions on the Foundation

and its fundraising programs; how friends groups can improve their own fundraising, and options for planned giving to a favorite park or park program.

We have received positive feedback from friends group members on this idea, and the topic is certainly timely as we look ahead to further budget-driven service reductions.

- The RECenters held their annual Fall Sale for memberships that included a four- month and a 12-month pass with a 14% discount off the membership price. The sale ran 45 days from September 1, 2009, through October 15, 2009. This sale generated \$946,219.00 in revenue exceeding 2008 sales by \$163,022. In addition to increasing revenue we also increased the number of passes sold, selling a total of 2,246 passes this year bringing in 327 new customers to our facilities over last year's number of passes sold.

Mr. Pyon asked which RECenter came in first. Mr. Dargle indicated that he would provide information on individual sites.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Glasgow called the Board's attention to a copy of the Department of Forestry's annual calendar located at their respective places. If anyone is interested in more copies, contact Jim McGlone whose office is located next to the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation office.

Services for Clay Ormsby, Sally Ormsby's husband, will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens Park.

- Mr. Quincy reported that he received a call from a resident that had some concerns about the deer management program with regard to bow hunting. He made her aware of the upcoming public comment meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Colvin Run Historic Site located at 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. The meetings will be held in the Barn, located next to the parking lot and General Store.

Several Board members asked what her concerns were. Mr. Quincy indicated that they were related to public safety and the impact on adults and children seeing deer that are wounded from the bow hunting process.

A woman in the gallery spoke to her concerns about the upcoming hunt.

- Mrs. Shapiro, Messrs. Lovelace, Vajda, Batten, Pyon, and Ms. Reinsdorf had no items to present. Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland and Fay were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 p.m. Mr. Batten MOVED that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; SECONDED by Mr. Bouie and APPROVED by all members present, Messrs. McCutcheon, Strickland, and Fay being ABSENT.

George Lovelace, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on December 2, 2009

John W. Dargle, Jr., Director

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