

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
November 12, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 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

**Staff:**

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Barbara Gorski  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Cindy Walsh  
Deborah Babcock-Daley  
Brian Williams  
John Zeigler  
Janet Burns

**Absent\***

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No speakers were present.

Mr. Bouie welcomed Tyler Schroeder, Boy Scout Troop 577 in Clifton and his mother, Amy, and brother Teddy.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes, October 22, 2014, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Messrs. Batten, Strickland, and Sullivan were absent.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A-1 Scope Approval – Towers Park Metro Trail (Providence District)  
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the project scope to construct 530 linear feet of trail and install directional signage in Towers Park; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried; Ms. Quintana, Messrs. Batten, Strickland, and Sullivan were absent.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1 FY 2015 First Quarter Budget Review, Fund 10001, Park Authority General Fund  
No action was necessary.
- I-2 FY 2015 First Quarter Budget Review, Fund 80000, Park Authority Revenue and Operating Fund  
No action was necessary.
- I-3 Quarterly Project Status Report  
No action was necessary.
- I-4 Infrastructure Overview - Playgrounds  
No action was necessary.
- I-5 FY 2014 Strategic Plan Implementation Plan, Year End Update and FY 2015 Sample Implementation Plan  
No action was necessary.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:**

- As a follow up to Total Cost of Facilities Ownership Program Mr. Kincannon reported that training has been scheduled on November 18 and 19. Sixty staff will go through the orientation and training process. Twenty staff will go through more detailed training related to asset management.
- Mary Dettra, long-time volunteer at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, passed away on November 3. For the preceding 20 years, she helped make Colvin Run Mill a very special place for visitors. She was a regular fixture at the mill during the school field trip season. She taught the simple machines curriculum to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and donned hand-puppets to introduce preschoolers to the mill via the characters of Fred the Farmer, Matilda his wife, and Charlie their hard-working horse.

Ms. Dettra was born on a farm in West Virginia where she had first-hand knowledge of everyday chores and attended a one-room schoolhouse. Her real life experience was invaluable as she talked to school children about life in a farming community of the past.

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She was Colvin Run Mill's Distinguished Volunteer in 2007 and in 2008 she was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer at the Elly Doyle Park Services Awards. Her love of history, enthusiastic work ethic, and friendship will be missed.

**BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Khan announced that the space craft has successfully landed on the comet.
- Mr. Gorham thanked staff led by Gayle Hooper for the wonderful job on the master plan process for Mason Neck and Old Colchester Park and Preserve. The public seems to be overwhelmingly happy with the plan.
- Ms. Cortina attended the Green Breakfast sponsored by NVSWCD on Saturday, November 8. A resident publically acknowledged the Park Authority staff for revitalizing Collingwood Park. They said the Park staff were wonderful to work with, they listened to community input, planted native shrubs and trees they had asked for, and overall did an excellent job. The community was very pleased and the resident asked me to thank the Park Authority staff involved with the project, including:

Mark Holsteen, Project Manager, PDD  
Phil Hager, Park Ops, Area 3  
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Gary Logue, Park Services  
Karen Lindquist, RMD, CRMP  
Justin Roberson, RMD, NRMP

Ms. Cortina thanked Ron Pearson and his team in Park Operations for restoring the outdoor classroom at Wakefield Park. It was falling apart and is now in great shape. The outside was fixed; the bathroom was fixed; it was painted; and what she really liked is that the architecture has been maintained in a sort of 1970s naturalistic looking place. If Parks can do the maintenance then it would not have to tear them down and spend triple that the reconstruct the capital.

She noted that she had forwarded a report released last week by the Nature Conservancy to the Natural Resources Committee members of the Park Board on the market demand for "Green Bonds." She was encouraged to hear the Stormwater Division is looking into these bonds as well. The county should consider flipping the funding model -- using bond funding for conservation infrastructure, like stream restorations, and pay-as-you-go tax revenue for operational conservation. This could help provide a solution to funding natural resource conservation throughout the county.

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- Mr. Quincy attended the Providence Annual VolunteerFest on October 25. As in the past Park facilities were a major part of it. It was a huge success. He received a lot of comments from various participants.
- Mr. Vajda shared comments he received from Suzanne Holland, Visitor Service Manager at Hidden Oaks Nature Center.

“Hidden Oaks Nature Center celebrated 45 years of service in October! Opening in Oct., 1969 Hidden Oaks was the first nature center in Fairfax County. Hidden Oaks also celebrated this month as they received a \$14,000 grant for Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences (MWEE) for seventh graders who have matriculated from Title 1 schools!

“Over 350 students from Poe Middle School visited in October and over 700 from Luther Jackson Middle School will attend the 2.5 hr. classes in November. This grant also supports 4<sup>th</sup> grad ecosystem education with children from 3 schools already attending this year!”

Mr. Vajda wished the “HONCs” the very best and congratulations.

- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for handling issues that popped up about lights and inquiries about the cost of programs.

On Thursday, November 13, Mr. Thompson will assist Supervisor Herrity with a citizen who is looking for property for a senior center. He will report back on how that goes.

- Mr. Vellucci reported that the **Woodglen Lake** restoration and dredging project is once again moving forward. Bids received earlier this fall were significantly above the county estimates. A major issue in the high bids was finding a nearby site where dredge material could be hauled. After an extensive search, a county-owned dredge site has been identified at the county’s I-95 landfill where it can be dried and made available for future reuse. This facility is operated by Solid Waste Management Division of DPWES. Solid Waste has started preparing the disposal site at their landfill. A minimum of five acres was needed to spread out the dredge material. A local disposal site made it possible to negotiate a more reasonable construction bid within the available budget. Original bid reduced by approximately \$1.8 million and funds have now been identified. Finding the site and contract negotiation has caused schedule slippage. The vendor, ASI Construction, proposes to draw down the lake and undertake a “dry” dredge.

“Fish shocking” took place on Tuesday, November 11, which was needed before the weather cooled so much that the fish were too deep to shock and safely remove. County ecologists assessed / xferred the fish.

Over 550 adult fish and several hundred juveniles were pulled out of the lake. Bluegill dominated the sample at about 90%, with largemouth bass, crappie, red ear sunfish, banded killifish, a few minnows and a couple bullhead catfish rounding out the numbers. There were some very surprisingly large predators in this little lake/pond.

All captured fish (minus the Asian grass carp) were transported to Lake Accotink and released in very good condition.

They may attempt to do this one more time in the spring depending on the timing of the dredge, as we suspect there are more fish still in there.

The lake drawdown will take place in February/March 2015. The dredging will take place in March/April 2015 finishing in October and by fall 2015 site restoration will begin.

Tony stated that he had already spoken to Todd Johnson about some serious encroachments issues on parkland at Woodglen Lake. DPWES is going to be investing a lot of money into Woodglen Lake, part of that is for the lake shore. There are some individuals that believe that because they live there they are entitled to a lakefront view and constantly mow park property. This is a good opportunity to start taking back our land from individuals that have misappropriated it for their own use.

Tony asked Todd to start looking at the problem. DPWES will begin putting up orange fencing. Some groups and DPWES have planted trees that were later removed. It's time for Parks to start taking this seriously and do whatever it needs to do make these folks aware that the property belongs to Parks.

A new friends group is forming at Royal Lake and is focusing specifically on replacing the outdoor fitness equipment at Royal Lake Park. Last equipment put in through a contribution by Wells Fargo some 25-30 years ago. Some stations are no longer safe; removed by Park Operations.

The friends group is looking to involve residents from nine communities that border or are in close proximity to the lake: Kings Park West, Lakepointe Townhomes, New Lakepointe Townhomes, Chatham Towne, Hillsdale Townhomes, Village Park Townhomes, Reserve at Martins Point, Glen Cove Community Assn, Glen Cove Townhome Association.

The friends group will apply for Mastenbrook Grant for matching funds. Tony will look for the use of Telecom funds as seed money to motivate the community.

Mr. Vellucci thanked Dave Bowden, Tim Scott, Liz Cronauer, and Bill Boston for working with Danbury Forest on the connector trail. They will hold a meeting on December 9, and M.r Vellucci is hoping that he can bring forward an easement so the trail can be completed.

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The next FLAP meeting will be held on November 20.

The Accotink Watershed Clean Up will be held on April 11, 2015.

- Mr. Bouie added that he, Sara Baldwin, and Supervisor Hudgins went out to the Higgins House on Wednesday, November 5. The Higgins House is the Spirit Open Equestrian headquarters.
- Ms. Quintana and Messrs. Strickland, Sullivan, and Ed Batten were absent.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 7:49 p.m.

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Kala Leggett Quintana  
Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
On December 10, 2014

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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