



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## New Lee District Representative Appointed to Park Authority Board

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter to the Park Authority Board on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, filling a vacancy created by the recent resignation of Lee District Board Member Edward R. Batten, Sr. who recently relocated out of state. Her term will expire on December 31, 2019.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said of the appointment, “Ed Batten really set the standard for involvement and accomplishment in his role as Park Board representative in the Lee District. I have little doubt that Dr. Carter, with her impressive credentials and her knowledge of our community will do an equally stellar job.”

Dr. Carter is Chief Development Officer at The Smithsonian Institution’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and leads the Center’s fund-raising efforts, which include support for the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Prior to her work with the Smithsonian, Dr. Carter served as Chief Development and External Affairs Officer at the Washington, D.C. Headquarters of Africare. Prior to Africare, she was Director of Development at InterAction, and in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, and the School of Medicine at Howard University in Washington, D.C. She served as a Director in Institutional Advancement at The George Washington University and has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and The George Washington University, both in Africana Women's Studies. She also has authored two National Geographic books.

Dr. Carter serves as Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Kingstowne Residential Owners Corporation, where she has been a trustee for nearly 20 years. She has served on the boards of Delta Sigma Theta’s Research and Education Foundation, Laurel Grove School Association, and the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society, among others. She earned a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership and a Master of Arts degree in International Education from The George Washington University. Her undergraduate degree is from Virginia State University.

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board is appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. These 12 appointees are comprised of one representative from each of the nine magisterial districts, plus three at-large members. The board sets policy and establishes priorities for the park agency.

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