

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
May 13, 2015  
As amended**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members:**

William G. Bouie, Chairman  
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair  
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary  
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer\*  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Mary Cortina  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
Michael Thompson, Jr.  
Frank S. Vajda  
Anthony J. Vellucci\*  
Grace Han Wolf

**Staff:**

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
David Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Cindy Walsh  
Brian Williams  
Steve Lewis

**Guests:**

Cynthia Bailey, County Attorney  
Ken Garlem

**Absent\***

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Bouie indicated that the Board would hold its closed session after Administrative Item-1.

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

Mr. Bouie welcomed Boy Scout Jeff Tolbert and his mother, Mrs. Tolbert. Jeff Tolbert was present to meet the requirement for the Citizens in the Community Badge to obtain his Eagle Scout designation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Ken Garlem upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Ken Garlem upon his retirement from Fairfax County Park Authority, seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Vellucci were absent.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:55 p.m. Ms. Quintana made a motion that the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for:

- (a) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried; Messrs. Strickland and Vellucci were absent.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Quintana 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. Thompson. The motion carried; Messrs. Strickland and Vellucci were absent.

- C-1 Baron Cameron Park  
No action was necessary.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** (contin'd)

- ADMIN-2 Adoption of the Minutes, April 22, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Quintana. The motion carried. Messrs. Strickland and Vellucci were absent.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1 Field Allocation Policy Committee Update from Department of Neighborhood and Community Services  
No action was necessary.
- I-2 Infrastructure Overview – Grounds Maintenance Capital Equipment  
No action was necessary.
- I-3 FY 2014-FY 2018 Strategic Plan Implementation Plan Revision  
No action was necessary.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie reported that Parks continues to work with the Health Department and Risk Management on the synthetic turf/crumb rubber issue. The Board of Supervisors and the School Board have taken no action at this time. A decision will likely be made sometime in the next three to four weeks.
- He invited the Board to attend the opening of the Stratton Woods courts on Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m.
- He announced that the Fine Arts Festival will be launched in the square in the Reston Town Center on Friday evening. The festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday.
- The Ladies Pro Racquetball Tournament is taking place at Worldgate in Herndon. The top 20 women player in the world will be participating, some of which will be available to Parks on Saturday at Stratton Woods.
- Mr. Bouie announced that he participated in the Virginia Senior Olympics in Newport News earlier in the day. He and his partner defended their title, bringing home the Gold Medal.

He commented that this is a great event sponsored by a number of organizations and athletic organizations. He challenged the Board members of the masters age (over 50) to participate in the Northern Virginia games in September, adding that there is something for everyone. There are about 50 events from card games to various athletic games/events. He challenged the 'Masters' to select an event and participate in at least one and stated that he would pay the entry fee -- \$3 per event.

Mr. Bouie said that he would get the information and dates to the Board. Since Parks' mission is changing to one of moving, wellness, and fitness it would only be appropriate if the Board did this as a volunteer activity.

He is scheduled to participate in the National Olympics in July in Minneapolis, which is bigger than the World Police and Fire Games. Fifteen thousand senior athletes will be participating.

Mr. Quincy commented that last year a new attendance record was set, he was one of them. An 89-year-old entered seven events, all running or walking.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:**

- Liz Crowell and Patrick Lennon, Co-Chairs of the Fairfax County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, will be recognized for the achievements of their committee as part of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. They will receive Sesquicentennial

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Leadership Recognition Awards from the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission. The event will be held at the Virginia State Capitol on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25). The recognition is for the History and Archaeology symposia and conferences, events, exhibits, and interpretive signage and the Signature Event at Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

- Frying Pan Farm Park's Spring Farm Day event held on Saturday May 9 delivered mission-based interpretive programs and demonstrations in a fun and engaging family atmosphere to over 1,100 guests. Many new offerings were the result of partnerships staff established including: Potomac Overlook brought reptiles and an owl, Katydid Inc. ran the craft tent, Virginia Cooperative Extension brought a chef that provided cooking demos, 4-H Hoofers and Heifer's livestock Club took over the puppet show, and the Fairfax Masonic Lodge came out to help with parking. Frying Pan Interpretive staff added a whole new section with demonstrations about dairy, history, equestrian, and gardening.
- Later that afternoon, 58 people attended the dedication of a beautiful park bench. The Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park donated the bench in memory of founding member of the Founders, Benefactors, Supervisors and Friends of Frying Pan Park and lifelong supporter of Frying Pan Farm Park, Ben Peck. His wife, son, and other family members and friends attended. Friend's Group President Jack Pitzer and Friends Group Treasurer and past park manager, Ann Pearson, shared their memories and appreciation of Ben's support and contributions. His wife, Margaret Peck, spoke of his love of the park.
- Ms. Vosper provided an update on her meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors. As part of the outreach and coordination with the Foundation, she and Ms. Longworth began meeting with the members of the Board to provide an introduction and/or reintroduction to let them know of the new role in the Park Authority. In the month of April they visited Supervisors Cook, Frey, Smyth with Mr. Quincy, and Chairman Bulova. They had an extension discussion with Supervisor Frey about his initiatives, including the World Police and Fire Games and the shelter. In all of the meetings they discussed the role of possible outreach to other people to bring in funding to the Park Authority and talked about what the Foundation is doing. The Supervisors were excited about what the Park Authority and Foundation were doing and about the upcoming summer concert series. They were engaged in great discussions and she and Ms. Longworth received some great ideas about new outreach to people and some of the projects the Board is interested in. Meetings are scheduled next week with Supervisor McKay and Supervisor Foust and there are one or two meetings that are still in the planning stage.

Mr. Kincannon noted that Ms. Vosper was asked that in her meetings with the Supervisors she get them to start thinking about the Foundation's conversation about who the others are that need to be brought into the Foundation, the stakeholders in the community who can bring some qualifying dollars or have the ability to ask for amounts that the Foundation is looking to try to raise. Ms. Vosper and Ms. Longworth are starting to get some good information.

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- Following up on comments that Mr. Kincannon had made regarding Ben Peck, Mr. Bouie added that Mr. Peck was a really special guy. Up until the very end he participated in everything that was Frying Pan and pretty much lived there. Mr. Bouie spoke with Mr. Pitzer about honoring Mr. Peck with more than a bench. The Park Board should have a discussion about the naming opportunities at Frying Pan.
- Messrs. Bouie noted that he and Mr. Quincy are going to participate in a panel with Supervisor Smyth at a Leadership Fairfax conference on Thursday, May 14. They will talk about the role of art in the parks and what it means to the county and what the vision is moving forward.

**BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Bouie on winning the gold medal in the Virginia Senior Olympics.

Mr. Khan invited the Board to come out to Viva Vienna with their families on May 23-25 on Church Street.

He thanked Mr. Bowden and his crew. They did a great job installing the fence at Oak Marr which saves a lot of balls from going into the stream.

- Mr. Gorham thanked Ms. Stallman and Ms. Hooper for an outstanding job gathering community sentiment for the two Mason Neck parks.

He thanked Ms. Pedersen for organizing the unveiling of naming of John Byers Park. He also thanked the Board for its support.

He also thanked Mr. Johnson and crew for the work on the telecom money designation to paint and repair a couple of barns in the Mount Vernon District. The Grist Mill barn is freshly painted and is looking well-preserved. The barn at Laurel Hill Golf Club is well into its preservation/restoration from that money.

- Mr. Batten asked the Board members to join him on June 13 at Huntley Meadows Park to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Thanks to Mr. Thompson and/or Wegman's, Wegman's notified Mr. Batten that it would like to participate and would like to at least donate the cake. Wegman's would like to participate with the Foundation and the Park Authority in an ongoing basis. It definitely has reinforced the fact that it wants to do what it can to contribute to the enrichment and enhancement of community life here and whatever it can do with the Park Authority. Mr. Batten noted that

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he has contact information for Wegman's that he is willing to share if any Board member has the need.

- Ms. Cortina thanked Ms. Baldwin and all the team that worked on SpringFest at Lorton. It was a great event and Parks had a huge tent in the center of it all. There were a number of volunteers and staff along with animals and staff from Frying Pan Farm Park, Sully Plantation staff, the roving naturalist, and many others. Chairman Bulova loves the event which celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Ms. Cortina noted that she had looked at a web-based tool for more transparent budgeting and found Schools Board member also interested in the doing the same. It is interesting because there are a number of other cities doing this. One can see the historical trend more readily and see departments that shrink and those that grow. It is all very visible and helps with the lines of business to help understand where the tax dollars are going and allows the community to have more input on whether resources and priorities of the citizens match how we are spending the budget. It's interesting to have other people across the government begin to look at that as well.

- Mr. Vajda had nothing to report, but in Mr. Vellucci's absence he reminded the Board members that they should submit their Elly Doyle nominations.
- Ms. Wolf reminded that Board that the Korean-American Sports Festival will take place June 19-21, Fathers' Day weekend, around Herndon and Reston, the weekend before the World Police and Fire Games. To enter all but one of the sports events you are required to be all or part Korean. The 5k and 10k are open to all runners. She indicated that she would send out flyers and hopes there will be a big crowd for the festival.

On a sadder note, she announced that Bill Lauer passed away on May 5. He was founder of Tetra Partnerships, a development firm.

Mr. Bouie announced that John Alciati, one of the founders of the fine arts festival, died of pancreatic cancer on Tuesday, May 12.

- Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Batten for inviting him to the Jennings-Toyota ribbon cutting.

He thanked Mr. Strickland for the meeting with CYA and SYA. Messrs. Johnson and Bowden did a great job talking about the projects going on at Sully and some in Springfield and how it affects them. Hal has done a great deal for the community and it was obvious. CYA and SYA are willing to partner due to Mr. Strickland's continuous work.

- Ms. Quintana congratulated Mr. Bouie on his win at the Virginia Senior Olympics.

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- Mr. Quincy mentioned that the Jennings-Toyota ball field is very impressive.

On April 23 he attended an IMA work day, a very unique work day, at Nottoway Park. Parks has established an ongoing partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha. It is the oldest African-American Sorority in the United States. It was founded in 1908 at Howard University. The local chapter is going to continue its participation. On Saturday, May 16, about 22 will participate in an IMA work day. One of the missions of the national sorority in 2015 is to improve parks in the United States. He was very impressed by all of the members.

Mr. Quincy attended the Volunteer Awards breakfast. He commented that if anyone was interested in seeing the contribution of volunteers they should attend an event like that. It's amazing to learn what is being done by volunteers, not just for parks, but all over and at any age.

The Park Authority sponsored the Healthy Strides 5k and 10k race at Burke Lake that he participated in on April 25. Park Authority staff was there directing traffic, taking pictures, and doing all sorts of stuff. It was very impressive how it was handled.

Mr. Quincy announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 16, at 2 p.m. for the fields and park at Arbor Row Park on Jones Branch Drive. Cityline has been a partner and has done a tremendous job cleaning up the park. These are the first of what Parks hopes to be many more facilities opening at Tysons.

- Messrs. Strickland and Vellucci were absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

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Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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