

**COUNTY OF FAIRFAX  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)**

**MEETING MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY BOARD**

**DATE: May 8, 2024**

**TIME: 6:01 p.m. – 7:31 p.m.**

**LOCATION: 12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035  
Conference Room 4/5**

**EQAC Member Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/ Absent*</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/ Absent*</b>
Larry Zaragoza (Chair, Mount Vernon)	P	Ken Lanfear (Vice-Chair, Hunter Mill)	P
Johna Gagnon (Franconia)	P	Stella Koch (At-Large)	P
Richard Healy (Mason)	P	Oaklen Kalinichenko (Student Member)	P
Ken Gubin (Dranesville)	V	George Lamb (At-Large)	P
Renee Grebe (At-Large)	P	Bryan Campbell (Braddock)	P
<i>Vacant</i> (Providence)		Eric Goplerud (At-Large)	P
Rich Weisman (Sully)	P	Clyde Wilber (Springfield)	P

\* P indicates present; A indicates absent; V indicates attended virtually

**Park Authority Board (PAB) Attendance**

In person:

Kiel Stone, Chair, Braddock District  
Maggie Godbold, Vice-Chair, Sully District  
Ron Kendall, Mason District  
Ken Quincy, Providence District  
Tim Hackman, Dranesville District  
Linwood Gorham, Mt Vernon District

Online:

Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton, At Large  
Johna Toomey, At Large

**Staff Attendance**

Jai Cole, Executive Director, Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director (FCPA)  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director (FCPA)  
Laura Grape, Director, Resource Management Division (FCPA)  
Kim Eckert, Director, Park Operations Division (FCPA)  
Mike Peters, Director, Business Administration Division (FCPA)  
Daidria Grayson, Director, Marketing and Communications Division (FCPA)

John Burke, Manager, Natural Resources Branch (FCPA)  
Ben Boxer, Public Information Officer (FCPA)  
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst (FCPA)  
Matthew Meyers, Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC)  
Neely Law (OEEC)  
Sara Girello (OEEC)  
Kelly Zitzer (OEEC)

## **Visitor Attendance**

### **Call to Order/All Virtual Meeting**

Chair Zaragoza called the meeting to order at 06:01 p.m. and announced that Mr. Gubin had requested to participate in the meeting remotely. Vice Chair Lanfear read the remote participation language requirements and asked Mr. Gubin to state his name, location, and reason for remote attendance. Mr. Gubin shared that he was participating remotely from his home in the Dranesville District due to medical reasons. Chair Zaragoza moved to allow Mr. Gubin to participate remotely. Mr. Healy seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 7-0-0, with Mr. Gubin not yet able to vote and 4 members being absent from the meeting.

### **Agenda Items, Discussion, Decisions and Votes**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation and Discussion on FCPA Balancing Budget Priorities, Equity and Environmental Needs
  - a. Review of Equity of FCPA Revenue and Operating Fund
    - i. FCPA Director Cole provided attendees a brief history of the Fairfax County Park Authority, including the origins of today's recreational centers in Fairfax County as well as the origins of the how the operating costs were developed and how it's no longer sustainable. Director Cole then conveyed FCPA's recent assessment of obtaining a sustainable budget to meet their wish list.
    - ii. Staff provided answers to questions from members from the Park Authority Board and EQAC
  - b. Review of the FY 2025 FCPA Budget
    - i. Director Cole provided attendees a summary of the Impact of Advocacy program as well as the status of Trash and Recycling program and the status Forestry Needs. Director Cole then reported that FCPA is adding a new division named Park Planning and Stewardship Division where the Cultural and Natural Stewardship division will combine with Land Acquisition division
    - ii. Staff provided answers to questions from members from the Park Authority Board and EQAC
  - c. Review of the Natural Resource Program

- i. FCPA Manager of the Natural Resource Branch, John Burke, gave a status update on the Landscape Legacy Program, Bamboo Management Program, Invasive Management Area (IMA) Program, the Woodland Stewardship Program as well as the expansion of the Natural Capital Protection Program
      - ii. Staff provided answers to questions from members from the Park Authority Board and EQAC
    - d. Update on Trails
      - i. Director Cole reported that the trails program had received 1.4M in FY23 and has received 1M FY24. Director Cole also announced that a new trails planner position will be filled shortly.

### 3. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 7:31PM