



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Football Council

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Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer
Soccer Council

Chuck Pruitt
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Vice Chairman
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Thompson
Park Authority

Vacant
Park Authority

Thomas Wilson
School Board

William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Christopher A. Leonard
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

December 18, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Keisha Dotson, Director Access Division, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services
Dan Sutherland, Fairfax County Park Authority
Bill Curran, Director Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Michael Thompson Jr, Springfield District
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

GUESTS:

MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was not present.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Hospitality was provided by Eric Kulczycky and Visit Fairfax. Glory Days Grill provided food for the evening and gave a brief presentation about their establishment and ongoing promotions they offer.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE

Mr. Flather reported the next steps are summarizing the findings and providing specific recommendations based on price and economic impact.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

SPORTS REPORT OUTS

None

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES**FCPS**

Mr. Curran reported that South County HS won the state championship in football.

The winter sports season is also underway. Swimming and Diving had some logistical issues because the Reston RECenter pool was still under renovation. FCPS worked with FCPA and was able to find solutions to offset the unavailability of the Reston RECenter. The King Abdullah Academy located in Herndon, Virginia also helped accommodate some of the FCPS swim and dive needs.



Mr. Curran reported that he had a good meeting with the new School Board members. Eight of the twelve members are new and don't have a deep background in athletics. Mr. Curran briefly spoke to them about the role of the Athletic Council and extended an invitation to the School Board members to attend a future meeting.

Mr. Curran stated that there has been a push to put permanent bathroom facilities outside of high schools near stadium fields. There are several challenges including funding, zoning, location of fields, etc., but this would benefit all users.

Mr. Munson inquired if there was a possibility of an athletic subsidy program? Mr. Curran explained FCPS is looking at the One Fairfax model and it may be beneficial for him to do a budget presentation again for new members. FCPS is looking from an equity standpoint how athletics funded and there are a couple different models being looked at. One model is to look at the per pupil allotment tied to free and reduced lunch similar to how they are used in the classroom. The subsidy would be spread amongst all schools and include things like normalizing uniform rotations. The funding would be included in the budget and it would not just include high schools. Things like field trips for elementary and middle schools will be looked at as well.

Mr. Flather inquired about the status of the bullet points for new School Board members that explains what the Council does and its role in the community had been drafted? Mr. McLaughlin stated that he will put together the document with input from others on the Council.

FCPA

Mr. Sutherland reported an additional field improvement project. Springfield/South County Youth Club will be funding the installation of lighting for Hooes Road Park RF #3. The project is scheduled to take place during the summer of 2020.

Mr. Sutherland stated that a 2020 Park Bond is likely. The bonds are no longer listed by projects. They are instead listed in buckets (land acquisition, new improvements, renovations, etc.)

Kevin Williams, Park Operations Manager for FCPA, who manages maintenance on school athletic fields, through partnership with FCPA, FCPS and NCS, will take over synthetic maintenance on high school synthetic turf fields and other synthetic turf fields on elementary and middle school properties. FCPA will Take over maintenance January 6 Premier Turf will be the vendor.

Several Council members inquired if there was a document that shows upcoming FCPS projects? Mr. Martino stated that the synthetic turf fields at Centreville HS, Herndon HS and Westfield HS will be replaced this summer. NCS will send out a full list of the FCPS projects once the document is finalized.



NCS

Mr. Martino reminded the Council that groups need to let NCS know by Wednesday if they do not plan on using scheduled weekend gym space. NCS is seeing scenarios where custodians are present, but the scheduled user group does not show up. Or the scheduled user group is present at the facility and there is no custodian to open the facility. NCS and FCPS are working together to minimize the weekend conflicts and issues.

NCS reported that a Council Facebook page or blog could not be run and operated by the County due to policies and procedures. The Council is more than welcome to create an independent Facebook page or blog.

NCS distributed an updated document with organizations and contact information broken down by magisterial district. If there are any updates to the document, please let NCS know.

Several Council members inquired on why FCPS gyms were closed January 5-6. NCS stated that those dates fell within FCPS winter break and there were ongoing discussions with FCPS regarding the closure.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

