



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods, and diverse communities of Fairfax County

2019 Council Members

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Sully District

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Vacant
Diversity-At-Large

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Jeffrey E. Stein
Town of Clifton

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Town of Herndon

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Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives:

Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

Suzy Willemsen
Fast Pitch Softball Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III
Adult Softball Council

Steve Bergstrom
Basketball Council

Mark Meana,
Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner
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

MINUTES

November 20, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Michael Thompson Jr, Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Program

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Chris Leonard, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Bill Curran, Fairfax County School Board

GUESTS:

Matt McMahon, Ultimate Frisbee

MEETING OPENING

Ms. Cantwell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Ms. Allyson Halverson from SCAN of Northern Virginia presented on a free training provided for athletic coaches to educate them on signs of child abuse and what steps can be taken by coaches such in such situations. For three decades, SCAN of Northern Virginia has been working throughout the region to develop effective prevention programming for all children and families, no matter what their circumstances.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The September 18 minutes and November 20 minutes will be approved at the meeting on December 18. There was no quorum present at the October 16 meeting so there are no official minutes to approve.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Leonard stated that there has been a series of presentations to the Council on a variety of topics including child abuse, concussion education, domestic violence, sexual abuse, suicide awareness, etc. and Mr. Christopher Pulley, Community Outreach Specialist with NCS, has done a fantastic job bringing those topics and presenters to the Council. Mr. Leonard asked the Council members if they find the presentations valuable, to which the Council responded overwhelmingly that they do. Mr. Leonard also wanted to make sure the information is getting out to the entire community. Mr. Flather said it would be helpful to have an updated list of sports organizations contacts by magisterial districts. NCS will work on updating the document for the Council.

Ms. Bauer inquired if the Athletic Council could have its own dedicated Facebook page to interact. Unfortunately, there is a lot of red tape involved in what can and can't be posted and what constitutes official Athletic Council business. Ms. Bauer also asked if the presentations to the Council could be posted online? All Council agendas, minutes and presentations are currently posted online on the NCS Athletic Council website.



Ms. Quinn also suggested that it would be great if there was a place where organizations could post upcoming events so the public can see. Mr. Leonard stated that NCS will talk to their communications teams about what types of things can be done online and what is feasible.

Mr. Thompson also encouraged the Council to utilize the sports-specific councils to distribute information discussed by the Athletic Council.

SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE

A draft PowerPoint presentation created by the consultant, Study of Sports Tourism Facility Opportunities in Fairfax County, was distributed to the Council. Mr. Leonard highlighted two key pieces of the presentation. The first is that the County's current field allocation policy is not conducive to encourage sports tourism opportunities. The second item is that while Fairfax County has many turf fields, they are not clustered in one location and thus are not ideal for tournaments. Mr. Leonard stated that the consultant was looking for feedback by early December. Mr. Leonard also praised the athletic community for how involved it was in the entire process and the consultant was quite impressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Avvisato stated that the Council sub-committees should reconvene in January. These sub-committees include the by-laws committee to look at the overall Council's by-laws, Champions of Character committee, Community Outreach committee, Steering Committee and Allocation Committee. NCS will send a list of the current subcommittee membership and ask that any Council members interested in joining a committee to let NCS know.

SPORTS REPORT OUTS

Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported that the NCS on-call field and gym monitors have been doing a fantastic job in handling any issues that arise.

Volleyball

Mr. Pruitt stated that that volleyball was transitioning from the fall season to winter. The Woodson HS girls' volleyball team also reached the State Finals this season. Mr. Pruitt was also pleased to report that there were 17 high school boys' volleyball teams this season and 17 elementary/middle school teams. This is great news for boys' volleyball in the area.

Baseball

Mr. Hahne stated that he was still celebrating the Washington Nationals world series victory and had nothing to report.

Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. McMahon reported that Ultimate Frisbee is finishing up its fall season and they had 14 youth teams this year.



Football

Mr. Meana informed the Council that youth tackle and non-tackle football was winding down for the season. Mr. Meana also praised the Champions of Character guest speaker Eric Moses and stated that Mr. Moses was extremely impressed with the ceremony.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIESFCPS

N/A

FCCA

Mr. Sutherland provided the Council with an update of all the FCCA field projects.

Year	Park	Field	Type of Work	Status
2019	Alabama Drive	1, 2, and 3	Irrigation Replaced and Infields Renovated	Complete
	Greenbriar	5	Resurfacing	Complete
	Larry Graves	1	Conversion	Complete
	Lee District	4	Resurfacing	Complete
	Nottoway	1	Conversion	Complete
	Nottoway	5	Resurfacing	Complete
	Pine Ridge	1, 2, and 3	Infields Renovated	Complete
	South Run	1	Infield Renovated, Outfield Dimensions Increased	Complete
	Westgate	1	Infield Renovated	Complete
2020	Arrowbrook	1	Resurfacing	Spring/Summer 2020
	Justice	1	Announcers Booth, Bullpens, Cage	
	Ossian Hall	1	Announcers Booth, Infield Renovations, Bullpens, Cage, Fencing	Pre-Spring 2020
	Ossian Hall	2	Infield Renovations, Fencing	2020
	Ossian Hall	3	Resurfacing	Spring/Summer 2020
	Pine Ridge	1, 2, 3, and 5	Irrigation Replaced, ADA Improvements	Pre-Spring 2020
	Pine Ridge	4	Resurfacing	Spring/Summer 2020
	Poplar Tree	1, 4 and 5	Irrigation Replaced, Infields Renovated	Pre-Spring 2020
	Trailside	1, 2, and 3	Irrigation Replaced, Infields Renovated	Pre-Spring 2020
Future	Scotts Run?	1	New Lighted Synthetic	2023

Mr. Thompson reminded the Council that FCCA bond consideration time is approaching. He reminded the Council that the bond isn't just dedicated to athletic facilities.

NCS

Nothing to report



NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

