



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

Suzy Willemssen
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

Dr. Ricardy Anderson
School Board

William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Christopher A. Leonard
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
William Bright, Lee District, Alternate
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
John Corley III, Mt. Vernon District, Alternate
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Chris Leonard, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services
Dr. Ricardy Anderson, Fairfax County School Board
Bill Curran, Director of Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools
Kevin Williams, Fairfax County Park Authority

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marica Pape Daniels, Braddock District
James Elder, Hunter mill District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Michael Thompson Jr.' Springfield District
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council

GUESTS:

MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Documents pertaining to Virginia FOIA for Boards, Authorities and Commissions was distributed to the Council. Mr. McLaughlin briefly went through the documents and highlighted the main points. He urged the Council to thoroughly read the documents to better understand their effect on the Council and how Virginia FOIA pertains to them. Mr. Shelton explained that he attended a Virginia FOIA training for Boards, Authorities and Commissions, and if any Council members have questions regarding FOIA, please contact Mr. Shelton. Mr. Shelton was provided Virginia FOIA contacts at the training if there are any specific questions the Council has.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The January 15 minutes were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. McLaughlin was pleased to introduce Dr. Ricardy Anderson as the new School Board representative to the Athletic Council.

SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE

The next Sports Tourism Task Force meeting is scheduled for March 7. An update will be provided at the March Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

SPORTS REPORT OUTS

Football

Mr. Meana distributed the press release for the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Banquet taking place on Sunday March 8. Anyone interested in attending the banquet please contact Mr. Meana

Soccer

Ms. Bauer inquired if grass fields could be cut for Saturday games? She indicated that referees are cancelling games because the grass is too high. Mr. Williams asked that specific fields be identified, and he will see what can be done with the mowing schedule.

Softball

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Ms. Willemssen along with Mr. Curran were pleased to announce that the softball upgrades at Justice Park and Ossian Hall park were nearly complete. The softball upgrade projects started at Lee HS with Lee High Park and the upgrades at Justice Park and Ossian Hall Park allow Justice HS and Annandale HS to have outstanding facilities. Ms. Willemssen and Mr. Curran praised all the people and agencies involved for making this happen.

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported that high school spring sports start on Monday February 24. Mr. Hahne was pleased to announce that on March 1 there will be a coaching clinic taking place at the Weston at Dulles. The clinic is in partnership with USA Baseball and they expect 500-600 coaches to attend.

Slow Pitch Softball

Mr. Coan announced that preparations were being made for the spring season.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

FCPS

Mr. Curran announced that for the first time, all 25 Fairfax County high school freshman and JV basketball teams participated in a single elimination postseason tournament. The feedback from coaches and players has been positive and they are looking to do something similar with baseball and softball.

Mr. Curran reported that he is a member of a Virginia High School League (VHSL) ad-hoc committee tasked at looking at the out of season practice policy in high school athletics. Mr. Curran is also a member of the VHSL alignment committee and stated that more realignment changes are likely. Mr. Curran stated that there is an emerging sports committee that is headed by Melody Modell in his office.

Dr. Anderson informed the Council that the current budget may include funds for permanent restroom facilities at 15 high schools that currently do not have them. These high schools rely on porta john units but adding permanent restroom facilities would be a benefit to both the school and community.

FCPA

Mr. Williams gave an update on the upcoming Park Authority field projects. Mr. Williams reported that the Park Authority had taken over maintenance of all the Fairfax County Public School synthetic turf fields. The program has been going well and has received positive feedback.

Mr. Williams informed the Council that Troy Miller has been hired as the Athletic Contract Administrator for the Park Authority. Mr. Miller will be the point of contact for all fields on Fairfax County School property. Mr.

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Williams stated that the Park Authority hopes to have a new Division Director in place shortly.

NCS

Ms. Avvisato stated that the Council needs to reconvene the Champions of Character, Field Allocation and By-Laws committees.

Mr. Leonard informed the Council that NCS met with staff from the St. James Sports Complex. He indicated that the St. James was moving towards league play and there were challenges with accommodating that. He recommended that the Field Allocation committee look at this unique situation. Mr. Leonard praised the collaboration between NCS, FCPS and FCPA regarding maintenance of synthetic turf fields.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Meana inquired on the status of the Tysons Corner development? The Fairfax County Park Authority will have a representative at the March meeting to give an update on the Tysons Corner Development.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully,
Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

