



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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

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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

Kurt Louis
Park Authority

Melanie Meren
School Board

William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Lloyd Tucker
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

April 21, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

LINK TO VIDEO OF THE MEETING:

[Fairfax County Athletic Council Meeting:](#)

[April 21, 2021 - YouTube](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Mark Abbott, Sully District, Alternate
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large Alternate
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Keisha Dotson, Division Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Athletic Services Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Branch Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services
Michael Thompson Jr., Fairfax County Park Authority Board
Kurt Louis, Director of Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority
Melanie Meren, Fairfax County School Board, Hunter Mill District
Bill Curran, Director of Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Carl Coan, Adult Softball Council
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council

GUESTS:

None

MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the virtual meeting on March 17 were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he had sent the letter that was discussed at the March 17 meeting regarding increasing the NCS scholarship program funding from \$150,000 to \$300,000. Mr. McLaughlin also testified to the BOS regarding that letter. Mr. McLaughlin encouraged all district reps to contact their Supervisor regarding scholarship funding letter.

Mr. McLaughlin and the rest of the Council leadership is term limited. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Thompson will put together and slate of candidates and will announce at the May meeting. Anyone interested in one of the positions should contact Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Thompson for further information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Best Practices for Sports Organizations

Ms. Pape Daniels will chair the best practices for sports organizations committee. There are 8 additional members on the committee and the first meeting will be on May 5. The goal of the first meeting is to narrow down what additional resources people are interested in seeing and deciding what information should not be included.

Ms. Avvisato stated that the Field Allocation committee and Scholarship committee need to reconvene. If members are interested in joining either committee, please contact NCS. Mr. Thompson explained the Field Allocation committee will not be looking at the entire policy. It will focus on the section addressing tournaments and potential issues resulting from a new tournament complex coming online.

Mr. Flather stated that the Sports Tourism Implementation committee also needs to meet to revisit the pilot test for tournaments and make sure it is collecting pertinent data.

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Fast Pitch Softball

Ms. Willemsen praised NCS, FCPA and FCPS for their coordination in helping to support a 100-team softball tournament a couple weeks ago. There will be another softball tournament in July that is a fundraiser for Children's National Hospital.

Football

Mr. Hollingsworth reported football is currently in its off season and had nothing further to report.



Soccer

Ms. Bauer and Ms. Moxie reported that the spring season underway. They are hopeful that everyone continues to adhere to COVID-19 protocols and guidelines.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVESFCPS

Ms. Meren urged everyone to continue to adhere to COVID-19 protocols.

Mr. Curran reported FCPS adjusted its mask policy for outdoor sports. Athletes no longer must wear a mask while competing, however, masks must still be worn on the sidelines. FCPS will continue to monitor the change.

Mr. Curran was pleased to report the FCPS fall season is almost complete. Mr. Curran will give a full report on state championship participating schools at the May meeting once the season is complete. The spring season is underway, and competition starts soon. The spring season goes a little longer this year than previous years. Mr. Curran reported that 6 high schools will also be hosting graduations this spring.

FCPA

Mr. Louis reported the Patriot Park North contract award process is still ongoing.

Mr. Thompson reported the Park Authority is still in the process of hiring a new Director. It hopes to have a new Director in place by the fall.

NCS

Ms. Avvisato stated that NCS is working on summer gym scheduling. There are not as many gyms available this summer due to summer programs and school storage needs. NCS continue to work closely with Health Department to keep athletes safe.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

