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FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

June 16, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

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2021 Council Members

Magisterial Representatives:

Marcia M. Pape Daniels

Braddock District

Gregory Beckwith

Dranesville District

Vacant

Hunter Mill District

Lisa Mickey

Secretary

Lee District

Barbara R. Lowrey

Mason District

Lester Munson

Mount Vernon District

Stephen McLaughlin,

Providence District

Michael Thompson, Jr.

Springfield District

Gary Flather

Vice Chairman

Sully District

Katherine Quinn

Member-At-Large

Marc Fernandes

Diversity-At-Large

Town Representatives:

Jeffrey E. Stein

Town of Clifton

Roland Taylor

Town of Herndon

Sam Althoff

Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives:

Rob Hahne

Baseball Council

Suzy Willemssen

Fast Pitch Softball Council

Vacant

Adult Softball Council

Steve Bergstrom

Basketball Council

Mark Meana

Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner

Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer

Chairman

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Bill Bright, Lee District, Alternate
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Rob Baily, Volleyball 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
Chris Pulley, Community Outreach Specialist, Neighborhood and Community Services
Michael Thompson Jr., Fairfax County Park Authority Board
Kurt Louis, Director of Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority
John Chapman, Community Use Specialist, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council

GUESTS:

Eric Kulczycky, Visit Fairfax
Jeff Diehl, Chantilly Youth Association

MEETING OPENING

Ms. Bauer 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 May 19 were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Ms. Bauer stated that she has served on the Athletic Council for 20 years and is very honored to be serving as the Athletic Council chairman. Ms. Bauer thanked Mr. McLaughlin, Ms. Cantwell, and Ms. Lowrey for their term on the Executive Committee.

SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSINGS DISCUSSION AND 2021/2022 FCPS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MATRIX COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Flather inquired if any other magisterial district representatives have encountered issues with school cancellations. Mr. Flather explained with so many closures and cancellations it is becoming a challenge to run a summer program. Southwestern Youth Association utilizes 10 elementary schools and only 2 of them are available to use this summer. Mr. Flather mentioned Burke Basketball is having similar issues with school cancellation and availability in their area.

The Council discussed the various issues at hand and Mr. Thompson recommended that representatives from NCS and FCPS need to meet to open dialogue. Setting up a quarterly meeting with NCS and FCPS to review such things as upcoming construction projects, late cancellations, Design and Construction projects, etc. Discussion should be had ahead of construction projects to work on creative and equitable solutions to access fields during construction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Champions of Character

Ms. Willemssen and Mr. Pulley discussed the current Champions of Character ceremony and what feedback has been received from attendees. The focus was on the award night and what is and isn't working well. One idea has been to move the ceremony into the Board Auditorium to minimize traffic and noise. Mr. Pulley plans to meet with the entire committee prior to next Council meeting to discuss nomination process, etc. The ceremony more than likely won't be in the fall to give fall sports opportunity to have season. The ceremony will be in early 2022.

Scholarships

Ms. Quinn, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Pulley met about the current NCS Scholarship Program. Mr. Pulley shared PowerPoints, trend data, free and reduced lunch data, etc. Ms. Cantwell and Ms. Quinn will review the current program and see how funds are currently distributed and if they can be improved. They want to ensure the distribution remains equitable and look at creative ways to promote the scholarship program.



REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported high school baseball is currently in the regional semifinals. Baseball is trying to rework some things with recent loss of some baseball fields.

Football

Mr. Hollingsworth reported football has been meeting quite a bit. Registration is open and they are receiving positive feedback from clubs regarding participation. Fairfax County Youth Football League (FCYFL) is working on reserving Falls Church HS in August do to weigh-ins. All clubs are gearing up for the fall season.

Lacrosse

Ms. Wagner reported the season ended this past weekend. It was a successful season despite having to adhere to all the different clubs COVID-19 restrictions. The lacrosse community is glad everyone got a chance to play.

Soccer

Ms. Bauer stated that soccer finished up their spring season and a couple of soccer tournaments were able to be held as well. The 2021-22 season is underway with try outs starting soon. Everyone in the community is happy and appreciative for the opportunity to play.

Volleyball

Mr. Pruitt reported that the spring volleyball season concluded recently. It was great to see everyone out and participating. There were some challenges COVID-19 restrictions, however it was a successful season.

Mr. Baily added that volleyball was able to have condensed version of the boy's high school league, however scheduling was a challenge with limited gym space.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

Mr. Chapman reported that FCPS community use spaces are open for scheduling starting July 1. There will still be an indoor mask policy in place, especially for spectators.

FCPA

Mr. Louis reported the following Park Authority projects:

- Linway Terrace RF #1 turf replacement is complete. A temporary fence will stay around the field to protect the sod.
- Spring Hill Park RF #5 turf replacement construction starts on June 21
- Patriot Park North proposed construction starts on July 1
- Wakefield Park tennis courts are being renovated to include pickleball courts

Mr. Thompson informed the Council that the search for a new Park Authority Executive Director is ongoing. They hope to have someone hired and in place in the September-October timeframe.

Mr. Thompson reported that 18-21 months from now that Patriot Park North baseball complex should be completed

Mr. Thompson reminded the Council that the synthetic turf replacement schedule needs to be updated as well. Staff from NCS, FCPS and FCPA will meet to update the chart.



NCS

Ms. Avvisato stated that information will go out tomorrow that will say anyone directly involved in physical activity do not have to wear masks. Spectators will still need to wear masks in the gyms.

Summer scheduling has been a challenge, but NCS is working closely with FCPS community use.

Ms. Avvisato reported the Allocation committee and Sports Tourism Task Force have upcoming meetings that will be reported out at a future Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson praised FCPS, FCPA and NCS for their continued effort and coordination in keeping programs and facilities open for the community.

Mr. Thompson informed the Council that it is very likely Governor Northam eliminates the Emergency Order in place starting July 1. The Council will need to meet in-person starting in July. At that meeting or a future meeting, the Council can adopt a policy to allow for limited electronic participation. However, a full quorum still must be present in-person.

Ms. Pape inquired if the technology is available in the normal meeting room for the Council to conduct virtual meetings? NCS will need to check on the feasibility of providing technology for electronic participation if meetings go back to in-person.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

