



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Diversity-At-Large

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Town of Herndon

Tom Hanton
Town of Vienna

**Sports-Specific,
Representatives:**
Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

Suzy Willemsen
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

Rob Baily
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
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:
Lloyd Tucker
Director
Neighborhood and Community
Services

Fairfax County Athletic Council Minutes

October 19, 2022

Meeting Held via Microsoft Teams

Link to Video of the Meeting:

[Oct. 19, 2022 Fairfax County Athletic Council Meeting - YouTube](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District
Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Mark Abbott, Sully District, Alternate
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large, Alternate
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
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
Kevin Williams, Acting Director, Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority
Dr. Ricardy Anderson, Mason District Representative, Fairfax County School Board
Paul Hatcher, Director of Administrative Services, Fairfax County Public Schools
Vicki Garner, Coordinator of Community Use, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District
Kelly Ego-Osula, Providence District, Alternate
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Stew Clark, Basketball Council, Alternate
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Ryan Buchanan, Fast Pitch Softball Council, Alternate
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Dave Paddock, Lacrosse Council, Alternate
Christine Idip, Slow Pitch Softball, Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

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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 September 21 were approved

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Ms. Bauer shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) that was presented by Ms. Jill Clark, Senior HHS Policy & Program Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services at the September 21 Council meeting. The Council discussed the VFOIA requirements and had discussion on the best course of action for the Council. The Council agreed to take the following steps:

VFOIA Policy Formulation Steps:

1. Review Exemptions -October
2. Collect Data -October
3. Formulate a policy taking into consideration:
 - a. Process for Requesting Remote Participation
 - b. Action During Meetings for Remote Participation - November
4. Present to Council for Approval OR back to the drawing board– November

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications with Fairfax County Partners - FCPS, FCPA, NCS and Community Users

Mr. Flather presented background information on how the committee was created and steps that have been taken to help the issues. The impact to the community has been significant and a lot of work has gone into this. NCS and FCPS Community Use have worked together to align dates to make sure events are on calendars before permits are issued.

Dr. Ricardy Anderson inquired if analysis has been done on which schools have the most cancelations or any patterns? Dr. Anderson asked if that data and analysis can be provided. NCS confirmed that data has been collected and analyzed. Mr. Flather stated that the cancelations occur across the County and isn't specific to one area or school.

Dr. Anderson understands that things do come up that affect scheduling but is glad the committee dug down to find out it wasn't all emergencies that are causing cancelations. Some examples of events canceling community use groups are Back to School Nights, PTA Events, concerts, etc. Dr. Anderson inquired if there is a mechanism in place that allows sharing of the school and NCS calendar. NCS confirmed there is an interface set up between the NCS and FCPS scheduling systems.

Mr. Tucker is pleased with the efforts and progress that the Athletic Council, NCS and FCPS have made with conversations and recommendations. Mr. Tucker appreciates the draft letter; however, he recommends the Council provide the letter and data to Dr. Anderson and





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she can present the letter to the School Board as the Athletic Council School Board liaison. The Board of Supervisors can be made aware of the letter through their School Board colleagues.

Mr. Hatcher explained that FCPS Community Use had several meetings with schools over the summer to see what schools need support with. The additional staffing came from the school staff themselves. Mr. Hatcher explained the issue with Back-to-School Night's this year. Back to School Nights were originally scheduled to be virtual, however they were changed to in-person late in the summer which ended up causing cancelations to community user groups.

Dr. Anderson inquired what extra staff would look like. An additional staff member at each school probably isn't realistic. Need to look at what is practical.

Mr. Flather clarified that the issues and recommendations in the letter are from community use groups and that the Athletic Council supports.

Dr. Anderson plans to follow-up with Mr. Curran to get additional information and is happy to be a liaison to the School Board for the Council. Dr. Anderson stated that having the accompanying data and analysis will make problem solving a lot easier.

Mr. Thompson recommended having the committee meet to get Dr. Anderson updated on the issues and suggested reaching out to the previous School Board member to the Council Ms. Megan McLaughlin.

Mr. Flather stated that he will work on editing the letter before the November 16 Council meeting.

APRT

Ms. Avvisato reported that the committee has gathered and reviewed all the data. The committee verified inequities since the 2007 report. The committee is currently writing a draft report to submit to Deputy County Executive Chris Leonard in November. Ms. Avvisato hopes to be able to share the finding and recommendations to the Council at the November 16 Council meeting. The plan is to present to the Board of Supervisors in December.

Champions of Character

Ms. Avvisato stated that the Champions of Character ceremony will go back to its originally scheduled time in October 2023. Ms. Avvisato urged the Council to start getting nominations.

Sports Scholarship Program

Ms. Avvisato informed the Council that the Sports Scholarship Program committee needs to reconvene. There needs to be an equity review of the program and look at how the additional funding should be utilized. NCS has also received requests from other sports to be included in the Sports Scholarship Program.





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REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported that there are 3 weeks left in the fall baseball season which concludes in early November.

Football

Mr. Meana stated that football is moving along and progressing as intended

Lacrosse

Mr. Diehl informed the Council that fall lacrosse tournaments underway and winter leagues are starting to form. Planning of the spring recreation league season is underway as well. Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League (NVYLL) is modifying its season in the spring to end before Memorial Day based on feedback from players and parents.

Soccer

Ms. Moxie stated that there are 3 more weeks in the regular season and then postseason play will begin. Ms. Moxie thanked NCS field monitors for helping with walk-on issues.

Volleyball

Mr. Baily reported that the boys high school volleyball season is finishing up. Elementary and middle school seasons will run until mid-November. High School girls' volleyball is heading into the playoffs. Club season is getting started as well with boys' tryouts already occurring in October and girls' tryouts taking place in November.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

Ms. Garner reminded the Council that Monday November 7 there is no indoor usage at FCPS sites, but outdoor field use is fine. Tuesday November 8 there is no indoor or outdoor usage due to Elections.

FCPA

Mr. Williams shared the following projects with the Council

Athletic Field Improvement Projects Status for Sharing at Athletic Council				
Updated 10/17/22				
(New to the list or updated, highlighted in blue)				
Year	Park	Field	Type of Work	Status
2021	Patriot Park North	All Fields	Re-development of the entire park: lighted synthetic fields ((4) 90's and (2) 50/70's), restrooms, shelter, playground and parking areas	Update: Approximately 85% Complete, with the exception of power to the site. *Possible Opening mid-Dec *Hope to have power in Nov *Restrooms not likely till Dec July 1, 2021 - Winter 2023
2022	Great Falls Nike	4	Resurfacing	Opening October 29th
	Langley Fork	2 and 3	Replacing backstops and wing fencing expansion	Late Fall 2022
	Lewinsville	1	Replacing backstop and wing fencing	Late Fall 2022
	Winterset Varsity	1	Renovation of Police Administration Building will close field; Irrigation will be installed before reopening of field	Spring 2022 - Fall 2024
2023	Cunningham	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Spring 2023
	Scotts Run(name?)	1	New Lighted Synthetic - 180' x 220'	Winter 2023/2024
	South Run District	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Spring 2023





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Cub Run ES:

Skinning the two traditional little league diamonds and cutting out the tball field

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Flint Hill ES:

Skinning the traditional little league diamond

COMPLETE

Westbriar ES:

Sodding the traditional little league diamond and cutting out only base areas in order to prevent washout which occurs with poor grade heavy rain

COMING SOON, COORDINATING

Leis Ctr:

Skinning the traditional little league diamond

COMPLETE

Thoreau MS:

Skinning the two traditional little league diamonds

COMPLETE

Holmes MS:

Rebuilding the existing 90ft baseball infield to remove lips and address grade

IN PROGRESS

Sandburg MS:

Renovating bullpens on 60ft diamond

NEW PROJECT

Lewis High School:

Rebuilding the 90ft and 60ft bullpens

Marshall High School:

Addressing 90ft outfield water issues with drainage system

Oakton High School:

Rebuilding softball bullpens and addressing high use areas between dugouts of the 90ft field

South Lakes High School:

Addressing softball field outfield water issues with drainage system

NCS

Ms. Avvisato urged the Council not to lose sight of the Children's Bill of Rights in Sports that Ms. Quinn presented on. NCS is looking into sending out information with field and gym permits and include information with presentations. Ms. Quinn is happy to discuss what other municipalities are currently doing with the Children's Bill of Rights in Sports.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Sports

Ms. Swope inquired if middle school sports have ever been offered in Fairfax County. Ms. Swope indicated on a survey that went out there is an interest in bringing sports to middle schools.

Mr. Flather is in support if they don't conflict with community use time.





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Mr. Thompson indicated Mr. Curran will have more information, however Mr. Thompson stated one reason may be the financial impact on the FCPS budget. Mr. Thompson brought up transportation, referee costs, uniform costs, etc. as reasons it may not be easily executable.

Mr. Meana stated the reason years ago was the School Board thought the strong community youth programs would meet need for middle schools. However, that was a long time ago so it might be worth revisiting.

HS Coaching- Shortages, Funding, Issues

Mr. Hahne stated that there have been high school coaching application shortages for a variety of reasons, and it is a topic worth getting involved with. Mr. Hahne suggested discussing this topic at the November 16 Council meeting so Mr. Curran can be part of conversation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

