



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## 2023 Council Members Magisterial Representatives:

**Marcia M. Pape Daniels**  
Braddock District

**Gregory Beckwith**  
Dranesville District

**Harold Leff**  
Hunter Mill District

**Lisa Mickey**  
Secretary  
Franconia District

**Barbara R. Lowrey**  
Mason District

**Lester Munson**  
Mount Vernon District

**Kelly Ego-Osuala**  
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

**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

**Kim Eckert**  
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

June 21, 2023

### Members Present:

Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate  
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District  
Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large, Alternate  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate  
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon  
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna  
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Pallas Washington, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Karen Avisato, Athletic Services Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Mark Martino, Branch Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Jason Shelton, Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Kim Eckert, Park Division Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Bill Curran, Director of Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools  
Vicki Garner, Coordinator of Community Use, Fairfax County Public Schools

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate  
Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate  
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District  
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate  
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council  
Stew Clark, Basketball Council, Alternate  
Ryan Buchanan, Fast Pitch Softball Council, Alternate  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Dave Paddock, Lacrosse Council, Alternate  
Christine Idip, Slow Pitch Softball, Alternate  
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs  
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

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## MEETING OPENING

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

## CITIZENSTO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

## PRESENTATIONSTO COUNCIL

None

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the May 17 Council meeting were approved.

## CHAIRMAN REPORT

None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### APRT

Ms. Willemsen reported that the APRT funding has been approved by the BOS. A lot of exciting things going on at Wakefield Park. Ms. Willemsen praised the collaboration from all parties involved with the APRT.

Ms. Eckert gave an update on the improvements included in the APRT funding for Wakefield Park. The improvements will begin November 1 and be completed before the end of March so there should be no impact to the community users.

***Wakefield 1-4; 7-8 Softball Diamond Field Improvement Projects (Dugouts, Bullpens, Infield Renovations, Irrigation, Fencing, Improve Outfield Turf/Drainage, Bleacher Pads, etc.)***

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

Mr. Flather expressed his frustration at a lack of response from FCPS on the ongoing cancelations. Mr. Flather explained that the Council had sent a letter to the School Board several months ago and has yet to receive any response or update which is frustrating.

Mr. Curran stated that he briefly spoke with Dr. Reid and Dr. Anderson, and they are aware of the issue and are taking steps to address it. Mr. Curran offered to facilitate setting up a meeting with the committee members and Dr. Reid and Dr. Anderson to find out what steps have been taken and to get an update on the letter that was sent on behalf of the Council.

Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character

Mr. Martino reviewed the current nominations of the ceremony and reminded the Council that the deadline to submit nominations is August 1. NCS will resend the nomination information and asked the Council to please reach out to organizations to get nominations.

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The Council had a discussion on which sports could be included for nominations and whether high school athletes could be nominated for awards.

## Field Allocation Policy

Ms. Bauer said one issue she is seeing throughout the County is groups breaking off larger organizations and creating their own because they are unhappy. Fairfax County fields are already saturated, and these break off groups are demanding field space. Some of these groups are also for-profit groups that have connected with non-profit entities to gain field space. These are two major things Ms. Bauer is seeing in the soccer community that the committee needs to address.

## **REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES**

### Fast Pitch Softball

Ms. Willemsen was pleased to announce that 2 Fairfax County high schools, McLean High School and Madison High School, played in the Virginia high school state championship game with McLean HS winning the state championship.

### Football

Mr. Hollingsworth reported that registration for the fall season is open with practices beginning on August 7. Continue to work with recruiting officials for the upcoming season.

### Soccer

None

### Volleyball

Mr. Baily reported that George Mason University recently hosted the Men's Division 1 National Championship at the end of May.

Volleyball recreation leagues had their championships in May. Club volleyball teams are still going through Nationals and have about 2-3 weeks remaining.

The Fairfax County Volleyball Council met last month and requested help updating the Council's by-laws. NCS will have Mike Thompson reach out to the Volleyball Council to assist them in updating the by-laws.

Mr. Baily reported that he sent a message to Mr. Curran and others about trying to help with training of coaches because the volleyball community has realized there is a shortage of coaches so they're trying to bring the organizations together to help with that.

The boys high school volleyball discussions continue with FCPS and are starting to plan for the league they are running in the fall.

## **STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

### FCPS

Mr. Curran gave an update on the middle school sports program. Mr. Curran stated that cross country is being offered in the fall and track in the spring at all 26 middle schools. There is quite a bit of detail in planning and training of coaches and coordinators. FCPS is reaching out to retirees and high school coaches to help with the coordination, and they





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have been tremendous.

Mr. Curran explained that the program has room to expand, and the Athletic Council needs to have a voice. The Council discussed whether a committee should be created to show what is already being done in the community by youth organizations and what concerns there are. Any members interested in joining a middle school sports committee will contact Ms. Bauer.

## FCPA

Ms. Eckert shared the following projects with the Council.

Year	Park	Field	Type of Work	Status
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	Braddock	Battling Cages	Repairs to net support pole. New netting.	Summer 2023
	Cunningham	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Summer 2023
	Lewinsville	2 and 3	Synthetic turf replacement	Summer/Fall 2023
	Pineridge	5	Fencing behind goals	Spring 2023
	Scotts Run	1	New Lighted Synthetic - 180' x 220'	Winter 2023/2024
	South Run District	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Summer 2023
	Wakefield	5	Fencing behind goals	Spring 2023
	Wakefield	1-4; 7-8	Softball Diamond Field Improvement Projects (Dugouts, Bullpens, Infield Renovations, Irrigation, Fencing, Improve Outfield Turf/Drainage, Bleacher Pads, etc.)	Spring 2024
2024	Rolling Valley West	1 & 3	Irrigation replacement	Summer 2024
	Loisdale	1	Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024
	Sully Highlands	1 & 2	Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024
	EC Lawrence	2 & 3	Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024
	Ken Lawrence	2	Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024
	Edison HS		Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024
	Mount Vernon HS		Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024
	West Potomac HS		Synthetic turf replacement - schedule pending year-end funding allotment	Summer 2024





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Ms. Eckert reported that the Fairfax County Park Authority currently has an RFI for a multi-sport complex.

More information is available on the procurement website [Fairfax County Park Authority - Design and Construction | Procurement and Material Management](#)

## NCS

No updates

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Bauer reminded the Council about the remote participation policy and NCS will resend the remote participation policy to the Council.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

