



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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2023 Council Members Magisterial Representatives:

Marcia M. Pape Daniels
Braddock District

Gregory Beckwith
Dranesville District

Jeremy Lee
Hunter Mill District

Lisa Mickey
Secretary
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Barbara R. Lowrey
Mason District

Lester Munson
Mount Vernon District

Vacant
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

May 17, 2023

Members Present:

Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville 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
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Pallas Washington, Deputy Director, 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
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
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
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
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Dave Paddock, Lacrosse Council, Alternate
Christine Idip, Slow Pitch Softball, Alternate
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

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MEETING OPENING

Mr. Flather called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 March 15 Council meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Mr. Flather reported that Ms. Bauer spoke to the Board of Supervisors at the budget hearing regarding the APRT report and associated funding. Mr. Flather was pleased to announce that the BOS fully approved the funding from the APRT report. Ms. Bauer received a personal note from Chairman McKay regarding the funding for the APRT project. The APRT committee will meet to best determine how to use those funds.

Mr. Flather stated that the changes to the Council by-laws was submitted to the Board of Supervisors, however they have not been reviewed or voted on yet. Council meetings will continue to be in-person until the updated by-laws are approved.

Mr. Flather informed the Council that he was just made aware that the stadium fields at Falls Church HS, Oakton HS and Woodson HS will be out of service this summer due to synthetic turf replacement. Once the stadium fields are completed, the Falls Church HS and Woodson HS practice fields may be replaced as well, which would be done in the fall. This is still to be determined.

Mr. Flather stated that the projects could begin as soon as June 1 and will have a significant impact on end of season tournaments, referees, parents, etc. Other organizations will also be impacted if NCS needs to move groups around due to the projects.

The Council was concerned that diamond field usage may be affected by staging areas for the turf replacement projects. Ms. Garner stated at this time the only fields impacted are the stadium fields and surrounding tracks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRT

Ms. Eckert informed the Council that the County had approved funding for the APRT softball report. Ms. Eckert identified the following projects at Wakefield Park and will keep the Council updated on the progress__





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Wakefield Park Fields #1-4; #7-8

Softball Diamond Field Improvement Projects (Dugouts, Bullpens, Infield Renovations, Irrigation, Fencing, Improve Outfield Turf/Drainage, Bleacher Pads, etc.) Spring 2024

The funding also includes tournament support on an annual basis. The project has been assigned to a project manager to do all work during the offseason.

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

Mr. Flather reported the letter regarding the FCPS late cancelations was drafted, approved, and given to Dr. Anderson as the Athletic Council representative to the School Board. Mr. Tucker reported that Dr. Anderson shared the letter with the School Board chairman and FCPS Superintendent Dr. Reid. Dr. Anderson requested additional data that NCS and FCPS staff shared. Dr. Anderson reviewed the data, focusing on the most egregious schools and cancelations. Dr. Anderson plans on getting in touch with Executive Principals to make sure they pay attention to those locations and understand the impact to the community. Mr. Flather is encouraged FCPS is taking the issue seriously and requested if a statement could be provided about what actions the School Board is taking.

Ms. Garner reported that the community use office is putting together required training packet for school-based staff. There will be 5 different sessions available to attend in August. Those who do not attend one of the sessions, community use will reach out to the school principal directly. Community use is also sending out target dates for schools to get their events in that mirror the NCS scheduling seasons.

Mr. Hahne thanked Ms. Garner for her ongoing commitment to improve the late cancelations. The Council has brainstormed ideas to improve the late cancelations with the goal being a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character

Mr. Martino distributed the current nominations NCS has received for the 2023 Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character ceremony which is scheduled for October 17, 2023. Mr. Martino urged the Council to help with nominations as the deadline is August 1. NCS will resend the email with the nomination information to the Council. The Council inquired if participants for any sport could be nominated, for example swimming. The Champions of Character committee will be meeting soon to discuss and will let the Council know which sports can be nominated.

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported that rec leagues are wrapping up in the next few weeks. Post season tournaments, all stars and travel leagues will occur throughout the summer. High school baseball is currently in the district finals with the regional tournaments starting next week.

Mr. Hahne announced that the Patriot Park North complex is officially open with 27 tournament events scheduled for the first year. Another facility, Capital One Park in Tysons, recently opened and was fully funded by Capital One. Additional information can be found on their website:

[Capital One Park \(capitalonecenter.com\)](http://capitalonecenter.com)

Football

Mr. Hollingsworth reported that registration is going smoothly, and early indications are strong. Mr. Hollingsworth will have more information at the next Council meeting.

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Volleyball

Mr. Bailey reported that spring rec leagues are wrapping up. The Volleyball Council is meeting on Sunday May 21 and one topic for discussion is coaching needs for both boys' and girls' volleyball. Mr. Bailey also inquired if someone could assist the volleyball council with updating their by-laws. NCS will be in touch with more information.

Mr. Bailey stated that there has been a lot of activity for high school boys' volleyball at School Board meetings. The goal is to get official club status for boys' volleyball this fall and then hopefully varsity status in the next few years.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

Ms. Garner reported that community use and NCS continue to work closely together and continue to improve.

FAPA

Ms. Eckert shared the following FAPA projects with the Council.

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	Complete
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	Batting 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

NCS

Mr. Martino reported that the spring season is going well. NCS has their monitors and police/school security at designated "hot spots" where walk-on use is prevalent.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ego-Osuala stated that she recently met with Providence District Supervisor Palchik and Park Authority Director Jai Cole regarding the Urban Development for Tysons Corner and specifically the athletic fields that were discussed in the plan. Ms. Ego-Osuala was hoping to get a better understanding of what the Council's role and position was regarding the project and the athletic fields, as well as any background knowledge about the report. NCS staff stated that they will get in contact with Ms. Ego-Osuala to review and discuss the report and answer any questions she may have.





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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flather requested an update from Mr. Curran on the middle school sports program at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa Mickey, Secretary

