

2023 Council Members Magisterial Representatives:

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Gregory Beckwith

Harold Leff Hunter Mill District

Lisa Mickey

District

Barbara R. Lowrey Mason District

Lester Munson Mount Vernon District

Kelly Ego-Osuala Providence District

Michael Thompson, Jr. Springfield District

Gary Flather Sully District

Katherine Quinn Member-At-Large

Marc Fernandes Diversity-At-Large

Town Representatives:

Jeffrey E. Stein Roland Taylor

Town of Herndon Tom Hanton

Sports-Specific Representatives

Rob Hahne Baseball Council

Suzy Willemssen Fast Pitch Softball Council

Vacant Adult Softball Council

Steve Bergstrom

Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer Soccer Council

Rob Baily Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Park Authority

Kim Eckert Park Authority

Megan McLaughlin School Board

Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency: Lloyd Tucker

Neighborhood and Community Services

County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Fairfax County Athletic Council Minutes November 15, 2023

Members Present:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District Lisa Mickey, Franconia District Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District Barbara Lowrey, Mason District Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District Dean Shepard, Providence District, Alternate 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 Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council

Mark Meana, Football Council Lula Bauer, Soccer Council Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate (virtual) Rob Baily, Volleyball Council

Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate

Pallas Washington, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services Aimee Garcia, Division Director, Access and Economic Mobility, Neighborhood and Community Services (virtual) Karen Avvisato, 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 (virtual) Vicki Garner, Coordinator of Community Use, Fairfax County Public Schools (virtual)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District, Alternate Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District Gary Flather, Sully 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 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

GUESTS:

Jeremy Purcell, FXA Sports





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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 September 20 Council meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

After-School Middle School Sports

Ms. Quinn reported that the committee had met to discuss the after-school middle school sports program. NCS is currently in the process of verifying middle school participant numbers with all the organizations to show how many middle school students already participate in organized sports in Fairfax County. The committee is also looking at surrounding jurisdictions that have had successful middle school sport programs and see what has worked and what hasn't worked.

<u>Communications with Fairfax County Partners – FCPS, FCPA, NCS and Community Users</u>

Ms. Bauer reported that several Council members and NCS will be meeting with Superintendent Reid to discuss the ongoing school cancelations to community use.

Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character

Mr. Martino stated that the ceremony was fantastic and Stephen McLaughlin's family was very appreciative of everything. Having the ceremony in the Board Auditorium worked well. Mr. Martino urged the committee to meet soon to discuss next year's event and come up with ideas to promote and market the event.

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Fast Pitch Softball

Ms. Willemssen thanked all the parties involved with the Wakefield Park renovation and upgrades and is excited at the progress that has been made.

Football

Mr. Meana reported that USA Football has put a committee together to look at the price of football helmets.

Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported that the soccer community was happy with the good weather and is looking forward to the all-star tournament later this month.





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Volleyball

Mr. Bailey reported that Langley HS girls' volleyball will be competing for the state championship on Friday November 17.

Mr. Baily stated that the High School boys' volleyball league finished with 49 teams and the Elementary and Middle School boys' volleyball league finished with 16 teams.

The volleyball community continues to work with FCPS to make boys volleyball a sanctioned varsity sport.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

Mr. Curran will provide the fall state championship results at the December Council meeting. Mr. Curran reported that the high school winter sports season is underway. FCPS continues to work closely with the volleyball community to keep moving high school boys' volleyball to a sanctioned VHSL sport in Fairfax County.

FCPA

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

Year	Park	Field	Description	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	Sully Highlands	3, 4, 5	Install dugout covers	Winter 2023/2024
	Greenbriar	3	Install dugout covers	Winter 2023/2024
	Scotts Run	1	New Lighted Synthetic - 180' x 220'	Winter 2023/2024
	Wakefield	1-4; 7-8	Softball Diamond Field Improvement Projects (Dugouts, Bullpens, Infield Renovations, Irrigation, Fencing, Improve Outfield	Spring 2024
			Turf/Drainage, Bleacher Pads, Lighting Field #1)	
2024	Rolling Valley West	1 & 3	Irrigation Replacement	Summer 2024
	Loisdale	1 0 3	Synthetic Turf Replacement	Summer 2024
	Sully Highlands	1 & 2	Synthetic Turf Replacement	Summer 2024
	EC Lawrence	2 & 3	Synthetic Turf Replacement	Summer 2024
	Ken Lawrence	1 & 2	Synthetic Turf Replacement	Summer 2024

NCS

Mr. Martino thanked all for attending the Champions of Character ceremony.





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NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Quinn shared information on **Service Learning through Sports Micro-Grants** and **2024 Project Play Summit**. Additional information for both can be found at the links below.

Information on the Service Learning through Sports Micro-Grants can be found at: Service Learning through Sports - Project Play

Project Play Summit information can be found at: Summit 2024 - Project Play

Ms. Bauer shared a message from a concerned citizen regarding high schools blocking gyms on weekends for Booster basketball leagues. The citizen believes the group partnering with the high school booster clubs is a for-profit organization and the block outs make the gyms unable for NCS to schedule. Mr. Curran stated he would investigate and report back to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

