



# 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 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

**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

July 19, 2023

### Members Present:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate  
Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Gary Flather, Sully District (virtual)  
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large, Alternate  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon  
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate (virtual)  
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

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate  
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District  
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District, Alternate  
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District  
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate  
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate  
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large  
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council  
Stew Clark, Basketball Council, Alternate  
Suzy Willemssen, 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  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs  
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

### GUESTS:

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Brendon Hanafin, Planning and Development Division Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Stephanie Cornejo, Long Range Planning Section Supervisor, Fairfax County Park Authority  
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

FCPA staff gave a presentation on Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access (PROSA) Strategy

A link to the presentation can be found at:

[Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access \(PROSA\) Strategy](#)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the June 21 Council meeting were approved.

## CHAIRMAN REPORT

None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No update

Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character

Mr. Martino reported that NCS has received more nominations, however they still aren't at 100% for all the magisterial districts. NCS will send out another update next week and contact Council members for assistance in getting nominations.

Field Allocation Policy

Mr. Thompson plans to reconvene the field allocation policy in the next couple of weeks to further discuss any issues and changes to the current field allocation policy.

## REPORTSBY SPORTSREPRESENTATIVES

Football

Mr. Meana emphasized that health and safety should be a huge priority for all, especially with extreme heat and air quality.

Mr. Meana encouraged the Council to organize behind a sports complex for all sports. The County is starting to get behind the idea, however Mr. Meana believes this group should be a huge advocate in helping promote the idea.

Mr. Meana explained that officials across all sports is still an issue. Mr. Meana urged the Council to organize an initiative to recruit and retain officials or it could cause huge issues down the road, which we are already seeing in some sports.





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Mr. Hollingsworth reported that football starts practicing at the beginning of August. Preliminary registration numbers are positive, and football continues to work with official groups for the upcoming season. There is still a possibility football will have to schedule games on days not traditionally used because of the official's shortage.

## Soccer

Ms. Bauer inquired if NCS, FCPS or FCPA would ever get involved in canceling field use due to extreme heat or air quality as opposed to leaving it up to the organizations to decide. Mr. Martino explained that FCPS has canceled use on FCPS property a couple of times due to the heat and poor air quality and NCS has relayed that information to the community. Mr. Martino stated that NCS will also contact FCPA, however in most cases, FCPA will not close the athletic fields and it is up to the group's discretion.

## Volleyball

Mr. Baily reported he had a meeting with Dr. Reid to discuss the current situation regarding boys' volleyball. FCPS is not ready to make boys volleyball club sport yet, but Mr. Baily is putting information together to hopefully have it included in next year's budget.

## STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

### FCPS

None

### FCPA

Ms. Eckert shared the following FCPA 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	Batting Cages	Repairs to net support pole and new netting	Summer 2023
	Cunningham	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Summer 2023
	Lewinsville	2 and 3	Synthetic turf replacement	Summer/Fall 2023
	Scotts Run	1	New Lighted Synthetic - 180' x 220'	Winter 2023/2024
	South Run District	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Summer 2023
	Wakefield	1-4; 7-8	Softball Diamond Field Improvement Projects (Dugouts, Bullpens, Infield Renovations, Irrigation, Fencing, Improve Outfield Turf/Drainage, Bleacher Pads, Lighting Field #1)	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





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## NCS

Ms. Avvisato reported that NCS is working on finalizing everything for the 2023 Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character.

Ms. Avvisato informed the Council that Ms. Bauer will launch the committee to discuss the proposed middle school after school sports program.

Ms. Avvisato explained the field allocation policy is a work in progress and NCS has a list of items they would like to look at and discuss.

Mr. Martino stated that fall 2023 field temporary permits for the major organizations have been sent out. Fall 2023 gym temporary permits for the major organizations will be sent out in mid-August.

Mr. Martino explained that the Falls Church High School, Oakton High School, and Woodson High School stadium fields are currently being resurfaced. When the stadium field resurfacing is completed at these locations, there is a possibility that the practice turf fields will be resurfaced which could cause significant scheduling issues. There is currently no plan in place, however Mr. Martino wanted to let the Council know of the possibility.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

