



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods, and diverse communities of Fairfax County

## 2017 Council Members

### Magisterial Representatives:

**Marcia M. Pape Daniels**  
*Braddock District*

**Gregory Beckwith**  
*Dranesville District*

**James Elder**  
*Hunter Mill District*

**Lisa Mickey**  
*Lee District*

**Barbara R. Lowrey**  
*Mason District*

**Salvatore Colangelo**  
*Mount Vernon District*

**Stephen McLaughlin,**  
*Vice Chairman*  
*Providence District*

**Michael Thompson, Jr.**  
*Springfield District*

**Gary Flather**  
*Sully District*

**Katherine Quinn**  
*Member-At-Large*

**Clement Chan**  
*Diversity-At-Large*

### Town Representatives:

**Jeffrey E. Stein**  
*Town of Clifton*

**Nichole Lopes**  
*Town of Herndon*

**Sam Althoff**  
*Town of Vienna*

### Sports-Specific Representatives:

**Rob Hahne**  
*Chairman*  
*Baseball Council*

**Suzy Willemssen**  
*Fast Pitch Softball Council*

**Carl A. S. Coan, III**  
*Adult Softball Council*

**Dave Vennergrund**  
*Basketball Council*

**Mark Meana,**  
*Football Council*

**Mary Ann Wagner**  
*Lacrosse Council*

**Lula Bauer**  
*Soccer Council*

**Chuck Pruitt**  
*Volleyball Council*

**Jenni Cantwell**  
*Secretary*  
*Women's Sports*

### Non-Voting Members:

**Michael Thompson**  
*Park Authority*

**Todd Brown**  
*Park Authority*

**Tom Wilson**  
*School Board*

**William Curran**  
*Fairfax County Public Schools*

### Executive Agency:

**Christopher A. Leonard**  
*Director*  
*Neighborhood and Community Services*

## FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES December 13, 2017

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rachel Huhn, Braddock District Alternate  
James Elder, Hunter Mill District  
Lisa Mickey, Lee District  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Nichole Lopes, Town of Herndon  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Rebecca Frece, Slow Pitch Softball Council Alternate  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Sarah Allen, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Salvatore Colangelo, Mount Vernon District  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Clement Chan, Diversity-At-Large  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Dave Vennergrund, Basketball Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council  
Bill Curran, Fairfax County School Board  
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Christopher Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services

### GUESTS:

None

**MEETING OPENING**

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

None

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The November 15, 2017 minutes were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**By-Laws Committee

Mr. Martino reported that he, Ms. Allen, Ms. Avvisato and Mr. Thompson had a final meeting with the County Attorney to go over changes and finalize the document. Once that is complete the by-laws committee will review the document before it comes before the Council.

**SPORTS REPORT OUTS**Soccer

Ms. Bauer expressed concern over private training sessions being held during non-permitted time and the trainers not obtaining permits to hold training. She asked the clubs to become more aware of coaches holding private training and NCS to make the field monitors aware.

Football

None

Slow Pitch Softball

None

Fast Pitch -Softball

None



Volleyball

None

Lacrosse

None

Basketball

None

Baseball

None

## **MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES**

Fairfax County Public Schools

None

Fairfax County Park Authority

None

Neighborhood and Community Services

Ms. Avvisato reported that the new application system has launched. Both NCS and the user groups are going through growing pains. It takes the groups long on their end to apply, but has increased efficiency on the NCS scheduling end.

Ms. Avvisato discussed the increase of individuals trying to sue the County because their kids have gotten hurt at school gyms or fields. She reminded everyone that it is the group's responsibility to look at the facilities prior to use and report any damage to NCS so the school can be notified. If the school is aware of damage the facility should be taken off line until repairs are made.

Mr. Martino reported that all lights will be turned off from Dec 22- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. If a group would like the lights turned on please contact NCS.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Elder reported that the State of Vermont is the first state to recognize Ultimate Frisbee as an official High School Sport

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Thompson presented the write up for the Pat Harrison Award. Mr. McLaughlin put forward 2 motions for vote:

Motion 1: To create the Fairfax County Pat Harrison Leadership Award based on the following description:

The Fairfax County Pat Harrison Leadership Award is given each year in honor of the decades of work Pat Harrison did to support the Fairfax County Athletic Council and sports community throughout the County. In her roles at Community and Recreation Services (now Neighborhood and Community Services) and as Deputy County Executive, Pat upheld the standards of

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respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, citizenship and fairness the Fairfax County Athletic Council looks to promote.

The award is given each year to one persons who has given extraordinary service to the athletic community in Fairfax County by exhibiting leadership, cultivation teamwork, embracing good sportsmanship, and/or excelling in community service.

Ms. Huhn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

The motion passed unanimously

Motion #2: The Fairfax County Pat Harrison Leadership Award be presented each year as part of the Champions of Character Award Ceremony and that any application deadlines and other administrative issues be handled by the Director of Neighborhood and Community Services and/or the Director's designee.

Mr. Elder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

The motion passed unanimously

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully,



Jenni R. Cantwell  
Secretary

