



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

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Mason District

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Mount Vernon District

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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 Willemsen
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 July 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District Alternate
Karen Stamper, Lee District Alternate
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Rebecca Frece, Slow Pitch Softball Council Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Bill Curran, Fairfax County School Board
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority
Christopher Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Salvatore Colangelo, Mount Vernon District
Clement Chan, Diversity-At-Large
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Nichole Lopes, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Dave Vennergrund, Basketball Council Alternate
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Sarah Allen, Neighborhood and Community Services

GUESTS:

None

MEETING OPENING

Mr. Hahne called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The June 21, 2017 minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTSNominating Committee

Mr. Leff reported that the nominations for officers are Rob Hahne, Chairman, Stephen McLaughlin, Vice-Chairman and Jenni Cantwell, Secretary. Mr. Thompson moved that the slate be accepted by unanimous acclamation. Mr. Leff seconded. Mr. Hahne asked for opposition. No opposition.

SPORTS REPORT OUTSSoccer

Ms. Bauer had nothing to report

Football

None

Slow Pitch Softball

Ms. Frece reported that some of the bases are starting to fall apart due to wear and tear. She will continue to send a list to the Park Authority for repair.

Fast Pitch -Softball

None

Volleyball

None



Lacrosse

None

Basketball

None

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported that youth baseball is wrapping up and adult baseball will start picking up in August.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIESFairfax County Public Schools

Mr. Curran met with Scott Brabrand, the new superintendent of FCPS. He is very supportive of athletics and wants to see the new fee removed. FCPS is trying to figure out the logistics of collecting the new activities fee. High School practices will start Aug 1st. Looking towards next year practices will probably begin in July due to the new start date. The renovation/warranty issue on the turf field at Chantilly HS is done. The work was completed in 3 weeks. The turf field at Thomas Jefferson is due to come on line the end of August. Community use will start later due to TJ's later start time.

Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Brown reported the following on the current turf replacement projects:

Poplar Tree- Complete
 Lake Fairfax-Underway
 South Run fields- Start the week of July 24th
 Braddock Park – Start the end of July

Mason District Park #3 has new lights. The improvements at Mason District that are being done through the Washington Nationals partnership are well underway.

Mr. Thompson reported that as part of the agreement with the Nationals a field will be named after a player that is being inducted into the Hall of Fame this fall. The Master Plan of the Park Authority will be going for public comment sometime in August. The Park Authority is currently working on a draft policy regarding drones. Drones are complicated in Fairfax County due to proximity to DC. Currently there is 1 field in Fairfax County that drones can be flown. One of the options brought forward by Park Authority staff was using Athletic fields for drone racing. None of this was discussed with NCS or FCAC. This is just a draft to start discussions.



Neighborhood and Community Services

Mr. Martino reported that summer gym and field use is going well. Fall field permits have been sent to groups, use will begin August 1. Fall gym permits will be sent early August with a September 11th start date. Internal testing on the new AFAR system is on-going looking to roll out this fall. Light switches at South County, Hutchison, Mt. Vernon and Luther Jackson should be in place by the end of July. Herndon HS is under renovation. Community use has full access to the fields this fall and the primary user groups are working on a plan for continued use throughout the renovation. Mr. Martino thanked the Park Authority for moving the mulching station off Pine Ridge. This is allowing continued community use through the month of November.

Mr. Leonard reported that Bready Park in Herndon will be ready for the fall season. Bready Park and Great Falls Nike 7 were the 2 fields given grant money. Great Falls 7 was delayed due to push back from the citizens of Great Falls regarding the field infill. They would prefer the infill be TPE like Nike 4. While there is no change in the county standard of using crumb rubber, the Park Authority is moving ahead using the TPE infill. Great Falls Soccer Club will be picking up the cost difference. As we build new fields the Park Authority will look at piloting other infill. They will measure play ability and sustainability of the playing surface.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson passed out 2 articles: "Parents' and Coaches' Guide to Dehydration and Other Heat Illnesses in Children" and "Verbal abuse from parents, coaches is causing a referee shortage in youth sports".

Mr. Thompson reported that the Board of Supervisors have asked that a Sports Task Force be formed to look at 4 main issues:

1. Economic model of a tournament to show county impact.
2. Facilities that are available or need to be built to hold tournaments.
3. Policy and regulations regarding tournaments.
4. Is a sports commission needed in Fairfax County? A sports commissions primary purpose would be:
 - Sports Tourism
 - Promoting sports activities in Fairfax County

Mr. Leff announced that he will be stepping down as the primary representative for Hunter Mill. He will now be the alternate. James Elder, the current alternate, will step up as primary representative for Hunter Mill.

Mr. Flather introduced Mark Abbott as the new Sully District Alternate.



OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Pape Daniels expressed concern about the field sizes being put in at Tyson's Corner. She asked if someone was looking at the approved sizes of the fields. Mr. Thompson explained that it is an on-going concern that small fields are being built and then added together to equal "one field" and we end up with unusable field space. He suggested that we express concern to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Leff reported that the sports specific by-laws are still being reviewed by the county attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully,



Jenni R. Cantwell
Secretary

