



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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

## **2018 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*

**Douglas Phung**  
*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*

**Elizabeth Schultz**  
*School Board*

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

### **Executive Agency:**

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

## **FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**April 18, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
James Elder, Hunter Mill District  
Lisa Mickey, Lee District  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Clarke Gray, Providence District, Alternate  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Mark Abbott, Sully District, Alternate  
Douglas Phung, Diversity-At-Large  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Rebecca Frece, Slow Pitch Softball Council, Alternate  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Melody Modell, Fairfax County School Board  
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Christopher Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Salvatore Colangelo, Mount Vernon District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Dave Vennergrund, Basketball Council  
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council

### **GUESTS:**

None

## **MEETING OPENING**

Ms. Cantwell called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

None

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The February 21, 2018 minutes were approved.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Cantwell put forward a motion to make Mr. Thompson the chairman of the nominating committee. Mr. Flather Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NCS will send an email asking that all nominations be sent to Mr. Thompson.

## **SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE**

Mr. Leonard reported that the task force was given 3 assignments at the March meeting:

1. Audit tournament fees from the surrounding jurisdictions. Mr. Thompson added that not only should the fees be looked at but also what services are provided for those fees.
2. Baron Cameron is being considered as a Tournament "Hub-Site". It has multiple fields in the park as well as fields in surrounding parks that could be used. How will this displace community use? Mr. Thompson added that the task force will be looking at property around the area that could be improved or land that a new field could be built to offset the impact on community use.
3. What would the impact be and what is the possibility of rewriting the field allocation policy for tournaments and giving priority to tournaments on the following three weekends: Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day. Mr. Thompson added that many fields go unused those weekends and if the policy allowed for tournaments to be scheduled in advance it would make bringing tournaments into the area easier. Right now, NCS has to get the fields released by the groups in order to schedule the tournaments and this cannot be done until the groups are issued permits which is approximately 1 month before the permit begins. This makes it very difficult to schedule tournaments. Mr. Flather added that he feels strongly that community use should come first but if the fields are historically not being

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used then we need to look at allowing tournaments to be scheduled those weekends.

Mr. Leonard added that the Task Force would like to see this program piloted to make sure it does not severely impact community use.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **SPORTS REPORT OUTS**

### Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported that "Everyone is Happy". She also announced that Andi Sullivan, a graduate of South County HS and a former Mclean Youth Soccer player has made the US Women's National Team and is playing with the Washington Spirit.

### Football

None

### Slow Pitch Softball

Ms. Frece expressed concern over the status of the fields. Communication from the Park Authority Area Managers has been poor this season and field issues are not being addressed. Mr. Brown asked Ms. Frece to send him a list of the field issues.

### 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

Mr. Brown announced that Springfest at Sully Historical site is the weekend of April 21-22. If anyone is interested in having a booth please let him know. Construction of the turf field has started on Nottaway #4 and should be finished by the end of September. Turf replacement is planned for Spring Hill 2&3, Franconia Park and Patriot Park. Construction will begin 6/18 and be complete by 9/1. Patriot Park North baseball complex design is complete and in the permitting process. Fred Crabtree/ Nationals Partnership is moving forward. Improvements will be done to 2 fields. Construction will begin 5/14 and be complete by 7/7. There will be an unveiling event on 7/16 during MLB All-star week.

The Jack Nolan field renaming ceremony at South Run District Park Field #5 was held April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Neighborhood and Community Services

Mr. Leonard gave a shout out to the Park Authority on being mindful of the turf replacement fund and coming in under the \$450,000 budget for replacement.

Ms. Avvisato reported that the scholarship survey is underway and hoping to have the information at the next meeting. She announced that Rachel Johnson is the new Region 3 scheduler.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Pickleball – The allocation committee will need to be re-convened to add pickleball as a sport.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully,



Jenni R. Cantwell  
Secretary

