



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

Charles Williams
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

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 May 16, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Douglas Phung, Diversity-At- Large
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Jay White, Fast Pitch Softball
Mark Meana, Football Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Rebecca Frece, Slow Pitch Softball Council, Alternate
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Bill Curran, Fairfax County School Board
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority
Sarah Allen, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Salvatore Colangelo, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Dave Vennergrund, Basketball Council
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council

GUESTS:

None

MEETING OPENING

Ms. Cantwell called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Jim Emery, Herndon Optimist Club, inquired about lines on turf fields. His organization currently uses Hutchison ES #4 for field hockey and the field is not lined, it only has tic marks for painting. He wanted to know how the decision is made as to which sports lines are painted and which are tic marked. Mr. Brown from Park Authority operations explained that the decision is made as part of the master plan based on historic use and what was agreed upon prior to the field being turfed. Tic marks were added to give more flexibility of field use. The Park Authority prefers to paint lines vs inlayed lines due to maintenance issues. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Emery to contact him if he had any further questions regarding field lining.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The April 18, 2018 minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE

Mr. Flather reported that within the next 2 months a report will be put together and presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Thompson added that this will be an interim report with a recommendation that the task force continue to meet every 2-3 months and fine tune what sports tourism will look like in Fairfax County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allocation: None

By-laws: Mr. Thompson reviewed the sports specific by-laws draft (see attached). These are model by-laws that the sports specific councils will have to adopt. These by-laws must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

In September, meetings will begin with the sports specific councils to discuss the new requirement. These councils are official government entities and are governed by FOIA and record maintenance requirements. Due to this



NCS has agreed to provide support with maintaining documents for each council and facilitate any FOIA requests.

The by-laws committee will meet prior to the June FCAC meeting to review and put forward any changes to the County attorney. The by-laws will be voted on by the FCAC at the June meeting and then presented to the Board of Supervisors in July. Copies of the Draft By-Laws will be sent electronically to all council members for review. Please submit any changes or suggestions to Mr. Leff and Mr. Thompson NLT June 1, 2018.

Diversity: None

Nomination: Mr. Thompson put forward the slate of officers. Chairman: Steve McLaughlin, Vice-Chairman: Jenni Cantwell and Secretary: Barbara Lowrey. Mr. Flather put forward a motion to accept the slate. Mr. Coan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SPORTS REPORT OUTS

Soccer

None

Football

Mr. Meana reported that spring flag football is wrapping up.

Slow Pitch Softball

Ms. Frece reported that the fields are in much better shape and thanked Mr. Brown for his support

Fast Pitch -Softball

Mr. White reported that the spring season is winding down.

Volleyball

Mr. Pruitt reported that the spring season is winding down. The new web-site NOVA Volleyball Alliance <https://www.novavolleyballalliance.org> has been rolled out and is being well received.

Lacrosse

None

Basketball

None

Baseball

None

Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. Phung reported that there were 500 youth players and 800 pick-up ultimate frisbee players this spring. He would like to move the state championship to Fairfax County and possibly expand this to a mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament.



MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Fairfax County Public Schools

Mr. Curran reported that the rain is impacting playoffs especially diamond sports. VHSL has a hard-ending date and there is concern about getting all the games played. This is the first time in 10 years Fairfax County is not hosting the Jubilee. FCPS is in desperate need of activity bus drivers. If you know anyone interested please have them contact the transportation office. VHSL is looking to re-organize again. FCPS has put forward an option of putting all 5/6A schools into 1 of 4 regions each having 25 schools per region. This would put all of Fairfax County schools back into one region.

Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. Brown reported that the renovation of Fred Crabtree park fields 1 and 2 is underway. This is in partnership with the Washington Nationals, MLB and Reston Herndon Little League. This field will open July 16th. The batting cages at Braddock Park are now under the Park Authority. The cages are currently being cleaned up and inventoried and plan to open soon. Park Authority is looking at ways to expand the pickle ball courts.

Mr. Thompson reminded everyone that July 16th will be the ribbon cutting on the Bryce Harper all-star fields at Fred Crabtree park. This field is part of the Washington Nationals Dream Field Foundation.

Neighborhood and Community Services

Ms. Avvisato reported that the Region 3 scheduler position is again open. The scholarship survey should be ready by the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully,



Jenni R. Cantwell
Secretary

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