



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

Suzy Willemsen
Fast Pitch Softball Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III
Adult Softball Council

Steve Bergstrom
Basketball Council

Mark Meana,
Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner
Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer
Soccer Council

Chuck Pruitt
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Vice Chairman
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Thompson
Park Authority

Todd Brown
Park Authority

Thomas Wilson
School Board

William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Christopher A. Leonard
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 17, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon, Alternate
Mark Meana, Football Council
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Rebecca Frece, Slow Pitch Softball Council, Alternate
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Keisha Dotson, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority
Vicki Garner, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Salvatore Colangelo, Mount Vernon District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Charles Williams, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council

GUESTS:

MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The March 20 minutes were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. McLaughlin shared with the Council that NCS and FCPS have had several meetings regarding ongoing concerns regarding community use. He asked NCS to report out on the meetings.

Ms. Avvisato stated that Mr. Leonard and staff had met with Mr. Jeff Platenberg, Assistant Superintendent for the FCPS Department of Facilities and Transportation Services, regarding the ongoing concerns that were in the letter drafted by the Council. Ms. Avvisato reported that there were several process changes made to help improve communication between NCS and FCPS. Mr. Leonard is in the process of drafting a letter to be memorialized that he will share with the Council at the next meeting.

Ms. Avvisato also stated that Mr. Platenberg is willing to meet with any athletic community members regarding questions or concerns. In closing, Ms. Avvisato stated that the FCPS Design and Construction office has a new director, Brady Rauch, and she looks forward to working with him in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Avvisato reported that the By-Law committee needs to reconvene to review the overall Athletic Council's by-laws. She also stated that staff members have attended several sports-specific council meetings to review the updated by-laws; they still need to meet with a couple more.



SPORTS REPORT OUTS

Football

Mr. Meana reported on the new football league starting in 2020, the XFL. He stated that Oliver Luck was the Commissioner and CEO of the league. Mr. Meana asked the Council if they would like the President of the Washington franchise to attend a future meeting. The gentleman's name is Eric Moses and he will be meeting with local community groups as the season approaches. The Washington XFL franchise plans to play in the soccer stadium by Nationals Park that seats roughly 20,000. The league has 8 franchises that are all owned by the league.

Slow Pitch Softball

Ms. Frece stated she had nothing to report

Fast Pitch Softball

Ms. Willemsen reported that the weather has been both good and bad for the start of the spring season

Volleyball

Mr. Pruitt stated that the interest in all levels of volleyball continues to grow. The outdoor volleyball season is currently ramping up and he is excited about several new outdoor volleyball facilities.

Mr. Pruitt was pleased to share that McLean Youth Volleyball would be partnering with Level the Playing Field again for an event this year after last year's unprecedented success in collecting new and used equipment.

Ultimate Frisbee

Reported that they have an upcoming end-of-season tournament and are hosting the state tournament Memorial Day weekend.

Soccer

Ms. Moxie reported that the weather has been frustrating for the start of the season. She also praised the NCS field and gym monitors and especially Arthur Harris who is always helpful in resolving conflicts and other issues.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

FCPS

Ms. Garner stated that she was pleased with the steps being taken to improve the relationship with NCS.

FCPA

Mr. Brown reported that the following projects would occur this summer.

- Nottoway Park 60 #5 turf replacement
- Lee District Park RF #4 turf replacement
- Nottoway Park 60 #1 turf renovation in partnership with Vienna Little League

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- Rectangular field at Larry Graves Park in partnership with City of Falls Church
- South Run athletic field lights being replaced
- Alabama Drive Park replace athletic field lighting on diamond fields and replace irrigation on diamonds and rectangle field
- Irrigation upgrades at Pine Ridge Park and Trailside Park

Mr. Brown was pleased to report that all porta john units were in place and all mowing contractors were on schedule. FCPA has set up weekly meetings with their contractors to check-in and see if there are any issues or concerns.

FCPA recently hired 2 regional managers to oversee the area crews, with one overseeing the east areas and the other the west areas. Mark Plourde will oversee west, and Jeff Winkle will oversee east. Mr. Brown urged the Council members to reach out to these individuals to help streamline communication with all area crews.

NCS

Ms. Avvisato stated summer gym scheduling is underway and that summer continues to be a challenge due to significant needs and limited resources. FCPS plans significant facility projects during the summer months since that is the only time school is not in session.

Mr. Martino urged the Council to report if Police or School Security are needed at sites.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

