



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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

## 2019 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**  
Secretary  
Mason District

**Lester Munson**  
Mount Vernon District

**Stephen McLaughlin,**  
Chairman  
Providence District

**Michael Thompson, Jr.**  
Springfield District

**Gary Flather**  
Sully District

**Katherine Quinn**  
Member-At-Large

**Vacant**  
Diversity-At-Large

### Town Representatives:

**Jeffrey E. Stein**  
Town of Clifton

**Roland Taylor**  
Town of Herndon

**Sam Althoff**  
Town of Vienna

### Sports-Specific Representatives:

**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 July 17, 2019

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
James Elder, Hunter Mill District  
Lisa Mickey, Lee District  
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Clarke Gray, Providence District, Alternate  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Program

#### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Bill Curran, Fairfax County Public Schools

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council  
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council

#### GUESTS:

Tim D. Nank

**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 June 19 minutes were approved

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the executive members and NCS will meet in September to have a planning session for the upcoming year. The group will look at how the Council's own governance operates and any challenges for the upcoming year. Mr. McLaughlin explained that there will be a lot of turnover in the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board. One thing to focus on is making sure the new members understand what the Council does and why we do it, as well as how we can help them, and they can help us. Mr. McLaughlin urged the Council to send him any items or challenges they would like to have discussed.

**SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE**

Mr. Thompson stated that the Task Force held a meeting since the last Council meeting. He indicated that the ski facility has been discussed the most and reminded the Council that the ski facility is an unsolicited private/public partnership bid and the deadline is in early September.

Mr. Thompson reported that The St. James complex is more open to hosting tournaments than they were originally. The facility also plans to host TC Williams high school home football games this fall.

Mr. Curran indicated that The St. James had reached out to FCPS regarding hosting high school football games. Mr. Curran stated that the facility only seats 2,000 and the revenue model did not work. Mr. Curran echoed Mr. Thompson that The St. James was more open than before and the door is open if FCPS ever needs to relocate games.

Ms. Avvisato stated that the consultant retained by the Task Force will be in town on July 30-31 to conduct focus groups with a variety of different sports. The focus groups will focus on the feasibility of sports complexes in Fairfax County and is an important step in the process.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

## SPORTS REPORT OUTS

### Football

Mr. Meana reported that the XFL is coming to town and the President of the DC franchise, Eric Moses, will speak at this year's Champions of Character ceremony.

### Softball

Mr. Coan had nothing to report

### Ultimate Frisbee

Reported that they are getting ready for youth fall season.

### Soccer

Ms. Moxie stated that they are trying to keep coaches off hot turf fields

## MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

### FCPS

Mr. Curran reported that the conversion of the Justice HS endzone and logos have been completed.

Mr. Curran stated that FCPS was hosting Lee Green, Attorney and Retired Professor of Business & Economics at Baker University, on July 31 to present scholastic sports legal issues facing the school system. There will be a presentation during the day for all the Directors of Student Activities and another presentation in the evening 6:00pm-8:00pm for all high school coaches in the Lake Braddock SS auditorium. Please reach out to Mr. Curran if interested in attending.

Mr. Curran reported that the fall high school sports season begins on August 5.

Mr. Flather inquired about the group Overtime Athletics which has been advertising in SYA area. He stated that they are PTA sponsored, however they are promoting league play on their website. Mr. Curran responded that he will look into the group and report back to the Council. The concern is having PTA sponsored programs encroaching on NCS allocated space.

### FCPA

Mr. Brown reported difficulties last week with the storm. There are still a few fields out with downed fences. He asked the Council to send any information on field damage to FCPA. Mr. Brown was happy to report that the rain had not delayed any of the ongoing turf projects.

Mr. Thompson reiterated that construction costs were increasing across the board and it impacts planning of projects.

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NCS

Ms. Avvisato reported that Mr. Jeff Platenberg, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Facilities and Transportation Services will attend the September Council meeting. She urged the Council to air any issues they have while Mr. Platenberg is in attendance.

Ms. Avvisato stated that NCS had met with Jim Elder and the chairman of the newly created Reston Sports Council Jeremy Lee to discuss a variety of concerns. Mr. Elder stated that they had reported back to the Reston Sports Council and there was still some uneasiness and concerns. Ms. Avvisato responded that NCS is happy to go present to the Reston Sports Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. McLaughlin introduced the new Mt. Vernon District representative, Mr. Lester Munson, to the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

