



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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

## 2020 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 Willemssen**  
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

**Vacant**  
Park Authority

**Dr. Ricardy Anderson**  
School Board

**William Curran**  
Fairfax County Public Schools

### Executive Agency:

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

## FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

### MINUTES

January 15, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Michael Thompson Jr, Springfield District  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Keisha Dotson, Director Access Division, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Jason Shelton, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Dan Sutherland, Fairfax County Park Authority  
John Chapman, Community Use of School Facilities, Fairfax County Public Schools

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Elder, Hunter Mill District  
Lisa Mickey, Lee District  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

### GUESTS:

Matt McMahon, Ultimate Frisbee

**MEETING OPENING**

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

None

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The September 18 and November 16 minutes were approved

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. McLaughlin distributed a draft of the Council talking points to utilize when meeting with new Board of Supervisor and School Board members. The document includes the general purpose and membership of the Council, items relating specifically to the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board, as well as challenges the Council faces. The Council requested NCS add a list of accomplishments and successes to the document. Any feedback on the document should be sent to Mr. McLaughlin directly.

**SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE**

Mr. Flather reported that the Task Force would be reconvening in mid-February and he hopes to have an update for the Council at the February meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None



## **SPORTS REPORT OUTS**

### Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. McMahon stated that the youth and adult indoor seasons were underway at South Run Field House.

## **MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES**

### FCPS

Mr. Martino informed the Council that Dr. Ricardy Anderson has been appointed to the Council as the new School Board member. Mr. Chapman reported that his office and NCS are working together to finalize field and gym usage schedules at the schools. Mr. Chapman also informed the Council that there was an initiative to retain custodians and building supervisors to prevent turnover. In closing, Mr. Chapman reminded the Council to be aware of potential inclement weather. FCPS is making every effort to make the call on closing facilities as early as possible. The most reliable source to find out of potential closings is the FCPS website.

### FCCA

Mr. Sutherland reported that there are no changes to the current scheduled projects (included in October meeting notes). Mr. Sutherland was pleased to report that FCCA had started routine maintenance of all the FCPS synthetic turf fields.

### NCS

Mr. Martino informed the Council that he attended the high school Director of Student Activities meeting to discuss green days, off-site practices and late practice times. One of the issues impacting the late practice times is coaches who do not work at the school. Unfortunately, it does not look like it is an issue that will be going away. Mr. Martino encouraged the Council to develop working relationships with the schools to avoid as many conflicts as possible.

The Council stressed that there needs to be a solution to the issues that include late cancellations, green days conflicting with community use and other communication breakdowns. The Council recommended putting a committee together to discuss the issues and develop creative solutions. Mr. Meana stated that staff at schools change regularly, however, there needs to be ongoing communication between FCPS and the community. One suggestion includes mandated meetings between user groups and schools. Mr. Meana also reminded the Council that each area of the County is unique and solutions that work in one area of the County may not work in another. The main point the Council stressed is communication!



**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

