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Fast Pitch Softball Council

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Lula Bauer
Soccer Council

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William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Lloyd Tucker
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

LINK TO VIDEO OF THE MEETING:

[March 17 Athletic Council](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
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Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
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Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Suzu Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council, Alternate
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Sarah Allen, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Keisha Dotson, Division Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Athletic Services Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Branch Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Chris Pulley, Community Outreach Specialist, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services
Michael Thompson Jr., Fairfax County Park Authority Board
Kurt Louis, Director of Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority
Bill Curran, Director of Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Carl Coan, Adult Softball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

GUESTS:

Eric Kulczycky, Visit Fairfax
Jeff Diehl, Chantilly Youth Association Lacrosse

MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Ms. Avvisato introduced Lloyd Tucker who was appointed the new Director of Neighborhood and Community Services.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Neighborhood and Community Services staff gave a presentation on the NCS Scholarship Program. The PowerPoint from the presentation can be accessed at [NCS Scholarship Presentation](#).

A motion was presented to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting additional funds for the scholarship program. The motion was seconded and approved without objection.

Ms. Avvisato stated that NCS would like to reconvene the sports scholarship committee to review the scholarship program.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the virtual meeting on February 17 were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Martino stated that the Best Practices for Sports Organizations had finalized the membership and will look to convene soon.

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

Mr. Hahne thanked Mr. Curran and Mr. Martino for working with the baseball and softball communities regarding high school diamond field opening dates.

Mr. Hahne reported Mr. Curran and several high school baseball and softball coaches worked together on making recommendations for high school return to play protocols.

Basketball

Mr. Bergstrom reported that the winter basketball season ended last week. There were three types of organizations that ran during the winter: Recreational leagues, Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL) and the St. James. Everything went smoothly during the winter all things considered. Enrollment was at roughly 40% of normal. All COVID-19 policies mimicked the Virginia High School League (VHSL) policies and guidelines.

Fast Pitch Softball

Ms. Willemssen thanked Mr. Curran for helping with the high school softball field opening dates. Ms. Willemssen explained the softball community would be pushing for reforms on current policies that include grass field opening and closure dates.



Football

Mr. Meana reported that the high school football season has completed half their schedule and the community is enjoying the season immensely.

Lacrosse

Ms. Wagner reported that the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League (NVYLL) is ready to start the spring season. Ms. Wagner informed the Council that NVYLL has 25 member clubs across multiple counties and that each club has its own COVID-19 policies. Some clubs require masks while playing while others do not. There are also different policies on spectators.

Soccer

Ms. Bauer was happy to report that there have been minimal issues in the soccer community. Parents and youth are grateful to be able to participate in soccer and are relieved and appreciative of the COVID-19 guidelines and protocols that have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety. The spring soccer season starts shortly.

Volleyball

Mr. Pruitt reported that preparations are being made for the spring indoor volleyball season. Most clubs are participating; however, there has been reduced participation and resources. Mr. Pruitt explained the lack of FCPS gym space has been challenging and impactful.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVESFCPS

Mr. Curran reported the high school winter sports season was completed. Centreville HS boys' basketball and Madison HS girls' basketball won state championships. Robinson SS wrestling was state champion. For indoor track South Lakes HS boys won the state championship and Robinson SS girls were state runner-up. Mr. Curran stated it is a major accomplishment to have completed a winter season.

Mr. Curran stated that the high school fall sports season is underway. Football is roughly 2/3 complete and all other fall sports seasons are halfway complete. There have been positive COVID-19 cases here and there, but FCPS is managing them and working closely with the Health Department.

Mr. Curran explained FCPS is also preparing for the spring high school sports season which starts on April 12 and runs through the end of June. One factor that is being discussed now is what to do when the spring season ends. It would be a quick turnaround to end spring sports at the end of June and start practices for fall sports in August.

FCPA

Mr. Louis reported the Park Authority is taking advantage of the good weather and getting the grass fields ready for the spring season.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Patriot Park North baseball complex is still on track to be completed in roughly 2 years.

NCS

Ms. Avvisato praised all the youth groups for putting guidelines and protocols in place to be able to conduct a winter gym season. Groups are doing a great job reporting positive COVID-19 cases and quarantining players/teams when necessary. Ms. Avvisato explained that the groups have a responsibility to follow the CDC and local health officials' guidelines, which includes assisting the Health Department with contact tracing. NCS understands the anxiety of group's providing participant information; however, this information is necessary for the Health Department to complete its contact tracing. NCS and the Health Department will be conducting a virtual meeting to engage with the athletic community and alleviate any concerns citizens may have and answer questions.

Mr. Martino reminded the Council that since the high school spring sports season starts on April 12, some permit times may change. Mr. Martino encouraged all groups double check their permit times after April 12.



Mr. Martino informed the Council that Police and School Security would start patrolling at specific sites the first week of April to help with walk-on issues.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

