

County of Fairfax, Virginia

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FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS LINK TO VIDEO OF THE MEETING:

Fairfax County Athletic Council Meeting

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Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate

Lisa Mickey, Lee District Barbara Lowrey, Mason District

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District, Alternate Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District Mark Abbott, Sully District, Alternate Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large

Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large Alternate

Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon Rob Hahne, Baseball 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

Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Karen Avvisato, Athletic Services Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Branch Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services

Chris Pulley, Community Outreach Specialist, Neighborhood and Community Services

Michael Thompson Jr., Fairfax County Park Authority Board

Kurt Louis, Director of Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District Gary Flather, Sully District Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council

Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

GUESTS:

Brian Monday, Eric Monday Foundation Holly Monday, Eric Monday Foundation Phil Cronin, Fairfax County Public Schools Eric Kulczycky, Visit Fairfax

Jeff Diehl, Chantilly Youth Association

2021 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

Marc Fernandes 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

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Fast Pitch Softball Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III

Adult Softball Council

Steve Bergstrom

Basketball Council

Mark Meana Football Council Mary Ann Wagner

Lula Bauer Soccer Council

Chuck Pruitt Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell Vice Chairman Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members: Michael Thompson

Park Authority

Kurt Louis

Park Authority

Melanie Meren

School Board

William Curran Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Lloyd Tucker *Director Neighborhood and Community Services*

MEETING OPENING

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Staff from the Brain Monday Foundation gave a presentation on a Coaches Guide to Mental Health Awareness. The PowerPoint presentation can be accessed at Eric Monday Foundation: A Coaches Guide to Mental Health Awareness

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the virtual meeting on April 21 were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Mr. McLaughlin inquired if NCS had information on remote meeting options moving forward. NCS staff will check on the status of in-person and virtual meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations Committee

The nomination committee consulted with NCS staff as well as others to determine candidates for the Executive Committee. The committee was looking for candidates with knowledge and experience in Athletic Council activities, appropriate temperament and diplomatic skills and a demonstrated ability to consider the opinions of others and look at the bigger picture. The committee came up with a consensus list of the following candidates.

Chairman: Lula Bauer Vice Chairman: Gary Flather Secretary: Lisa Mickey

Mr. Thompson moved that the Council accept the slate by acclimation. The motion was seconded and approved without objection.

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

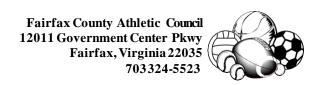
Mr. Hahne stated there is a state of baseball summit upcoming Monday May 24 with representatives from little league, babe ruth, legion, travel, and high school coaches. The summit will be a luncheon focused on growing and promoting baseball in Fairfax County.

Football

Mr. Meana reported that football is currently registering for the fall and watching for updates and clarification on guidelines moving forward.

Lacrosse

Ms. Wagner stated the spring lacrosse season is going well. The Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League (NVYLL) shortened their schedule compared to previous seasons.



Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported that this time of year for soccer is stressful because of tryouts. Organizations are receiving a lot of questions regarding mask usage.

Volleyball

Mr. Pruitt reported that the spring volleyball season is going well. 60% of organizations are playing. Mr. Pruitt stated that volleyball organizations are also getting a lot of questions regarding masks. Mr. Pruitt thanked Mike Thompson and the Park Authority for providing grass field space at Lewinsville Park for outdoor volleyball.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

No report

FCPA

Mr. Louis reported that the Holladay Field conversion to synthetic turf will start right after Father's Day. The Park Authority has also done infield work at Hooes Road Park and Mason Neck West Park.

Mr. Thompson stated that the hiring process for the Park Authority Director is underway. The job advertisement is posted, and people have applied. The target date for the new Park Authority Director is September.

NCS

Ms. Avvisato stated that NCS is waiting for FCPS to put together language in response to the Governor's and CDC guidelines. NCS hopes to receive updated guidelines from FCPS tomorrow and will send to all users.

Mr. Tucker thanked Mr. McLaughlin for acting and crafting the letter regarding the increase in the NCS Scholarship funding, as well as Supervisor McKay for his support. The BOS did vote to increase the NCS Scholarship funding for this year by \$150,000 which brings the total to \$300,000. NCS will be asking County Executive Bryan Hill to include this funding in the NCS budget for next year, as well as moving forward. Ms. Avvisato stated that the Scholarship committee needs to reconvene to look at the overall NCS Scholarship program.

Mr. Shelton informed the Council that NCS will be sending out information on the One Fairfax Policy. All Fairfax County Boards, Authorities and Commission members must sign an acknowledgment of the One Fairfax Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

