



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Football Council

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Lacrosse Council

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Chairman
Soccer Council

Rob Baily
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Thompson
Park Authority

Kurt Louis
Park Authority

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School Board

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Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Lloyd Tucker
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

LINK TO VIDEO OF THE MEETING:

[Fairfax County Athletic Council Meeting:](#)

[Nov. 17, 2021 - YouTube](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Lisa Mickey, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District, Alternate
Gary Flather, Sully District
Mark Abbott, Sully District, Alternate
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Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate
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Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Keisha Dotson, Division Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Branch Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services
Kurt Louis, Director of Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Bill Bright, Lee District, Alternate
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large, Alternate
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Stew Clark, Basketball Council, Alternate
Ryan Buchanan, Fast Pitch Softball Council, Alternate
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Dave Paddock, Lacrosse Council, Alternate
Christine Idip, Slow Pitch Softball, Alternate
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

MEETING OPENING

Mr. Flather 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

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the virtual meeting on September 15 were approved

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Mr. Flather had nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sports Tourism Implementation Committee

Mr. Flather stated that the next holiday weekend for the tournament pilot program isn't until 2022. Mr. Flather reported the committee will continue with the pilot program and have an update for the Council in February or March.

Communications with Fairfax County Partners - FCPS, FCPA, NCS and Community Users

Mr. Flather reported that the committee had its first meeting. The committee met to establish members of the committee and went through some highlights of the goals of the committee. The next meeting will be in January and will have an update at the January Council meeting.

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Basketball

Mr. Bergstrom stated that winter basketball is underway. A quick poll of organizations showed that roughly 80% of players coming back. Mr. Bergstrom hopes to have participation back to 100% next winter.

Fast Pitch

Ms. Willemssen reported that the softball council will be meeting on December 5 to discuss the potential loss of fields at Falls Church HS, Louise Archer ES, James Madison HS and South Lakes HS and possible inequities. The softball council will also discuss with the Park Authority about accessing fields earlier in the season.

Football

Mr. Hollingsworth stated the football season was completed this past weekend. There was great participation throughout age groups and clubs are going through equipment return.

Soccer

Ms. Moxie reported there was a record number of travel and recreation participants this fall. Soccer is finishing up the regular season and post season tournaments.



Volleyball

Ms. Swope reported that the high school boys' volleyball season was completed and had 25 teams compete. Ms. Swope was pleased to report that Herndon HS girls' volleyball had advanced to the state tournament. The volleyball community is also seeing more interest in younger age groups which is a positive development.

Ms. Swope encouraged the Council to view the Change.org petition to get more high school boys volleyball teams in the County. Ms. Swope reported that all volleyball clubs are finalizing try outs and practices will begin after the holidays.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

None

FCCA

Mr. Louis reported Holladay Field has been converted to synthetic turf and is open.

Mr. Louis stated the FCCA Board approved irrigation replacement of all Greenbrier Park fields.

Mr. Louis was pleased to report that the topsoil has been stripped and roughly 20% of the Patriot Park North project is complete.

The Park Authority plans to do work on fields and improvements while they are closed for the winter.

NCS

Mr. Martino stated that the winter gym season is underway. COVID-19 Health and Safety Utilization Agreements for Gym Use were sent to all gym groups to be signed. The agreement states that all participants will wear masks in FCPS facilities, except those engaged in physical activity. The second part of the form requires groups to report any positive COVID-19 cases to the Health Department using the provided link.

Mr. Martino gave a brief overview on the late school cancelations that groups receive. The Communications with Fairfax County Partners - FCPS, FCCA, NCS and Community Users committee is hoping to find solutions to prevent these late cancelations from occurring.

Mr. Martino stated that he will follow up with any Council members that did not complete the acknowledgment of the One Fairfax policy which is required for all Board, Authorities and Commission members.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

