



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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**2023 Council Members
Magisterial Representatives:**

Marcia M. Pape Daniels
Braddock District

Gregory Beckwith
Dranesville District

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Franconia District

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Mount Vernon District

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Providence District

Michael Thompson, Jr.
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Vice Chairman
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

Tom Hanton
Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives

Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

Suzy Willemsen
Fast Pitch Softball Council

Vacant
Adult Softball Council

Steve Bergstrom
Basketball Council

Mark Meana
Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner
Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer *Chairman*
Soccer Council

Rob Baily
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Thompson
Park Authority

Kim Eckert
Park Authority

Dr. Ricardy Anderson
School Board

William Curran
Fairfax County Public Schools

Executive Agency:

Lloyd Tucker
Director
Neighborhood and Community Services

Fairfax County Athletic Council Minutes

February 15, 2023

Meeting Held via Microsoft Teams

Link to Video of the Meeting:

[Fairfax County Athletic Council Meeting \(Feb. 15, 2023\) - YouTube](#)

Members Present:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District
Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District, Alternate
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Christine Idip, Slow Pitch Softball, Alternate
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council
Hillary Richardson, Women's Sports Programs, Alternate

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Lloyd Tucker, Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Pallas Washington, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Keisha Dotson, Deputy Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
Mark Martino, Branch Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services
Jason Shelton, Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services
Kim Eckert, Park Division Director, Fairfax County Park Authority
Dan Sutherland, Park Management Branch Manager, Fairfax County Park Authority
Dr. Ricardy Anderson, Mason District Representative, Fairfax County School Board
Bill Curran, Director of Student Activities, Fairfax County Public Schools
Vicki Garner, Coordinator of Community Use, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate
Mark Abbott, Sully District, Alternate
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Eric Sohn, Diversity-At-Large, Alternate
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Stew Clark, Basketball Council, Alternate
Suzy Willemsen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Ryan Buchanan, Fast Pitch Softball Council, Alternate
Mark Meana, Football Council
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council
Dave Paddock, Lacrosse Council, Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

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MEETING OPENING

Ms. Bauer 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 January 18 were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Ms. Bauer stated that 3 policies were sent out prior to the meeting and urged the Council to review them.

- 1) Athletic Council Bylaws 2023
- 2) Remote Participation Policy
- 3) All Virtual Public Meeting Policy

Ms. Bauer explained that the County attorneys have created a standardized set of by-laws for all Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BACs). Ms. Bauer stated she is introducing those by-laws tonight to be voted on at the March meeting.

Mr. Thompson inquired if the sports-specific councils will need to update their by-laws as well. Ms. Dotson stated that will happen in the future. The County Attorneys and BOS wanted to get the standardized by-laws for all the BACs implemented that included remote participation and virtual public meetings policy.

Ms. Bauer stated that at the March Council meeting the Council will take an official vote to adopt by-laws. The by-laws will then go to the BOS for approval at their April meeting. With that being the case, Ms. Bauer explained the Council cannot implement the virtual meeting policy until the May meeting and therefore the March and April Council meetings will be in-person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRT

Ms. Dotson reported that the APRT report went to the BOS on February 7 and the report was approved unanimously. There were some budget requests in the report and NCS will send the Council members the dates for the public hearings so they can support.

Mr. Thompson suggested a letter in support of the APRT be drafted and approved at the March meeting to accompany any Council members that attend the budget hearings.





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

Mr. Flather stated the committee has made some progress in the last month. The letter to go to the School Board regarding the cancelations has been redrafted. Ms. Bauer and Mr. Flather met with Dr. Ricardy Anderson, and she supported the letter. Mr. Tucker will review and approve the letter before it is sent.

Stephen A. McLaughlin Champions of Character

Mr. Martino reminded the Council that the ceremony will take place October 17, 2023. An official Save the Date will be sent out with the ceremony information and where nominations can be submitted. Mr. Martino urged the Council to reach out to the community to get nominations!

REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported the baseball council met a couple of weeks ago. Allocations and permits will be sent out from NCS in the next few weeks.

Mr. Flather informed the Council that on April 15 the Southwestern Youth Association annual little league opening ceremonies will take place at Patriot Park North.

Mr. Hahne and Mr. Flather encouraged the Council to visit Patriot Park North as it is an incredible facility.

Basketball

Mr. Bergstrom reported that the basketball community was thrilled with no weather closures and the season should finish on time. Most basketball programs will finish the regular season this weekend and then move into playoffs.

Mr. Bergstrom echoed Mr. Flather that school cancelations are still an issue and a standard complaint from the basketball council

Lacrosse

Mr. Diehl stated that spring recreation lacrosse programs are kicking off and it is shaping up to be a successful season.

Slow Pitch Softball

Ms. Idip informed the Council that registration is open and the season will start the first of April

Soccer

Ms. Moxie reported that travel teams are gearing up for early-March tournaments.

Ms. Moxie was pleased to announce spring recreation numbers are very high.

Volleyball

Mr. Baily reported that the club volleyball season is roughly half way complete and there are a number of recreation leagues starting up in the spring.

Mr. Baily announced that 16 of the 25 Fairfax County high schools have submitted paperwork for interest clubs in boys volleyball. Mr. Baily hopes that number will be 20 by the end of the week.

Mr. Bailey looks forward to meeting with Mr. Curran to discuss the next steps for high school boys volleyball.

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STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

Mr. Curran reported high schools are wrapping up the winter season and the spring high school sports season begins on Monday.

Mr. Curran met with the high school DSAs and informed them that high school green days cannot cancel community use since spring permits have already been sent out by NCS. If any group experiences a cancelation because of a green day, please let Mr. Curran and NCS know. It's one thing if the schools work out green days with user groups, but cancelations without notice should not occur.

Mr. Bergstrom inquired if there was any source data on high schools that were able to run 6 basketball programs (Freshman, JV, Varsity) for both boys and girls basketball. There were several schools in the Northern Virginia area that canceled girls' basketball at some of those levels. The basketball council is interested on the impact in Fairfax County. Mr. Curran stated he can query the high school DSAs and work with Mr. Bergstrom on providing additional data.

Mr. Curran explained to the Council that he has had preliminary meetings with the group coordinating the middle school track program. Mr. Curran will have more information at future meetings.

Ms. Garner informed the Council that NCS users have reported the gym floors at Kilmer MS and Jackson MS are extremely slick. FCPS contacted the Office for Facilities Management (OFM) to do an assessment of the gym floors. Ms. Garner had a meeting with OFM, energy management and custodians to discuss what may be causing the issue because it does not occur during the school day. One potential issue could be the manufacturer floor wax that was applied last year. Another possibility is condensation building up between end of school day and community use time. Unfortunately until it is determined what the cause is, Kilmer MS and Jackson MS have been closed to community use due to safety concerns.





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FCPA

Mr. Sutherland shared the following Park Authority projects with the Council.

Athletic Field Improvement Projects Status for Sharing at Athletic Council

Updated 2/14/23

(New to the list or updated, highlighted in blue)

Year	Park	Field	Type of Work	Status
2021	Patriot Park North	All Fields	Re-development of the entire park: lighted synthetic fields ((4) 90's and (2) 50/70's), restrooms, shelter, playground and parking areas	Update: Approximately 99% Complete. *All fields open. *Completing punch list work. *Completing permitting with buildings, and non-RUP for public access. *Hope to have site fully open 3/1. July 1, 2021 - Winter 2023
2022	Winterset Varsity	1	Renovation of Police Administration Building will close field; Irrigation will be installed before reopening of field	Spring 2022 - Fall 2024
2023	Cunningham	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Spring 2023
	Lewinsville	2 and 3	Synthetic turf replacement	Summer/Fall 2023
	Scotts Run(name?)	1	New Lighted Synthetic - 180' x 220'	Winter 2023/2024
	South Run District	All Fields	Irrigation replacement	Spring 2023

NCS

Mr. Martino reported that NCS is finishing up winter field and gym seasons. NCS is happy the weather has been good and not caused any cancelations. The spring field and gym seasons are getting underway soon and permits have started to go out. Mr. Martino encouraged the Council to reach out to their scheduler or himself if they have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Martino reminded the Council of the spring sports user group meeting scheduled for next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will have representatives from NCS, FCPS and FCPA and is designed to be an informational session for all user groups. A link to the recording and PowerPoint presentation will be made available after the meeting.

Ms. Dotson introduced Ms. Pallas Washington, Deputy Director for NCS. Ms. Washington will be transitioning into the role until Ms. Dotson's replacement is hired.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa MicKey, Secretary

