



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Suzy Willemssen
Fast Pitch Softball Council

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Mark Meana
Football Council

Mary Ann Wagner
Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer
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Soccer Council

Rob Baily
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
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:
Lloyd Tucker
Director
Neighborhood and Community
Services

Fairfax County Athletic Council Minutes

January 18, 2023

Meeting Held via Microsoft Teams

Link to Video of the Meeting:

[Fairfax County Athletic Council - Jan. 18, 2023 Meeting - YouTube](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Mark O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District
Lisa Mickey, Franconia District
Bill Bright, Franconia District, Alternate
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Kelly Ego-Osuala, Providence District, Alternate
Bob Kirk, Mount Vernon District, Alternate
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
Gary Flather, Sully District
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Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large
Annmarie Swope, Member-At-Large, Alternate
Tom Hanton, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Ted Hollingsworth, Football Council, Alternate
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Trish Moxie, Soccer Council, Alternate
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
Dan Sutherland, Park Management Branch Manager, Fairfax County Park Authority
Vicki Garner, Coordinator of Community Use, Fairfax County Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Luwis, Dranesville District, Alternate
Jeremy Lee, Hunter Mill District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate
Lester Munson, Mount Vernon District
Mark Heilbrun, Springfield District, Alternate
Marc Fernandes, Diversity-At-Large
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council
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
Rob Baily, Volleyball Council
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

Ms. Willemssen gave a presentation on the updated Girls Fastpitch Softball Action Plan Review Team (APRT) report. A link to the PowerPoint presentation can be found at [girls fastpitch softball action plan review team \(aprt\).pdf \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

The Council had discussion and praised the team for their work on the report. Ms. Bauer moved that the Fairfax County Athletic Council support all recommendations in the APRT report. Ms. Pape Daniels seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting minutes from the virtual meeting on November 16 were approved

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Ms. Bauer reminded the Council about the Virginia FOIA requirements discussed at the November 16 Council meeting. The state of emergency in Fairfax County has not been lifted, but once it is all Boards, Authorities and Commissions will have 3 months to get everything in order to go back to in-person meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Flather thanked Ms. Avvisato for pulling a meeting together with other committee members along with Mr. Hatcher and Ms. Garner from FCPS Community Use. Mr. Flather stated that he had introduced a letter several months ago and took feedback and redrafted the letter to go to the School Board and BOS. Mr. Flather explained that the letter includes improved communication between FCPS and NCS staff. The late cancelations after permits are issues continues to be an issue. The letter states that the issue is beyond the FCPS Community Use office to fix because they are bound by FCPS regulations. Mr. Flather explained the letter contains an ask for an MOU to handle late school events and how the schools and community can work together to solve conflicts. Mr. Tucker will review the letter and Mr. Flather will share the letter with the Council once it is approved.

Stephen A. McLaughlin Champions of Character

Mr. Martino reminded the Council that the 2023 Stephen A. McLaughlin Champions of Character ceremony is in-person this year and will take place on October 17. NCS staff met with the communications team and is in the process of putting together a Save the Date announcement. Mr. Martino urged the Council to reach out to the community to get nominations. There was a discussion about which seasons should be included for nominees. The Champions of Character committee will meet to clarify which seasons should be included for nominees and will let the Council know.





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REPORTS BY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Baseball

Mr. Hahne reported that he and Mr. Flather are meeting about the Patriot Park North complex. Mr. Hahne encouraged the Council to take a look at the site if they have time.

Fast Pitch Softball

Ms. Willemssen reported that the softball council had a meeting on Sunday. All the organizations reported an increase in participation. The softball council is pleased with the developments with the APRT and look forward to seeing the final report. Ms. Willemssen stated that the softball community continues to work with the Park Authority about how baseball and softball differ and how they can help support softball tournaments.

Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported walk-on use has been occurring throughout the County. Several groups have reported vandalism of equipment such as cutting nets. The walk-on groups have also located the light boxes at several locations and are turning off the lights on permitted groups. The soccer council sent a survey to all the members asking about issues they have experienced. Ms. Bauer will pass along the results from the survey to FCPA and NCS.

Volleyball

Ms. Swope reported that the volleyball council will be meeting in mid-to-late February. The club season and tournaments are currently in progress. The volleyball council continues to work with Mr. Curran to make boys volleyball a club sports at the high school level.

STATUS REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

FCPS

Mr. Curran reported that approximately \$650,000 was included in the budget for middle school sports. It is well defined in the budget as cross country occurring in the fall and track in the spring. Mr. Curran reminded the Council that the budget process is a long process and there is no guarantee the item will make it to the final budget. However, the middle school sports program has been well received by School Board members. Mr. Curran explained that coordination will happen with the middle school principals and after-school specialists. The plan is for the cross country meets and practices to be held at the middle schools themselves. The track meets in the spring will occur on Saturday mornings at local high schools during the designated high school practice time.

Mr. Meana proposed that the Council appoint a subcommittee for middle school sports with members from FCPS and the Council. Alternatively, if FCPS has an advisory committee on middle school sports, Council members should be part of that group. The program is in the preliminary stages, however if the program is looking to expand to other sports, there needs to be discussion amongst all parties.





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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 1/18/23

(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 <u>95%</u> Complete. *All fields open. *Light testing still needed for 2 90' fields. *Still working thru IT issues and permitting with buildings. *Overall, minor substantial completion sitework being completed. July 1, 2021 - Winter 2023
2022	Langley Fork	2 and 3	Replacing backstops and wing fencing expansion	Complete
	Lewinsville	1	Replacing backstop and wing fencing	Complete
	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





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NCS

Mr. Tucker thanked the Council for being proactive and looking at having a committee to discuss the middle school sports program and keeping the Council updated.

Mr. Tucker informed the Council that Ms. Keisha Dotson was recently promoted to a Deputy Director in NCS. NCS has grown exponentially over the last few years and now includes Adult Day Health Centers as well as parts of our Office for Strategy Management. In FY2019 NCS added Office for Children which houses SACC, Head Start and multiple school readiness facets of support for our early childhood education.

Mr. Martino informed the Council there will be a general user group meeting with NCS, FCPS and FCPA on February 22. The meeting will be virtual. Each entity will go through their policies and procedures and answer any questions the community may have. Keep an eye out for the save the date announcement.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa Mickey, Secretary

