



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods, and diverse communities of Fairfax County

## 2019 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*

**Salvatore Colangelo**  
*Mount Vernon District*

**Stephen McLaughlin**,  
*Chairman*  
*Providence District*

**Michael Thompson, Jr.**  
*Springfield District*

**Gary Flather**  
*Sully District*

**Katherine Quinn**  
*Member-At-Large*

**Douglas Phung**  
*Diversity-At-Large*

### Town Representatives:

**Jeffrey E. Stein**  
*Town of Clifton*

**Charles Williams**  
*Town of Herndon*

**Sam Althoff**  
*Town of Vienna*

### Sports-Specific Representatives:

**Rob Hahne**  
*Baseball Council*

**Suzy Willemssen**  
*Fast Pitch Softball Council*

**Carl A. S. Coan, III**  
*Adult Softball Council*

**Steve Bergstrom**  
*Basketball Council*

**Mark Meana**,  
*Football Council*

**Mary Ann Wagner**  
*Lacrosse Council*

**Lula Bauer**  
*Soccer Council*

**Chuck Pruitt**  
*Volleyball Council*

**Jenni Cantwell**  
*Vice Chairman*  
*Women's Sports*

### Non-Voting Members:

**Michael Thompson**  
*Park Authority*

**Todd Brown**  
*Park Authority*

**Thomas Wilson**  
*School Board*

**William Curran**  
*Fairfax County Public Schools*

### Executive Agency:

**Christopher A. Leonard**  
*Director*  
*Neighborhood and Community Services*

## FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

### MINUTES

March 20, 2019

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District  
Mark H. O'Meara, Braddock District, Alternate  
Gregory Beckwith, Dranesville District  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District, Alternate  
Lisa Mickey, Lee District  
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Clarke Gray, Providence District, Alternate  
Gary Flather, Sully District  
Douglas Phung, Diversity-At- Large  
Katherine Quinn, Member-At-Large  
Roland Taylor, Town of Herndon, Alternate  
Steve Bergstrom, Basketball Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council  
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Chris Leonard, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Keisha Dotson, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Mark Martino, Neighborhood and Community Services  
Todd Brown, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Bill Curran, Fairfax County School Board  
Vicki Garner, Fairfax County Public Schools  
Paul Hatcher, Fairfax County Public Schools

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Elder, Hunter Mill District  
Salvatore Colangelo, Mount Vernon District  
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District  
Jeff Stein, Town of Clifton  
Charles Williams, Town of Herndon  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council  
Mark Meana, Football Council  
Suzy Willemssen, Fast Pitch Softball Council  
Mary Ann Wagner, Lacrosse Council  
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council  
Chuck Pruitt, Volleyball Council

### GUESTS:

None

**MEETING OPENING**

Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

**PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

Kathy Ryan from Fairfax County Public Schools gave a presentation on the Collect for Kids program. Collect for Kids is a coordinated school supply and backpack donation drive for students in need within Fairfax County Public Schools.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The January 16 minutes were approved

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. McLaughlin welcomed two new members to the Council. Mr. Roland Taylor is now the Town of Herndon alternate and Mr. Mark O'Meara is the Braddock District alternate.

Mr. McLaughlin reported that a meeting was scheduled with Jeff Platenberg on Monday March 25 per Chris Leonard regarding issues with Fairfax County Public Schools. If the meeting goes well, the proposed letter will not be sent to the Superintendent. Ms. Avvisato stated there were productive meetings between NCS and FCPS.

Ms. Garner and Mr. Hatcher talked through preliminary fixes to some of the concerns. Ms. Garner stated that there will be training dates in August for the public to attend regarding FCPS rules and regulations as well as how their registration system works. Regarding the Design and Construction matrix, the plan moving forward is to keep synthetic turf fields open during construction. The grid will also be updated to provide more accurate dates of projects. The FCPS community use office has also been reorganized for better communication and outreach.

Mr. Leonard stated his concern of the culture within the school system sliding back to where community use does not matter. Ms. Lowrey recommended that a letter or memo be created to memorialize the decisions and procedures that are put in place.

Mr. Taylor inquired what is the vision beyond where we stand right now as the population grows and needs change?



Ms. Pape Daniels brought up the need for the elected School Board member to be present at Athletic Council meetings. Mr. Curran stated that he has shared the concern up the chain.

### **SPORTS TOURISM TASK FORCE**

The Task Force is currently reviewing the feasibility study and there is nothing else of note to report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **SPORTS REPORT OUTS**

#### Basketball

Mr. Bergstrom reported that they had a good season. He was pleased to share that fewer groups are being thrown out of gyms and there are fewer complaints from the schools of trash being left at facilities.

#### Soccer

Ms. Bauer reported that spring field permits started March 1. She praised NCS for doing a good job controlling walk-ons.

#### Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. Phung reported that a girl's league was created for the spring season

#### Slow Pitch Softball

Mr. Coan reported that the season will begin on March 31.

### **MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES**

#### FCPS

Mr. Curran reviewed the new VHSL District and Region realignment. With the new format, all Fairfax County schools are in 2 regions.

He also reported the winter season has been completed and it was a successful season.

Robinson SS hosted 3 classifications of the wrestling state tournament. While the event was a success, Mr. Curran informed the Council that Robinson SS is not big enough to host 3 classifications of wrestling moving forward.

Mr. Curran also shared with the Council that the Hayfield SS baseball field has been condemned due to standing water. Staff is still investigating the cause and any possible fixes to the field. In the meantime, Hayfield SS has moved all their baseball games to the turf diamond at South County MS.



FCPA

Mr. Brown reported that the following projects would be completed this summer.

- Nottoway Park 60 #5 turf replacement
- Lee District Park RF #4 turf replacement
- Nottoway Park 60 #1 turf renovation in partnership with Vienna Little League
- Rectangular field at Larry Graves Park in partnership with City of Falls Church
- South Run athletic field lights being replaced
- Alabama Drive Park replace athletic field lighting on diamond fields and replace irrigation on diamonds and rectangle field

The park near Justice HS has been renamed Justice Park and the new signage has been posted.

Mr. Brown also urged the Council to get the word out regarding trash being left on athletic fields. He indicated that FCPA staff spends 20% of its time picking up trash when that time could be devoted to field prepping.

NCS

Ms. Avvisato praised the success of the Mental Health Symposium. She stated that this is just the first step and the conversation regarding mental health needs to keep going.

Mr. Martino reminded the Council that Police and School Security should be present at designated "hot spots" to prevent conflicts and walk-ons. He urged the Council to contact him if they are having any issues at a site.

Mr. Martino reminded the Council that if groups are not using space this spring to please let NCS know so staff can re-allocate space to those requests that have no space.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara R. Lowrey, Secretary

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