

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 10, 2015**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary+
Harold L. Strickland, Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Mary Cortina
Linwood Gorham
Faisal Khan
Michael Thompson, Jr.
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci
Grace Han Wolf*

Staff:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Cindy Walsh
Barbara Nugent
Brian Williams

Absent

+ Left the meeting following approval of Action Items

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Bouie announced that the Closed Session would also include land acquisition, and staff would provide a presentation on I-66 plan how it is impacting our parks (I-5).

PUBLIC COMMENT: No speakers were present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of the Minutes, May 27, 2015, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Vajda. The motion carried. The Honorable Ms. Wolf was absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Reappointment of Bruce McLeod to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the reappointment of Bruce McLeod to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. The Honorable Ms. Wolf was absent.

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A-2 Park Foundation FY 2016 Fundraising Projects

Ms. Quintana made a motion to approve the list of fundraising projects presented during the Joint Meeting of the Park Authority Board and Park Foundation Board on June 10, 2015; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. The Honorable Ms. Wolf was absent.

A-3 Approval – Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award

Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the creation of the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award; seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Gorham stated that he believes that Mr. Strickland is deserving of the honor; however, not while he is a sitting member of the Board. Mr. Gorham stated that he would not vote for the award, nor would he vote against it, but rather would abstain.

Mr. Vellucci asked that his comments be entered verbatim.

“My fellow board members, there is a time and a place for everything.

“Unfortunately, this is not the time to honor Mr. Hal Strickland, as I do not believe an award should be named for a sitting board member.

“No matter the contribution nor accomplishments that any one member of this board makes to this organization, I believe that establishing an award for any individual, while that individual is still a member of this board is inappropriate, and, either outright, or by perception, detracts from the prestige of this body, and from the award itself. The award should be proposed for adoption when the individual is no longer a member of this board, so that his accomplishments and legacy stand on their own as a model for the award’s goals and purpose.

“There should be no doubt that Mr. Strickland has made significant contributions to the Park Authority over the last 23 years, and has significant accomplishments, both as the Park Authority Board Chairman and as a magisterial district representative. I believe an award named for him and in his honor to recognize his contributions is appropriate – and I would support that - but not at this time.

“We are currently receiving nominations for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award in recognition of the outstanding service of former Park Authority Board Chairman and member Ellamae Doyle. Ms. Doyle served from 1958 through 1974. The award was established on December 20, 1988, well after Ms. Doyle left the board. What makes this award any different than the Elly Doyle Service award?

“I do not see any compelling reason why we should break with precedents set forth by previous boards.

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“But I also have a second concern here. If passed, nominations are to be addressed by the Committee of The Whole. Why? Now we will have two committees responsible for awards – the Awards Committee and the Committee of The Whole. If we have an Awards Committee, then should not that committee be responsible for all awards? What would make one award – named for a former Park Authority Board Chairman any different from the other award – named for a former Park Authority Board Chairman?”

“Granted this is a specific example, but continuing on a path such as this can lead to a byzantine structure down the road where roles and responsibilities get blurred, and there is confusion regarding who's in charge of what. I do not believe that is a prudent action for this board to take.

“Given these concerns, I cannot support this motion at this time and ask that we table it and consider it at a more appropriate time – after Mr. Strickland is no longer a member of this board.”

Mr. Thompson indicated that he had some concerns about adhering to policy when the item had come before the committee for consideration and had done some research and found that it was not in conflict with policy.

By a show of hands the motion carried; Messrs. Bouie, Quincy, Thompson, Vajda, Batten, Khan, and Ms. Cortina and Ms. Quintana voted “Aye;” Messrs. Gorham, Vellucci, and Strickland abstained. The Honorable Ms. Wolf was absent.

(Ms. Quintana left the meeting.)

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Extension of McNair Farms Drive at Arrowbrook Park (Dranesville District)

No action was necessary.

I-2 Fairfax County Park Foundation FY 2016 Meeting Dates

No action was necessary.

I-3 Take Twelve Steps for Health Update/Healthy Vending Initiative

No action was necessary.

I-4 FY16 Deer Management Plan

No action was necessary.

I-5 I-66 Impacts to Parks (presentation)

A copy of the Board of Supervisors comments to the Commonwealth’s Secretary of Transportation on I-66 Tier 2 Draft Environmental Assessment which included a memo from Sandy Stallman to Fairfax County Department of Transportation on the projects

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impacts to parks was distributed to the Board. Comments from the Department of Planning and Zoning were also attached to the Board of Supervisors' comments.

Sandy Stallman provided a presentation which depicts the parks that may be impacted by the project and explained what those impacts would be.

The Park Authority Board discussed mitigation and the need to establish a wetlands bank.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie congratulated Mr. Strickland for having an award established to his honor his ability and willingness to collaborate with a host of youth sports organizations, non-profit groups and community representatives, as well as other government agencies and private sector developers in order to guarantee that Fairfax County parks maintain their standards in the provision of athletic fields, trails, dog parks and other recreational amenities as well as the many partners engaged with the Park Authority.
- Mr. Bouie thanked staff for the new section of trail at Lake Fairfax Park and for the ceremony held on National Trails Day, June 6.
- He thanked Sandy Stallman and Andi Dorlester for the presentation to Supervisor Hudgins on questions related to proffers in regard to Reston transit development.
- The racquetball courts at Stratton Woods Park are getting loads of use, some people coming from as far away as North Carolina to play. We are averaging 12-15 people using the courts daily. Some people have asked for badminton courts. Mr. Bouie thanked Dave Bowden and his team for making it a multiple activity park.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:

- Mr. Kincannon reminded the Board that the Board of Supervisors will be presenting the Park Authority with a proclamation at its June 23 meeting. The proclamation will recognize July as Park and Recreation Month and the Park Authority's 65th anniversary. He indicated that he would like to see as many staff in Park Authority shirts to make it to the Board meeting, as well as a Board presence. Attendees are asked to be at the Government Center by 9:30 a.m.
- Parks is doing some innovative outreach to engage the community around Mount Vernon Woods Park to comment on the draft master plan. Andi Dorlester has coordinated an exciting cross agency effort with presence from public safety officials, Neighborhood and Community Services, Park Services Division, and Rec-PAC. They are holding a community cookout with Supervisors McKay on June 22 at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School.

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Mr. Batten added that Andi made a presentation to the Lee District Land Use Committee that was well-received.

- Parks is getting ready to put its legislative package together to present to the county's legislative team to take to Richmond. Parks not only looks at state issues, but also national issues as well, such as the land and conservation fund. An email will go out to the Board on Thursday, June 11, to begin thinking about the issues Parks should present to the county so it can help support efforts related to parks, health, transportation, trails, local-modal connections, protecting watersheds, protecting urban forestry and trees, all those things that Parks deals with. Kirk asked that the Board send its comments/suggestions to Barbara Gorski by July 1. Park staff will package everything to send to the county. Any legislative issues Parks present to the county need to be approved by the Park Board, therefore, staff will need time to put everything together for a meeting in July.
- The Park Authority was selected by NACo as a 2015 recipient of an Achievement Award for Healthy Strides Community 5k/10k Race and Expo in the category of Parks and Recreation. The Healthy Strides and Take 12 Program have accelerated the agency's participation in regional and national health initiatives including the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax, Live Healthy Fairfax initiative, the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition, and as participants in the Fairfax Community Health Improvement Plan.

He congratulated Julie Frederickson, Liz Ittner, Monica Phillips, Keith O'Connor, staff at Burke Lake Park, Daryl Pickard, Kirt Lauer, and the entire South Run RECenter staff, Promotional Services, PIO web team, and the Park Foundation and sponsors for the Healthy Strides/Take 12 program.

- The Park Authority received seven awards honoring communications projects in several categories at the National Association of Government Communicators 2015 Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Awards in Memphis, Tennessee, last week.
 - Receiving an Award of Excellence was the agency's Annual Report: Getting the Job Done: Collaboration, Innovation and Partnerships. The annual report was prepared by the Public Information Office.
 - In the statistical report category, the Park Authority received an Award of Excellence for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by the Financial Management Branch.
 - Graphic Design was celebrated with a First Place win by the What's New Postcard prepared by Promotional Services to announce the completion of RECenter renovations.

- Promotional Services was honored with a Second Place win for logo/theme art for the 5 Days of Iron logo.
- For a Special Purpose Product, staff from Promotional Services and Colvin Run Mill received a Second Place designation for the Discovery Trail Map that drew wide public interest and praise last year, raising awareness of historic sites and nature centers.
- Resource Management Division staff members were honored for ResOURces E-Newsletter which won Second Place.
- The agency also won an Award of Excellence for the web article: Northern Snakeheads: New Burke Lake Residents.

Mr. Kincannon thanked Judy Pedersen for all her work and for going to the conference to accept the awards.

- The Revenue Operating Fund is looking tight. As the Board is aware, any net revenue goes to the sinking fund which helps to protect the Park Authority for the future. However, since we've been unable to make capital purchases and we're being fiscally conservative through the end of the fiscal year. Parks will likely come back to the Board to request moving some of the next revenue balance into general park improvements so it can purchase some much needed equipment. Of course, this all assumes that we have some net revenue.

BOARD MATTERS:

- Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Strickland for the award established in his name. Mr. Strickland has done a lot of great work and has been an inspiration to Mr. Khan since he has joined the Park Board.

Mr. Khan noted that the Viva Vienna Festival had a great turn out. He thanked Mr. Quincy and Ms. Cortina for coming out to the event.

Mr. Khan reported that his cricket team has made it to the finals and hopes to win the tournament this time.

- Mr. Gorham thanked Dave Bowden and his team for their hard work and the great plan that came out for McNaughton Fields Park that was presented to the Planning and Development Committee and will come before the Board for action on June 24. He offered to speak with any Board member that may have an issue with the plan prior to the June 24 meeting.

He announced that the winner of the Democratic Primary for the Mount Vernon District Board of Supervisor's position was Dan Storck. He has worked a lot with Dan Storck and is

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excited about the prospect of him becoming the next Mount Vernon District magisterial district representative.

The Republican candidate, Jane Gandy, is someone he thinks a lot of and is also Mr. Gorham's neighbor.

In his perspective Mount Vernon has a great future looking forward.

Mr. Gorham stated that he would be supporting Mr. Storck.

- Mr. Batten thanked Sandy Stallman for helping to negotiate a proffer for parks from the developer of Piney Run, a 55+ community. The original amount of \$35,000 rose to \$100,000. Sandy handled the negotiations very well and he played the role of antagonist. If the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Committee does not approve it, the Planning Commissioner will not approve it. Ms. Stallman added that the developer will also provide onsite amenities some of which will be publicly acceptable.

The amphitheater at Lee District Park is going to be renamed in honor of its former manager, Leon Plenty. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. just prior to the concert series. Mr. Batten encouraged the Board members to attend the event.

Huntley Meadows Park is celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday, June 13, beginning at 5:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. Remarks will begin at 6:45 at the wetlands' boardwalk.

- Ms. Cortina thanked Messrs. Bouie and Quincy for coming to the National Trails Day celebration at Lake Fairfax Park on Saturday, June 6. She also thanked MORE and Dominion Resources, and Liz Cronauer and Bobbi Longworth for being there. While this is a small bridge, it does connect Lake Fairfax Park to the WO&D bike trail.

She also attended Celebrate Fairfax and visited the Park Authority's booth. She had the pleasure of meeting folks from the Mount Vernon RECenter, Rec-PAC, as well Sarah Oberther from Pinecrest Golf Club.

Mr. Oberther invited Ms. Cortina to come out to the golf course, which Mary did on June 9. It is a beautiful golf course in Annandale and Alexandria. The dam project was completed and a new fence was installed. The golf course has an Audubon Wildlife Certification. It's a beautiful course teeming with wildlife. Parks has two certified courses, Pinecrest and Laurel Hill.

There were a number of golfers at the course and fitness classes taking place. Pinecrest is also going to introduce a new program called FootGolf. So what exactly is FootGolf it's two sports in one -- soccer and golf. Mary commends staff for trying something new. It is geared

toward millennials and could help turn golf from being in the red to being in the black. Ms. Cortina encouraged the Park Authority to cross-promote this program whenever possible.

- Mr. Quincy reported that a Tysons' open house was held on Monday, June 8, at Freedom Hill Elementary School. It was attended by the land owners, developers, county agencies including the Park Authority. Andi Dorlester, Gayle Hooper, and Sandy Stallman were there along with two interns, Laura Featherstone and Alyssa Henriquez, who have been initiated real well. Chairman Bulova made some comments. Tysons is progressing and it is apparent that the parks within Tysons are progressing too. Staff, as usual, has done a fabulous job answering questions and presenting what happening with parks at Tysons.
- Mr. Strickland thanked all the staff that received the communications awards. The awards were particularly broad representing various staff/areas throughout the organization. He thanked Judy Pedersen for her role.

As an example of how staff works with its users, two fields will be taken out of service at Arrowhead Park to upgrade the synthetic turf. These are two very important fields to the program in Centreville. Dave Bowden is going to have the job done after the spring season and completed before the fall season starts, which is very appreciated by the sports group.

Mr. Strickland noted that while the Board talked about I-66 earlier, there is another project coming through Sully Woodlands, the Columbia Gas pipeline. Columbia Gas has two pipelines that it is going to connect and it needs to build a compression station to boost pressure. Virginia Run is holding an open house on June 24 to have Columbia Gas explain the project. One route Columbia Gas is looking at crosses parkland and comes back through the community on the existing right-of-way. The compression station will take about 10 acres of land. He commented that he feels very uneasy about this intrusion.

Mr. Strickland stated that he appreciates the recognition he received by the establishment of the award in his honor. He didn't do all that was considered because he felt this recognition would come along. He did not ask for the recognition. He thanked those that did initiate the recognition. One does what one does because it's was the right thing to do, or because one had the opportunity to do them. He felt through the long years back and forth that there were a lot of activities and opportunities to step forward and take advantage. He has been fortunate to be able to work within that environment and felt very honored to be able to work on the Park Board for as long as he has because there is no better place than this Park Board to serve the citizens of Fairfax County.

He thanked everyone for the recognition. He knows that comments made that the procedure was a variance, but he appreciated the kind words of Messrs. Vellucci and Gorham even though they abstained from the vote. Again, he thanked the Board for the recognition.

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- Mr. Thompson gave the Board a head up regarding an issue with a raccoon earlier in the day that attack a 75-year-old woman who was trying to take his picture. She was scratched and bitten. Her injuries were significant and she was taken to the hospital. Local news stations were out to report on the story. He thanked Mr. Kincannon for contacting him as soon as he heard.

Mr. Thompson congratulated the Foundation for the 25th Combo Classic Golf Tournament. He encouraged all the Board members to get involved and make a contribution to the Park Foundation. He thanked Harry Glasgow for the \$1,000 contribution to the Combo Classic Tournament. Park Board members should make a contribution, whether \$5, \$50 or more to show the Park Foundation it has 100% support of the Park Authority Board.

There is a public comment meeting scheduled for Patriot Park West (Lincoln Lewis Vannoy) on July 14 at 7 p.m. at Willow Spring Elementary School. The meeting will be about the master plan process for that park.

At 6 p.m. on June 24, Supervisor Herrity and Planning Commissioner Peter Murphy are holding an informational meeting regarding the South Run District Park Master Plan. The meeting will be held at the West Springfield District Governmental Office, Community Room. The master plan show several unbuilt park features, the ropes course, a nature study area, skatepark with the infrastructure for them. There will be a discussion about the ropes course.

- Mr. Vellucci congratulated Mr. Strickland.

He announced that Parks is still taking nominations for the Elly Doyle Awards. Nominations are open until June 19.

The Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley received the Best of Braddock Award.

There was a Braddock Road widening meeting held by FCDOT on June 10. Many of the issues that were identified for I-66 are appropriate to both Accotink Stream Valley and Wakefield Park. Tony understands that FCDOT has met with the P&D Division and it appears that FCDOT is aware that the Park Authority needs to be at the table. He indicated that he was frustrated that only one meeting has been held, but indicated that he would stay in touch with the task force.

- Mr. Vajda congratulated Mr. Strickland and stated that he was most deserving of the recognition. He added that he was pleased that he is alive to have voted for the recognition and was pleased that Mr. Strickland is alive to receive it.

For their calendars, Mr. Vajda reminded the Board members that the Spotlight by Starlight Concert Series is underway at Mason District Park at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, and on Saturday mornings for the kids.

Programs also take place at Ossian Hall Park. This Friday Los Amigos will perform. He asked everyone to come out and enjoy the concert series.

- Mr. Bouie asked Mr. Vajda to extend congratulations to Supervisor Gross for her primary victory.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:58 p.m. p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for:

- (a) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1).

Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Wolf and Ms. Quintana were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

C-1 Addition of Property Located in the Mount Vernon District to the Work Plan and the Approval of an Offer Range

Mr. Gorham made a motion to add the property located in the Mount Vernon District to the work plan and to approve the offer range; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Quintana was absent, Ms. Cortina and Messrs. Batten, Vellucci, and Khan abstained.

C-2 Addition of Property Located in the Mason District to the Work Plan and the Approval of an Offer Range

Mr. Vajda made a motion to add the property located in the Mount Vernon District to the work plan and to approve the offer range; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Quintana was absent, Ms. Cortina and Messrs. Batten, Vellucci, and Khan abstained.

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C-3 Addition of Property Located in the Providence District to the Work Plan and the Approval of an Offer Range

Mr. Quincy made a motion to add the property located in the Mount Vernon District to the work plan and to approve the offer range; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Quintana was absent, Ms. Cortina and Messrs. Batten, Vellucci, and Khan abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on June 24, 2015

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

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