



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

FROM: Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

DATE: July 6, 2017

Agenda

**Park Authority Awards Committee
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.**

Boardroom – Herrity Building

Chairman: Anthony Vellucci

Vice Chair: Maggie Godbold

Members: Faisal Khan, Ron Kendall, Cynthia Jacobs Carter

1. Review of 2016 applications and selection of award recipients for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award.
2. Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2016 – Administrative*

*Enclosures



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ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2016

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2016 for their service to the Park Authority and the residents of Fairfax County.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2016.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 12, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Nationwide, one in four individuals serve as volunteers in a host of roles, essentially creating an epidemic of goodwill and service provision. In Fairfax County that includes approximately 2,000 Park Authority volunteers who provide volunteer efforts that power our parks and allow the Park Authority to meet the needs of this growing community.

The Park Authority offers volunteers unique service opportunities that include invasive plant management and archaeological exploration, assistance at golf courses, front desk work at RECenters, the chance to teach Adapted Aquatics or other inclusive programs, opportunities to serve at farmers markets or at horticultural centers, equestrian sites, or the pleasure of experiencing life on a farm or working as a docent at a historic site, improving a trail or dozens of other volunteer activities. These essential, good-hearted and hard-working volunteers provide an effective means of service provision to the many residents of Fairfax County who visit our parks each year and collectively represent a fiscally-sound approach to the provision of services in support of our mission. Without their help, our park system would be challenged to meet the mandate of community expectations, CAPRA accreditation, and of regional and national leadership in the field of recreation and parks.

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The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that over the past 14 years, Americans have volunteered 113 billion hours, service worth an estimated \$2.3 trillion, and the volunteer rate consistently remains stable and strong. During Fiscal Year 2016, Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers provided 164,910 hours of reported service which, according to Independent Sector, have a tangible value of more than \$4.4 million in Virginia.

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board recognizes that volunteers strengthen Fairfax County; that volunteering makes a positive impact on the environment, on the quality of life, and on the health and well-being of our community; and that volunteering is an essential part of living in a thriving society, adding enormous benefits and opportunities to our park system.

A complete list of the Outstanding Volunteers and where they volunteer will be provided prior to the celebration in November.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

***WHEREAS**, nationwide one in four individuals serve as volunteers in a host of roles, essentially creating an epidemic of goodwill and service provision, that includes approximately 2,000 Park Authority volunteers who provide volunteer efforts that power our parks and allow the Park Authority to meet the needs of this growing community; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority, created by legislative action in 1950, offers volunteers unique service opportunities including invasive plant management and archaeological exploration, assistance at golf courses, front desk work at RECenters, the chance to teach Adapted Aquatics or other inclusive programs, opportunities to serve at farmers markets or at horticultural centers or equestrian sites, or the pleasure of experiencing life on a farm or working as a docent at a historic site, improving a trail or dozens of other volunteer activities; and*

***WHEREAS**, these essential, good-hearted and hard-working volunteers provide an effective means of service provision to the many residents of Fairfax County who visit our parks each year, and collectively represent a fiscally-sound approach to the provision of services in support of our mission, without which our park system would be challenged to meet the mandate of community expectations, CAPRA accreditation, and of regional and national leadership in the field of recreation and parks; and*

***WHEREAS**, during Fiscal Year 2016, Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers provided 164,910 hours of reported service which, according to Independent Sector, have a tangible value of more than \$4.4 million in Virginia; and*

***WHEREAS**, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, over the past 14 years, Americans have volunteered 113 billion hours, service worth an estimated \$2.3 trillion, and the volunteer rate consistently remains stable and strong; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board recognizes that volunteers strengthen Fairfax County, that volunteering makes a positive impact on the environment, on the quality of life and on the health and well-being of our community; and that volunteering is an essential part of living in a thriving society adding enormous benefits and opportunities to our park system;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfax County Park Authority that it expresses appreciation and thanks to

Volunteer

for dedicated and outstanding contributions to the parks and citizens of Fairfax County.

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on July 12, 2017.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr.
Secretary

William G. Bowie