

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
October 11, 2017**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Mary Cortina, Vice Chair
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Linwood Gorham, Treasurer
Walter Alcorn*
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter*
Maggie Godbold*
Timothy Hackman
Ronald Kendall*
Faisal Khan
Ken Quincy

Staff Present:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director
Cindy Walsh, Acting Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Gorski
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Todd Johnson
Todd Brown
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns

Absent*

Guests: Laura Gori, County Attorney's Office
Sanath Kalidas, Paul Brailsford and
Bryan Slater, Brailsford & Dunlavey
Amado Fernandez, Hughes Group
Architects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers were present.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to convene in closed session for

- a) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. 2.2-3711(A)(7).
- b) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting

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would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(3).

seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall 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 Ms. Cortina. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

[Action from Closed Session was taken following the Information Items.]

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Hackman.

Following discussion with regard to Mr. Vellucci's September 27, 2017, Board Matter on the Ox Hill Battlefield monuments, Mr. Hackman made a motion to table the adoption of the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Appointment of Cameron Mayer to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board
Mr. Thompson made a motion to appointment Cameron Mayer to the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

A-2 FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the submission of the Capital Improvement Program (FY 2019 – FY 2023) to the County's Capital Improvement Program review team; seconded by Ms. Cortina and Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1** RECenter Study Update

Representatives from Brailsford and Dunlavey and Hughes Group Architects provided an update on the recommended future capital investments of the RECenter system. No action was necessary.

I-2 Fairfax County Park Foundation Audited Financial Statements

The Park Foundation presented its audited financial statements to the Park Authority Board. No action was necessary.

I-3 Park Authority Board Meeting Schedule – January to December 2018

The Park Authority Board accepted the board meeting schedule for calendar year 2018 as presented. No further action was necessary.

I-4 Signage and Branding Update

The update was accepted as presented to the Committee of the Whole on September 27, 2017.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

C-1 Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve to allow the County Attorney to represent the Park Authority in the potential legal matter as discussed in closed session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried. Ms. Godbold, Dr. Carter, and Messrs. Alcorn and Kendall were absent.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie congratulated the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Park Authority staff, and also thanked Mr. Hackman for coming out on the walking tour of the Colvin Run Phase 1 Stream Restoration at Lake Fairfax Park on October 6. He suggested that the board members take the time to go out to see the project. It's fenced off in some areas so vegetation can grow. Everyone learned a lot more about encroachment and what it entails, and what needs to be done with encroachment. A short video has been posted on social media.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Vellucci for his service on the board for so many years.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- The Glow being hosted at Lake Fairfax Park has been thus far a resounding success and we have 12 more days! Parents, their children, aunts, uncles, and grandparents have been delighted by more than 5,000 pumpkins on display at Lake Fairfax Park. Park guests are dazzled by themes from Frozen, Games of Thrones, dinosaurs, and horses by expertly carved

pumpkins. A master carver works his magic at the large pavilion adjacent a hillside containing hundreds and hundreds of carved pumpkins. The opening weekend hosted nearly 6,600 ticket holders and everyone had access to food trucks, Halloween merchandise, and a spooktacular time.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Khan extended thanks to Todd Brown, to Judy Pedersen, to Barbara Gorski for helping out with the affidavits, but he especially thanked Sara Baldwin for finding his prayer rug.
- Mr. Quincy had no comments.
- Ms. Cortina reported that she had attended the public meeting on the Cultural Resource Management Plan held on Green Spring Gardens on October 5. The meeting was lightly attended, but she hopes the next meeting scheduled on October 18 at the Grange will be better represented. She thanked staff for the great job presenting the information.

Ms. Cortina attended the George Mason Center for Regional Analysis economic forum hosted by Dr. Stephen S. Fuller on October 4 (and happened to sit with Jeff Plattenberg from Schools). The economy is slowing in terms of job creation for high-value jobs, and while the total number of jobs has increased compared to pre-sequestration, they are not in the top income levels. The bottom line is the clusters of non-federal work that we want to attract here, that high-tier talent that is important to a diversified economy, is lagging. What's interesting is that what they care about is quality of life. That's what the Park Authority is about, quality of life. While Parks has discussed this many times, it is very important to tie our economic development and economic growth as a quality of life component and get these business groups, who are actively working on regional branding and attracting people and companies to come here, to really use our Park Authority assets to tell that story. She closed with this quote, "Business follows talent and talent follows quality of life."

- Mr. Thompson extended thanks to Mr. Vellucci for his years of service on the Park Authority Board. Mr. Vellucci was the first person to call Mr. Thompson after he was appointed to the board to make sure he would vote correctly on a dog park issue that was coming up at his very first meeting. While they often disagreed on things, he always did what he thought was right and best for Braddock District.
- Mr. Gorham thanked Mr. Vellucci for his service, adding that he was sorry to see him go. Linwood stated that he is certain that Mr. Vellucci is an honorable person and certainly didn't compromise his values. Mr. Gorham noted that he will miss him.
- Mr. Hackman announced that the October 14 Halloween Pony and Rider Show at Turner Farm Park will last all day. It will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 6 p.m. Kids will be dressed

in Halloween costumes and ponies may be decorated as well. Post time will occur following the dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on October 25, 2017

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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