

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
October 25, 2017  
As Amended**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 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  
Barbara Gorski  
Judy Pedersen, PIO  
Todd Brown  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
Janet Burns

**Absent\***

Chairman Bouie announced that the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Cook's appointment of Kiel Stone to serve on the Park Authority Board as the Braddock District representative. Mr. Stone will attend the November 8 committee meetings.

Chairman Bouie welcomed George Mason University student, Erica Joy Dobbs, who was attending to observe the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers were present.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:33 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).

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- 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 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. Alcorn and approved by all members present, Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter 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. Alcorn and Ms. Cortina. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

### **ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**C-1** No action was necessary.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – October 11, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Thompson noted that an administrative change was made to correct the date in the header then made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2017, Park Authority board meeting; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board Meeting As Amended

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2017, Park Authority Board meeting as amended; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A-1 Resident Curator Program – Lease Agreement between the Park Authority and Board of Supervisors and Sublease Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Resident Curator Steven McCullough for the Park Authority owned Stempson House that is in Laurel Hill Park, Tax Map # 107-3((1))19

Messrs. Alcorn and Gorham made a motion to approve two lease agreements for the purpose of implementing the County Resident Curator Program at the Park Authority Stempson House in Laurel Hill Park: (1) lease agreement between the Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors, and (2) sublease agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Steven McCullough, Resident Curator; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-2 Scope Approval – Playground Replacement and Related Work at Huntsman Park (Springfield District)

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope for design and installation of replacement playground equipment and related work at Huntsman Park; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-3 Scope Approval – Greendale Golf Course Slope Stabilization of the Existing Embankment at Hole #17 (Lee District)

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope for slope stabilization of the existing embankment at hole #17 at the Greendale Golf Course; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-4 Scope Approval – Clemyjontri Park – Parking lot, Trails, and Related Facilities (Dranesville District)

Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope for construction of the additional parking lot, trails, and related work at Clemyjontri Park; seconded by Ms. Cortina. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-5 Approval – Allocation of 2016 Park Bond Funding for Trail Projects

Ms. Cortina made a motion to approve the allocation of 2016 Park Bond Funding for Trail Projects; seconded by Mr. Khan. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

A-6 Approval – Proposed Changes to Easement Fee Schedule

Mr. Thompson noted that the item was revised to include “over a two-year period” on page 29 and posted online prior to the meeting. Mr. Khan made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the easement fee schedule with the change; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold and Dr. Carter were absent.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

I-1 Annual Fee Review Calendar

The calendar was accepted as presented.

I-2 FY17 Strategic Plan Report and FY18 Implementation Plan  
No action was necessary.

I-3 FY 2018 – FY 2019 Financial Management Update Park Revenue Funds 80000 and 80300  
The update was accepted with the change to the tables on page 9.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie again thanked Erica Joy Dobbs for attending the meeting. He pointed out that a lot of work went into the items in committee that were brought to the board for action. Sometimes they take months or years before coming to the board.

He said that he is looking forward to working with the new Braddock District representative, Kiel Stone.

- Mr. Bouie said that he was unable to attend the naming ceremony of Ken Lawrence Park but he understands that it was tremendous. He thanked staff and Ken Quincy for working with Ken Lawrence during the Tysons planning process.
- The Lake Fairfax Park Master Plan meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 1, at South Lakes High School. He welcomed the board members to attend.
- Messrs. Thompson, Bouie, and staff will attend the second meeting of the Sports Tourism Task Force on Thursday, October 26. A report will be delivered on sports facilities available in the county. He thanked the Park Foundation for providing lunch.

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Ms. Baldwin reported that as of Wednesday, October 25, more than 36,000 tickets had been sold for the popular Glow event at Lake Fairfax Park. The final four days begin Thursday, October 26. Presently, the Glow is operating in Nashville and Philadelphia and we by far have the largest attendance in the three markets.
- Beginning November 1, the Fairfax County Park Authority will again offer Snow Day Camps for school-age children at the Audrey Moore, Lee District, Spring Hill, and Oak Marr RECenters when schools are closed for multiple days.
- The Fairfax County Park Authority received two awards at the annual meeting of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society in Hampton Roads this week.

The roll-top observatory at Observatory Park at The Turner Farm was honored as the Best New Facility (Bricks and Mortar) in a population area greater than 100,000. Last summer's Presidential Edition of the Park Authority's popular Discovery Trail Map was honored as the Best Promotion Effort (Traditional) in a population area greater than 100,000.

- Mr. Bouie remarked that the National Park Service is talking about doubling the entrance fee to the national parks, an increase in fees from \$35 to \$70, in order to invest infrastructure upgrades and maintenance improvements. Bill asked the board to keep this in mind as this may become a trend.

### **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Kendall thanked staff for keeping things together while he was away, adding that he is happy to be back.

He is looking forward to the Elly Doyle Park Services Award reception on November 17. Everyone has received their invitation. Parks has some good volunteers scheduled for the awards.

- Mr. Hackman announced that The Turner Farm Master Plan revision public information meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 30, at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange. There doesn't appear to be any community concern. They seem to be very excited about the possibility of that moving forward and turning the farmhouse over to the resident curator.

He thanked Ms. Baldwin for attending the Turner Farm Event on Saturday, October 14, which included the riders and their ponies in costume for Halloween. It was a great event. During the day a mobile mounting ramp for riders with disabilities was dedicated which was purchased by the Turner Farm Events folks. Tim extended thanks to them. He added that it was a beautiful day and a fun time was had by all.

Mr. Hackman had heard that one of the last remaining large properties in the Dranesville District, the Hazeltine Lab property near Towlston Road has been purchased by Toll Brothers, noting that this is another potential park location for Parks.

- Mr. Alcorn thanked staff and Mr. Quincy for an excellent dedication ceremony for the naming of Ken Lawrence Park.

He announced that he will attend the Planning Commission's Park Committee on Thursday, October 26, and welcomed the board members to attend. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

- Mr. Gorham thanked Gayle Hooper and Dave Bowden who in the last two weeks helped the Mount Vernon magisterial district work through some issues regarding proffers for parks on a large development some required criteria that calculations are made as far as on-site and off-site contributions to the Park Authority. It appears that the development and legal communities in Fairfax County has come to believe that that is a negotiable thing and seems to have a practice now of starting to talk about developments and negotiating the amount of park proffer. They are not negotiable. He doesn't know how they got to this place. He hopes that the recent work done by Ms. Hooper and Mr. Bowden brings the message that it is not negotiable at this point. Linwood hoped that Walter could talk to the Planning Commission about this because the Planning Commission had approved this project without this issue being resolved. This had to be resolved at the Supervisors level. He again asked that Mr. Alcorn bring the message that the park contributions are mandatory as they are stated. He also encouraged all of the board members to talk with their Supervisors and Planning Commissioners about this as well.
- Mr. Thompson had nothing to report.
- Ms. Cortina thanked staff that attended the Friends meeting. This was the second meeting to go over the contract line by line. The meeting ended in a good place. They will go back to their boards. There will be a final meeting in December. She again thanked staff and Sara in particular.

Ms. Cortina commented that at the October 11 meeting the board heard about Glow. She had not seen any information in the Washington Post. She was shocked when she went online to purchase tickets for a Saturday night and everything was sold out until 9:30 p.m. She hesitated about the cost, but went anyway. She said it was fantastic and worth every penny. There were 5,000 hand carved pumpkins. She noted that she is a total fan. It was fun to be in the park at night in the dark with the glowing lights.

Comments are being taken online through November 9 on the Transportation Plan for sidewalks and trails throughout Fairfax County. These are non-park trails. Mary encouraged the board members to visit the Transportation website and locate parks in their respective districts that have issues with access and sidewalk needs with those types of access points and take the survey.

Since the roll top Observatory won for Best New Facility (Brick and Mortar), the Edelman's personally donated \$75k for that facility. It just came out that they also contributed \$25M to the XPRIZE for Alzheimer's research. This shows the kind of capacity we have in the community.

- Mr. Hackman added that upon receiving Ms. Pedersen's notice about the VRPS award, he sent a note to the Edelman's for the investment contribution to the county.

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- Mr. Khan stated that he is amazed to hear that his esteemed colleague, Mr. Quincy, ran 26.2 miles in six hours in the Marine Corps Marathon.
- Mr. Quincy stated that the Ken Lawrence Park dedication went very well. It was well attended by Planning Commission, family, staff, and others. The event was successful in large due to the efforts of Judy Pedersen and her staff. That park may not be there if not for Ken Lawrence.

On Saturday, October 28, the Providence Volunteer Fest is taking place. One of the park projects is a cleanup of part of Scott's Run Stream Valley Park. A mini-golf tournament will be held at Jefferson District Park, which Parks sponsors with the Police Department for disadvantaged children. Merrifield Gardens contributes to the prizes.

- Mr. Bouie extended kudos one more time to the board for the work it does.

He noted that he had the occasion to take his 96-year-old mother to her eye appointment at the University of Michigan on Friday, October 20. While sitting in the doctor's office he ran into a gentleman from Plymouth, Michigan, who is on the park board. The gentleman stated to Mr. Bouie that they were having trouble with the whole idea of incorporating art in their parks. Mr. Bouie showed him the Park Authority's Strategic Plan, the Master Plan for incorporating art as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Bouie received a note in the morning stated that they were getting ready to adopt some of our ideas. He told the board it is doing great work and is renowned across the states.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on November 15, 2017

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Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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