



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 3, 2019

Agenda

**Park Authority Awards Committee
(Committee of the Whole)
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 – 5 p.m.
Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Vice Chair: Ron Kendall**

1. Review of 2019 Applications and Selection of Award Recipients for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and All Other Park Board Annual Awards - Action*
2. Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2018 – Administrative*

*Enclosures



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ACTION

Park Authority Award Recipients for 2019

ISSUE:

Selection of Recipients of 2019 Park Board Awards

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the award nominees as determined by the Committee of the Whole on July 10, 2019.

TIMING:

Board Action is requested on July 10, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority Board provides recognition for volunteers and significant contributions of time and talent to the agency. These awards are a token of appreciation for the immense contributions offered to the Park Authority annually. Each year many individuals and organizations are feted at an annual celebration held in November during which their volunteer service and generous spirit are celebrated.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Elly Doyle Awards program is provided by the Fairfax County Park Foundation and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None. (List of nominees/selectees for consideration has been forwarded to the committee under separate cover.)

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director, CBD
Judith Pedersen, Public Information Office

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2018

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2018 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 2018.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 10, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

Thousands of volunteers contribute tens of thousands of hours of volunteer service to the Park Authority each year, enriching our parks and allowing the agency to meet the needs of our growing community. In 2018, the Park Authority tracked 196,162 hours of volunteer service from 7,355 volunteers. These volunteers contribute in many unique and individual ways.

The Park Authority offers volunteers exceptional 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 and equestrian sites; the pleasure of experiencing life on a farm or working as a docent at a historic site; improving trails; 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 volunteer spirit is strong across America and in our local area. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports the national volunteer rate grew to 30.3% in 2018. Those 77.3 million volunteers contributed 6.9 billion service hours valued at \$167 billion. Virginia exceeded the national figures with a volunteer rate of 34%.

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 our celebration in November.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

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Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers provide invaluable service to the agency in numerous ways, with 7,355 volunteers providing 196,162 hours of service in 2018, enriching our parks and allowing the Park Authority to meet the needs of our 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, 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 regional and national leadership in the field of recreation and parks; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism remains strong in America with the Corporation for National and Community Service reporting the national volunteer rate grew to 30.3% in 2018, with those 77.3 million volunteers contributing 6.9 billion service hours valued at \$167 billion; and

WHEREAS, Virginia exceeded the growing national figures with a volunteer rate of 34% as residents shared their time and talents with organizations across the Commonwealth; 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 10, 2019.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr.
Secretary

William G. Bowie