



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



B O A R D A G E N D A

February 23, 2022

7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- (CW) ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Cathy Ledec Upon Her Departure from Fairfax County After Decades of Public Service as a Volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park and Environmental Steward
- (CW) ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – February 9, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

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- (CW) I-1 Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report
- (CW) I-2 Update on Park Operations Projects from October through December 2021

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Resolution Honoring Cathy Ledec Upon Her Departure from Fairfax County After Decades of Public Service as a Volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park and Environmental Steward

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor Cathy Ledec, a dedicated Park Authority volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park, an environmental champion and activist in Fairfax County and a recipient of numerous honors and awards for environmental stewardship.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring Cathy Ledec who will be moving from our community but leaves behind a legacy of protecting, nurturing our environment and educating a new generation about the fragility and beauty of the natural world.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on February 23, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Cathy Ledec is a force of nature. Over the past two decades she has devoted herself working on behalf of nature with a remarkable intensity and focus that has greatly benefited the Fairfax County Park Authority. The hallmark of her achievements has been not just volunteering, but also organizing, motivating others, demonstrating leadership, and serving as a role model and mentor to others.

She has been a dedicated FCPA volunteer for more than 19 years, with a particular focus on Huntley Meadows Park. Her leadership as President of Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) has contributed significantly to the long-term preservation of natural resources at Huntley Meadows and throughout Fairfax County. Her work is firmly focused on improving the environment and on protecting and restoring irreplaceable natural resources, including native wildlife. Her advocacy on behalf of the FCPA has successfully educated many about the importance of a healthy environment in maintaining Fairfax County's high quality of life.

She is a 2020 recipient of the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award. Her advocacy on behalf of the Park Authority has successfully educated many about the importance of a healthy environment in maintaining Fairfax County's high quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors.

Besides her leadership of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, Ledec provides frequent public comments and testimony in support of the Park Authority's annual

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budget, defends parkland from the impact of development projects, performs hands-on ecosystem restoration as a site leader for the Park Authority's Invasive Management Area Program, actively participates in citizen science activities, and serves on multiple advisory boards that influence parks and natural resources, including the Fairfax County Tree Commission and Supervisor Storck's Environment Advisory Committee.

It is our understanding that Ms. Ledec will be moving from Fairfax County, clearly a loss for the community and the Park Authority, offset only by the legacy she leaves behind. A legacy embodied by countless young people who have learned the ethos of environmental stewardship, the preservation and restoration of the wetlands at Huntley Meadows Park, and the example of what just one person can accomplish when they care about something as important as the environment.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Cindy Walsh, Director, Park Services Division
Laura Grape, Director, Resource Management Division
Karen Sheffield, Manager, Huntley Meadows Park
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

***WHEREAS**, Cathy Ledec is a force of nature, known near and far for her determination and dedication to the environment, and over the past two decades has devoted herself to working on behalf of nature with a remarkable intensity and focus that has greatly benefited the Fairfax County Park Authority and the residents of this community; and;*

***WHEREAS**, the hallmark of her achievements is not just volunteering, but also organizing, motivating others, demonstrating leadership, and serving as a role model and mentor especially at Huntley Meadows Park, where she volunteered for over 19 years, serving as President of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park and contributing significantly to the long-term preservation of natural resources at that park and throughout the county, firmly focused on improving the environment and on protecting and restoring irreplaceable natural resources, and;*

***WHEREAS**, Cathy is the recipient of numerous awards, including a 2020 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, due in large measure to her advocacy on behalf of the Park Authority which has successfully educated many about the importance of a healthy environment, and she has frequently provided public comments and testimony in support of the Park Authority's annual budget, defends parkland from the impact of development projects, performs hands-on ecosystem restoration as a site leader for the Park Authority's Invasive Management Area Program, actively participates in citizen science activities, and serves on multiple advisory boards that influence parks and natural resources, and;*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Ledec will be moving from Fairfax County, and we are left to hang on to the legacy she leaves behind; a legacy embodied in countless young people who have learned the ethos of environmental stewardship, the preservation and restoration of the wetlands at Huntley Meadows Park, and the example of what just one person can accomplish when they care about something as important as the environment; and*

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

Cathy Ledec

For dedicated and outstanding contributions to the Fairfax County Park Authority and the residents of Fairfax County

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on February 23, 2022

Mike Thompson
Secretary

William G. Bouie
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – February 9, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on February 23, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
February 9, 2022**

At the beginning of the Budget Committee Meeting at 5:45 pm, the following was read by Chairman Bouie to allow for the meeting to proceed in a virtual format.

In order to conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, there were actions that needed to be taken prior to conducting business.

Audibility of Members' Voices

Chairman Bouie conducted a roll call vote to ensure that each member's voice could be heard and to state the location from which they were participating in the meeting.

Board Member Participating:

Abena Aidoo
Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Ken Quincy
Maggie Godbold, Vice-Chair
Linwood Gorham
Timothy Hackman, Treasurer
Ron Kendall
Faisal Khan
Kiel Stone
Michael Thompson, Secretary
Jim Zook
William G. Bouie, Chairman

Location:

Residence in Lee District
Residence in Lee District
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Sully District
Residence in Mount Vernon District
Residence in Dranesville District
Residence in Dominican Republic
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Braddock District
Residence in Springfield District
Residence in Springfield District
Residence in Hunter Mill District

Mr. Bouie made a motion that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this board; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried unanimously.

Need for an Electronic Meeting

Mr. Bouie made a motion that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. He further moved that this board may conduct this meeting electronically via Zoom, and that the public may access this meeting by simultaneous live video streamlining or by calling

into the telephone number that has been properly noticed; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

[This meeting was held electronically and was live streamed via Zoom and was accessible via audio by dialing 602-333-0032 and entering the code provided in the meeting announcement.]

Chairman Bouie called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – January 26, 2022, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2022, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mrs. Godbold. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

A-1 Third Quarter Budget Review, Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Third Quarter Budget Review for the Park Revenue and Operating Fund (80000); seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie stated the board needs to share their concerns regarding the proposed changes to the bond cycles with the Board of Supervisors. There are many concerns regarding the impact to the Park Authority's ability to address needs regarding One Fairfax and equity issues.
- Mr. Bouie gave kudos to staff for their hard work.
- The board will meet virtually in February and will poll for consensus of the board members at the February 23rd meeting regarding meeting in person or virtually going forward.
- Mr. Bouie had a lunch with Helen White, the "queen" of pickleball. Her goal is to have 8 dedicated pickleball courts in each district of the county.
- Mr. Bouie stated the renaming consideration efforts of the Redistricting Committee are wrapping up. At this point the committee is considering potential renaming of two or three districts. Sully and Lee will be recommended along with 9 voting precincts. There has been a lot of input from the public in the process.
- Mr. Bouie will be attending a talk by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi at the Reston Community Center.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Ms. Cole will also be attending the talk by Dr. Kendi at Reston Community Center.
- Ms. Cole shared that the Park Authority will be hosting a variety of activities and events on the history of Black Americans in Fairfax County and in our parks. A few of the activities include: a black history lunch and learn at Sully Historic Site, the fire of Frederick Douglas program at Sully Historic Site, Sully Historic House tour with a focus on the enslaved, African Americans walking tour at Ellanor C. Lawrence, virtual celebration of black horticulturist by Historian/Horticulturalist Abra Lee, and Enslaved Lives and the Legacy of Slavery at Historic Huntley. A Black History Month website has been launched to collect additional untold stories and archives: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/blackhistorymonth.
- Ms. Cole thanked everyone for getting their Statement of Economic Interest Forms in on time. We had full compliance. Ms. Cole thanked Ms. Rankin for her diligence in working with the board on this effort.
- Ms. Cole stated there will be a virtual meeting on Thursday, February 10th on updates to the Lake Accotink dredging project and a virtual meeting on Tuesday, February 15th to talk about the partnership with the Great Falls Grange Foundation regarding management and operations of the Grange Hall and Forestville Schoolhouse.
- Ms. Cole will give an update on her parks tour at the next board meeting.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Hackman stated that he will attend the Great Falls Grange meeting and Ms. Cole will be attending the Friends of Riverbend meeting next Tuesday. He thanked Ms. Cole for attending the FORB meeting.
- Ms. Godbold thanked the board for their confidence in voting for her for vice-chair and hopes she will do as good a job as her predecessor, Mr. Quincy.
- Mr. Gorham stated that he has significant concerns regarding the changes to the bond cycles. He had hoped the changes would have been more frequent bonds rather than less frequent.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:39pm Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board recess and convene in closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code §2.2-3711 and listed in the agenda for this meeting as follows:

- a. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of publicly held 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).

- Consideration of the addition of property located in the Dranesville District to the workplan.

Seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:52pm Mr. Thompson made a motion to return to open session; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board certifies 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. Godbold. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Mr. Hackman moved to approve the addition of property located in the Dranesville District to the work plan; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Participating Staff:

Jai Cole, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Michael Peter, Director, Business Administration Division
Kurt Louis, Director, Park Operations Division
Cindy Walsh, Director, Park Services Division
Jesse Coffman, Director of Golf Enterprises
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on February 23, 2022

Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

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INFORMATION – 1

Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 9, 2022.

INFORMATION – 2

Update on Park Operations Projects from October through December 2021

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on February 9, 2022.