



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## B O A R D A G E N D A

**March 9, 2022**

**7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

(CW) ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – February 23, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- (B) A-1 Americana Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Annandale North Springfield Little League
- (SP) A-2 Greenbriar Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Fairfax Athletics
- (CW) A-3 Approval of Fee Adjustments to the Published Fee Schedule for 2022
- (MV) A-4 Scope Approval – Laurel Hill Golf Course Irrigation System Improvements

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

(CW) I-1 FY 2023 Proposed Budget and Update on Capital Improvement Plan

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS  
DIRECTOR'S MATTERS  
BOARD MATTERS**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE – 1**

### Adoption of Minutes – February 23, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

#### ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

#### TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 9, 2022.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

None

#### ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the February 23, 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 23, 2022**

At the beginning of the Park Operations Committee Meeting at 6:01 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  
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 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 by all members present; Mr. Stone was absent.

**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 present; Mr. Stone was absent.

[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 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Bouie confirmed the ability to hear Mr. Kiel Stone's voice as he participated from his office in the Braddock District. Mr. Bouie made a motion that Mr. Stone's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this board; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public speakers at the meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

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

Mr. Bouie made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Cathy Ledec upon her departure from Fairfax County; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

Ms. Ledec thanked the Park Authority Board and the Park Authority staff, especially those at Huntley Meadows, for creating an atmosphere of collaboration and partnership with the friends groups. She also thanked the boards of the friends groups for Huntley Meadows and Historic Huntley. They have worked together to overcome several development projects that would have damaged or destroyed the natural habitats of the Huntley parks. Ms. Ledec challenged the Park Authority Board members to increase protected area land holdings with natural resources in their districts. She shared President Biden's 30 by 30 goal: 30% protected land by 2030. We are at just under 10% today. The county must prioritize adding land to be kept in its natural vegetative state to maintain the high quality of life that we all want and deserve. The Park Authority Board must rise to this challenge. She thanked the board for honoring her with this resolution.

Dr. Carter stated that Ms. Ledec will be thoroughly missed and stated that she is an exemplar in all that we are and all that we do. She thanked Ms. Ledec on behalf of Lee District.

- ADMIN-2     Adoption of Minutes – February 9, 2022, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Ms. Godbold made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 9, 2022, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1     Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report  
No action was necessary.
- I-2     Update on Park Operations Projects from October through December 2021  
No action was necessary.

### **CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS**

- Mr. Bouie expressed his disappointment in the budget that has been proposed. It does not support what we are trying to do. The Board needs to advocate as much as we can. Mr. Bouie asked for a list, by district, of the projects that will be affected by the change in bond process so that the board members can share with their Board of Supervisors’ contacts. Mr. Bouie thanked staff for putting the presentation together.

### **DIRECTOR’S MATTERS**

- Ms. Cole stated that staff will be working on providing more information to the board members for use in their discussions. It is important that everyone understands the ripple effect impact this will have on all of our future projects across the county.
- Ms. Cole highlighted a recent blog post and social media posts on her parks tour. She is at the halfway point of her tour and picked Sully Woodlands to help highlight projects or events we want the public to be aware of. The blog had 500 views and about 14,000 people saw the social media posts on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The second half of the tour will be strategic so we can highlight specific projects to help tell our story through the tour. Ms. Cole will finish the tour with one or two stops in each supervisory district and invite the Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority Board members to the sites in their district, and then culminate the tour at Lake Fairfax Park.
- Ms. Cole attended the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park meeting the previous evening and met Ms. Ledec. She is definitely a force to be reckoned with and will be missed.

### **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Quincy raised his concerns regarding the budget and how it could affect all of our plans for the future and parks. He plans to talk with the Providence Board of Supervisors member. It is very difficult to maintain a gold medal park system with this level of budget support.
- Mr. Gorham asked that his comments during the Budget Committee discussion on the budget item be reflected in the board meeting minutes.

- During the Budget Committee meeting, Mr. Gorham expressed his disappointment in the budget proposal. He thought the understanding was that equity is a priority and that there is a cost to providing equity to the community and that there would be funding provided to accommodate that. This proposal does not reflect that at all. To cut the equity funding so significantly will limit the resources we have to execute the equity plans and is very disappointing. We need to educate the Board of Supervisors and Bryan Hill that parks do matter and they need to give us the same percentage of general fund support as neighboring jurisdictions. Mr. Gorham asked how we can change our image to start getting additional funding and get out of this rut.
- Mr. Gorham also thanked Ms. Vosper for all of her help recently. She is always helpful and willing to address the issues he has reached out to her about.
- Mr. Thompson reminded the board that we have many allies in the community. One of the reasons there are swimming pools at the rec centers is so the schools could have swim teams without having to build pools at all the high schools. Our pools are used by every swim and dive team from every high school. There are many groups that can be our allies in this situation. With this bond and budget proposal we will be unable to buy more property or build any new facilities. We must have conversations regarding the practical implications of this proposal with our Board of Supervisors and with our other advocates and allies.
- Mr. Khan questioned whether those issuing this proposal understand the gravity of the situation this puts the Park Authority in. We are not a business, rather we are providing an essential service. Mr. Khan stated that he had hoped that with our success as an accredited and gold medal award winning agency, we would see an increase in budget support. He asked how we can maintain the quality of the service we are providing. He finds this very worrisome.

Mr. Bouie asked the board to consider their comfort level with returning to in-person meetings or remaining virtual. He proposed remaining virtual through March and returning to in-person meetings in April if that is the consensus of the board. Mr. Gorham expressed concern about what other boards and commissions within the county are doing and not wanting to be seen as the last board to return in person. Ms. Vosper stated that as long as the Fairfax County emergency order is in place, the board may remain virtual. Mr. Bouie stated several other county boards and commissions he is on are continuing to meet virtually as well. Ms. Cole stated that staff will let Mr. Bouie know the status of other county boards on this issue.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 7:39 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  
Laura Grape, Director, Resource Management Division  
Jesse Coffman, Director of Golf Enterprises  
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

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Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

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**ACTION – 1**

Americana Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Annandale North Springfield Little League

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Annandale North Springfield Little League in the amount of \$17,189 for a project to replace the backstop at the diamond field at Americana Park as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on February 23, 2022.

**ACTION – 2**

Greenbriar Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Fairfax Athletics

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Fairfax Athletics in the amount of \$20,000 for a project to install fencing at field 5 at Greenbriar Park as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on February 23, 2022.

**ACTION – 3**

Approval of Fee Adjustments to the Published Fee Schedule for 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of all proposed fee adjustments as advertised as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 23, 2022.

**ACTION – 4**

Scope Approval – Laurel Hill Golf Course Irrigation System Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:



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The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the project scope to install improvements to the irrigation system at the Laurel Hill Golf Course as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 9, 2022.

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**INFORMATION – 1**

FY 2023 Proposed Budget and Update on Capital Improvement Plan

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 23, 2022.