



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



B O A R D A G E N D A

May 11, 2022

7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- (CW) ADMIN-1 Resolution to Honor Banjob Suararoen Upon His Retirement from Fairfax County Park Authority
- (CW) ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – April 27, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- (CW) A-1 Reallocation of Funds and Consultant Scope of Services for Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access (PROSA) Strategy
- (D) A-2 Lewinsville Tennis and Pickleball Courts Funding Strategy

INFORMATION ITEM

- (CW) I-1 Running Bamboo Ordinance

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS
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ADJOURNMENT



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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Board Resolution To Honor Banjop Suajaroen, Parks and Mowing Manager for the Park Operations Division, who over more than three decades has helped maintain our parklands and kept our parks ready for visitors and park users.

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor Park Operation's Banjop Suajaroen, for his service to the residents of Fairfax County over 33 years, and more specifically, his hard work and dedication as a Maintenance Crew Chief and Mowing Manager for the Park Authority in the Park Operations Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring Banjop Suajaroen who worked tirelessly for more than three decades in the Park Operations Division, moving from a laborer to Maintenance Crew Chief and later to Parks and Mowing Manager.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 11, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Banjop Suajaroen started his Fairfax County Park Authority career in 1989 at Area 3 Management and enjoyed it so much, he never left. He began as a Laborer and moved up the ladder of that classification over several years. In 2005, he was promoted to Maintenance Crew Chief and, in 2012, he was promoted to Park Specialist 1 as the Parks and Mowing Manager. He remained in that position until his retirement in April 2022.

He was a great asset to Area 3 Management and the entire agency. His reputation as a hard worker and creative problem solver was widespread. His primary claim to fame was his work on athletic courts within Area 3 Management. He prided himself on making repairs and minor renovations to courts and constantly experimented with different concepts and materials to make the best repairs within our resource capabilities. He and his crew did such a great job with court repairs that other Area Management crews spent time working with him to incorporate his processes into their operations. As his retirement approached, he put on a clinic for coworkers to pass along his knowledge of these new materials and processes that he recently and successfully used. He also helped create a step-by-step guide for others to utilize.

In addition to his work on courts, Banjop made sure that all trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas were as safe and clean as they could be always. He responded in a timely

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fashion to every resident's concern within his scope of responsibility in Area 3 Management by addressing the issue and following up with the resident in a friendly and professional manner. He was always meticulous regarding the appearance of parks within his sphere of responsibility. He understood how important the details were and made sure all the little things were done on a routine basis. This includes, but is not limited to, painting trash receptacles, touching up signs, straightening signs, and replacing boards on picnic tables and benches.

Lastly, he was well respected by his peers and staff. They admired his strong work ethic and the ability to mentor and develop others. He also cooked up a massive and delicious feast for every retirement at Area 3 which may be why he will be missed the most!

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Kurt Louis, Director, Park Operations Division

***WHEREAS**, Banjop Suajaroen, is retiring after 33 years of service to the residents of Fairfax County, having started his Park Authority career in 1989 as a laborer and retiring as the Park Operations Division Park and Mowing Manager; and;*

***WHEREAS**; during his tenure he was well-known as a great asset to Area 3 Maintenance, with a reputation as a hard worker and creative problem solver who was interested in not just caring for the parks under his watch but also ensuring that his coworkers took care of the important details that made a difference to how parks and facilities looked and functioned, and;*

***WHEREAS**, his primary claim to fame was his work on athletic courts where he ensured appropriate repairs were made, he experimented with different concepts and materials and was so successful that other area crews incorporated his ideas into their work as well; and;*

***WHEREAS**; in addition to his work on courts, Banjop made sure all the trails, playgrounds and picnic areas were safe and clean and ready for the public and;*

***WHEREAS**; as his retirement approached, he held workshops for his coworkers to impart his new approaches, processes and materials and created a how-to guide to ensure the passage of this invaluable knowledge, and*

***WHEREAS**, Banjop was well respected and liked by his peers, was an eager mentor and often cooked up massive and delicious feasts for celebrations at Area 3 that endeared him to colleagues who wish him well upon his well-earned retirement; and;*

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

Banjop Suajaroen

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

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on May 11, 2022

Mike Thompson
Secretary

William G. Bouie
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – April 27, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the April 27, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the April 27, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 11, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the April 27, 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
April 27, 2022**

At the beginning of the Administration and Board Management Committee Meeting at 6:00 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:

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

Location:

Residence in Lee District
Residence in Sully District
Residence in Mount Vernon District
Residence in Dranesville District
Residence in Mason District
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Providence District
Office in Alexandria
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 Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Aidoo and Mr. Stone were 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; Dr. Aidoo and Mr. Stone were 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.]

Before the Resource Management Committee meeting, Mr. Stone joined the meeting.

Chairman Bouie confirmed the ability to hear Mr. Kiel Stone's voice as he participated from his office in 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 present; Dr. Aidoo was absent.

During the Resource Management Committee meeting, Dr. Aidoo joined the meeting.

Chairman Bouie confirmed the ability to hear Dr. Abena Aidoo's voice as she participated from. Mr. Bouie made a motion that Dr. Aidoo's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this board; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bouie called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public speakers

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – March 23, 2022, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2022, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

I-1 FY22 & FY23 FCPA Court Improvements
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie thanked the other board members, staff, advocates, the Board of Supervisors and all those who spent time in the last month meeting to discuss the Park Authority budget. Our advocates made a big difference in their efforts to communicate with the Board of

Supervisors. Mr. Bouie thanked Mr. Stone and Ms. Godbold for speaking at the budget public hearings. There was more media coverage on our budget concerns this year than any other.

- Mr. Bouie stated that there will be a Hoedown picnic for the volunteers on May 20th, 4-7pm, at Frying Pan Park. This will be a chance to say thank you for all of your support of parks and their advocacy efforts.
- Mr. Bouie stated that the farmers markets are opening up again and he will be at the Reston Market on Saturday.
- Mr. Bouie shared congratulations to Ms. Longworth and her recent wedding.
- Mr. Bouie asked the board for input on whether the board meetings should stay virtual or resume in person. After sharing their input, Mr. Bouie stated that the board meetings will remain virtual through July 2022.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Ms. Cole recognized the staff team, including Doug Tipsword, John Burke, Beth Iannetta, Kurt Louis, Dan Sutherland, Marcos Suarez, and Samantha Hudson, for their work to relocate the Mary Reed Memorial at Canterbury Woods Park prior to the 15th anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings.
- Ms. Cole shared that there are plans underway for a Covid memorial. Chairman McKay brought a Board Matter forward with this request and Park Authority staff are working with other county agencies to move the project forward. The process is in initial stages at this time and staff is anticipating a 12-15 month timeline for the project.
- Ms. Cole shared that that a very successful Anglers with Autism event was on Saturday, April 2nd, at Lake Fairfax to celebrate World Autism Day.
- Ms. Cole shared that four Rec Center swim teams participated in the Special Olympics Virginia Swim Meet Qualifiers on March 26th, for the first time in over two years. 43 FCPA swimmers will represent Area 26 in Richmond on June 10-12.
- Ms. Cole shared the launch of the historic cemetery survey being conducted by the archaeology staff. This effort will create a public-facing cemetery map that includes updated survey information, as well as a manual for the preservation and care of historic cemeteries.
- Ms. Cole stated that the first annual One Dark Hour event was held on Friday, April 22nd to coincide with a new countywide topic page about dark skies and light pollution in an effort to increase community awareness.
- Ms. Cole shared that she attended Culmore Community Day, which was a wonderful event. Ms. Cole also attended the Annandale Greenway event.
- Ms. Cole shared that Take Your Kid to Work Day will be Thursday, April 28th and the staff have organized a fun day at Frying Pan Farm Park.
- Ms. Cole thanked Michael Peters, the budget team, Sara Baldwin, and Aimee Vosper for their hard work during this budget cycle. She also thanked the board for all their work and support during the budget process. Ms. Cole shared that the BOS committed to an additional \$751,954 in support of natural resource sustainability. The total FY23 General Fund budget support will be \$4,155,437, which is the largest single year increase the Park Authority has

seen in 20 years. Ms. Cole also shared some additional FY22 Third Quarter funding that will be received:

- Patriot Park North One-Time Expenditures - \$669,000
 - Summer Concert Series Increased Costs - \$100,000
 - FCPA Asset Management System Implementation - \$700,000
 - Total: \$1,469,000
- Ms. Cole shared that staff is still talking with Department of Management and Budget regarding the CIP issue. They are working through three key issues:
 - How to get through the remainder of the current year's CIP plans working within the current bond sale limits, with the challenges we are facing due to cost increases and other project delays.
 - How can we bridge the gap to a 6-year bond cycle without having to delay projects like the Audrey Moore Rec Center renovation. The BOS specifically mentioned during mark up that they do not want to delay this project.
 - How do we “right-size” the bond for 2026 so that we have the funding needed to get the rec centers renovated along with other projects.
 - Additionally, Ms. Cole shared that staff is working to get a consultant on board to help us determine how to get us into a more equitable space with our revenue fund model. She is working with a cross-county equity team to address this and other cross-agency challenges.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Zook stated that he met with staff and Chairman McKay.
- Mr. Quincy stated that the 10th anniversary of the Healthy Strides 5k/10k will be Saturday, April 30th at Burke Lake Park.
- Mr. Stone thanked all the advocates that came out to speak at the budget public hearings. Their pressure throughout the budget process helped in getting the additional funding for the natural resource programs.
- Mr. Hackman thanked staff for their recent work to support efforts in the Dranesville District.
- Mr. Kendall thanked Ms. Cole for her visit to Mason District on Saturday, April 23rd. He thanked all the staff who worked the events as well. He mentioned that he will be walking for the Healthy Strides event.
- Ms. Godbold thanked staff for their work through the advocacy efforts in the budget cycle. She was impressed with the community support. Ms. Godbold shared that she will be out for the May board meetings and return in June.

Mr. Bouie shared that he will be at Stratton Woods on Saturday for the Spring Fling racquetball tournament. He has a meeting scheduled with the chairman and a citizen who is interested in funding and building a memorial garden somewhere in Fairfax County.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:52pm 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) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7).
- b) 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).
 1. Consideration of the addition of property located in the Mason and Sully Districts to the workplan.

Seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:15 pm Mr. Thompson made a motion to return to open session; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried by all members 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 §2.2-3711 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 by all members unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

- C-1 Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement for a Park Authority property in Mason District; Mr. Hackman seconded. The motion carried by all members unanimously.
- C-2 Mr. Kendall made a motion to authorize the offer range for acquisition of the property in Mason District, as discussed in closed session. Mr. Hackman seconded. The motion carried by all members unanimously.
- C-3 Ms. Godbold made a motion to add the property in Sully District to the workplan as discussed in closed session. Mr. Hackman seconded. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

- C-4 Ms. Godbold made a motion to add the property in Sully District to the workplan as discussed in closed session. Mr. Hackman seconded. The motion carried by all members unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 8:18 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
Cindy McNeal, Planning and Development Division
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

Minutes Approved at Meeting on May 11, 2022

Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

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ACTION – 1

Reallocation of Funds and Consultant Scope of Services for Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access (PROSA) Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the reallocation of funds and scope of services to provide consultant support for the PROSA Strategy as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 11, 2022.

ACTION – 2

Lewinsville Tennis and Pickleball Courts Funding Strategy

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the Lewinsville Tennis and Pickleball Courts Funding Strategy to proceed with construction of this renovation project as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 11, 2022.

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INFORMATION – 1

Running Bamboo Ordinance

As presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on April 27, 2022.