



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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

June 5, 2024

### 7:30 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

- (CW) ADMIN-1 Board Resolution to Honor Don Sweeney, FCPA Photographer, for 35 Years of Service
- (CW) ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – May 22, 2024 Park Authority Board Meeting

#### ACTION ITEM

- (M) A-1 Pine Ridge Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Braddock Road Youth Club
- (S/SP/P) A-2 Scope Approval – Helping Our Land Heal Forest Restoration Projects: Cub Run Stream Valley Park, Pohick Stream Valley Park, Difficult Run Stream Valley Park

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

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- (CW) I-2 Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report
- (CW) I-3 Update on Park Operations Projects from October 2023 to March 2024
- (CW) I-4 Update on Trash and Recycling Initiative
- (CW) I-5 Removal of Pickleball Lines at Kendale Woods Park

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM – 1**

### Board Resolution to Honor Don Sweeney, FCPA Photographer, for 35 Years of Service

#### ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor Don Sweeney who has served the residents of Fairfax County and served as the Park Authority photographer for 35 years.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the resolution.

#### TIMING:

Board action is requested on June 5, 2024.

#### BACKGROUND:

If a picture paints a thousand words, Don Sweeney has filled volumes with exquisite language depicting the natural beauty and the personal and communitywide benefits of the Fairfax County Park Authority. In 1985 Don became the Park Authority's first full-time photographer and has captured award-winning images of thousands of classes, events and dedication over his career. His captivating photographs have been a critical part of the Park Authority's storytelling and have resulted in countless thousands of residents being introduced to new experiences we offer.

Even before the internet and social media became a "thing," Don Sweeney's photos were telling amazing stories and being recognized far and wide. Over the course of his career, Don's work has been recognized multiple times by the Park Authority, Fairfax County and industry peers at both the state and national levels with awards for excellence. Don's work has appeared in 140 issues of the Parktakes magazine.

In addition to having an amazing artistic eye and an exceptional gift of anticipating the perfect shot, there are very few individuals who possess more knowledge about the unique features and little-known facts of each Park Authority site. When Don is at an event, you can be sure of two things – 1) premium-quality photos and 2) a great story of the evolution of the program, event or facility. Don has seen it all and he has always been willing and ready to pass that knowledge along to those who can use it.

Don has also been a masterful student of his craft. He has constantly remained up-to-speed with the latest photographic technologies, formatting and skillful photo rendering. From his beginnings developing film in a darkroom to using the latest computer tools to process digital photos, Don has never stopped learning, nor has he missed an opportunity to share tricks of the trade with fellow employees.

In recognition of his 35 years of outstanding public service and his exceptional professionalism and commitment to fulfilling the mission of the Fairfax County Park Authority, we are pleased to honor Don Sweeney on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement and wish him the very best in his new pursuits and interests.

#### ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

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STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Daidria Grayson, Division Director, Marketing and Communications Division

Ben Boxer, Public Information Officer

***WHEREAS**, Don Sweeney has served the Fairfax County Park Authority with distinction for 35 years as the Park Authority's first full-time photographer; and*

***WHEREAS**, his work has been instrumental in connecting Fairfax County residents to a wealth of programs, services and facilities with his photographs of Park Authority trails, fields, facilities, amenities, programs, ribbon-cuttings, camps and classes in 140 editions of Parktakes magazine, countless publications and advertisements, on the Park Authority website and over various social media platforms; and*

***WHEREAS**, his exceptional creativity and anticipation for capturing that 'perfect moment' has led to numerous recognitions by the Park Authority, Fairfax County, the Virginia Recreation and Park Society, the National Recreation and Park Association and the National Association of Government Communicators; and*

***WHEREAS**, Don's team-oriented approach to communication and public service has benefited everyone who has had occasion to work with him over the course of his career – not only in passing along tricks of the trade from a creative perspective but by sharing a wealth of knowledge and historical background which he has accumulated over his 35 years with the Park Authority;*

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

## ***Don Sweeney***

*For his outstanding contributions to the Fairfax County Park Authority and residents of Fairfax County.  
Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on June 5, 2024.*

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE – 2**

### Adoption of Minutes – May 22, 2024 Park Authority Board Meeting

#### ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the May 22, 2024 Park Authority Board meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the May 22, 2024 Park Authority Board meeting.

#### TIMING:

Board action is requested on June 5, 2024.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

None

#### ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the May 22, 2024 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  
May 22, 2024**

At 5:33pm, during the Resource Management Committee Meeting at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia, the following was read by Chairman Kiel Stone to allow for the meeting to proceed with virtual participants.

**Board Members Present:**

Kiel Stone, Chairman

Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton

Bill Bouie

Linwood Gorham

Tim Hackman

Ken Quincy

Michael Thompson

Johna Toomey

**Board Members Participating Virtually:**

Ron Kendall

**Location:**

Residence in Mason District

Mr. Stone stated that Virginia law authorizes the remote participation of Board members provided that a policy exists to ensure that such remote participation is consistently administered. This board has approved Policy 111 – Remote Participation in Public Meetings. Mr. Stone continued that remote attendance must be approved by the Board as long as a physical quorum of the Board is actually present; voice of the remote participants are able to be heard by everyone in the room; and the remote participation comports with the policy.

Mr. Stone conducted a roll call of the members participating remotely: Ron Kendall.

Mr. Stone made a motion that Mr. Kendall's voice may be adequately heard in this location; seconded by Mr. Bill Bouie. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Mr. Khan, and Ms. Godbold were absent.

Mr. Stone then made a motion that pursuant to the Park Authority's Policy 111 for Remote Participation in Public Meetings, that Board Member Mr. Ron Kendall be permitted to participate remotely in this meeting because it comports with the policy we adopted, and a physical quorum is present here at the Park Authority Board Room, 9th floor, Herrity building. Seconded by Mr. Bill Bouie. The motion carried by all members present; Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Mr. Khan, and Ms. Godbold were absent.

Mr. Stone conducted a roll call of members participating in person; Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Mr. Khan, and Ms. Godbold were absent.

Mr. Ron Kendall participated in the meetings virtually due to medical reasons.

Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter arrived in the Park Authority Board Room in person at 6:21pm and Mr. Faisal Khan arrived in the Park Authority Board Room in person at 6:55pm during the Park Operations Committee Meeting and were present for the remaining committee meetings and Board Meeting.

Absent: Maggie Godbold was absent and excused.

Chairman Stone called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers:	Topic:
Sarah Wysocki	Kendale Woods Pickleball Courts
Anthony Katchusky	Kendale Woods Pickleball Courts
Timothy Werder	Kendale Woods Pickleball Courts

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – April 24, 2024, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 24, 2024, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold was absent.

### **ACTION ITEM**

A-1 Scope Approval – Cub Run Rec Center Competition Pool Filter Replacement  
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the project scope for the replacement of the existing sand filters serving the competition pool with new high-rate sand filters at Cub Run Rec Center, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 22, 2024; seconded by Mr. Bouie. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold was absent.

A-2 Scope Approval – Jefferson Manor Park – Restroom Renovation and ADA Accessible Trails  
Dr. Carter made a motion to approve the project scope to provide accessibility upgrades, including restroom renovations and ADA access to park features at Jefferson Manor Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 22, 2024, seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold was absent.

A-3 Parklawn Park - Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request –  
Mason District Little League

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook grant award in the amount of \$12,945 to help fund a project to renovate the diamond infield at Parklawn Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on May 22, 2024; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Godbold was absent.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Summary of Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Testimony

No action was necessary.

### CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Stone thanked Board of Supervisors Bierman and Jimenez during the budget approval process for their support on trail maintenance funds and other trash maintenance funds. There was additional BOS budget guidance in support of parks – asking for further efforts be made in regards to the equity initiative and park maintenance funds.

### DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Ms. Cole shared that the Michael Hoffman Award was recently given to the Park Authority by the Council of Virginia Archaeologists.
- Ms. Cole shared the inline skate rink at Lake Fairfax Park was opened. The rink was the result of a public-private partnership with the Washington Capitals.
- Ms. Cole shared that the Ellmore House at Frying Pan Farm Park, which is part of the Resident Curator Program, was recently opened and the lessee, Service Source, has opened a gift shop and café in the building.
- Ms. Cole shared that the Healthy Strides 5k/10k event was very successful.
- Ms. Cole shared images from the recent Wetlands Awareness Day that was held at Huntley Meadows Park.
- Ms. Cole shared that all 10 Farmers Markets are now open. SNAP benefits, available at select markets, have been expanded, up to \$40 for purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Ms. Cole shared that the recent Culmore Community Day and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration were very successful events and the Park Authority partners with community organizations to support these events.
- Ms. Cole reminded everyone that the WaterMine, MLK Pool, and Our Special Harbor will all open this weekend. She also thanked staff for all their work to prepare these facilities for the summer season and to be ready for opening weekend.



**BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Kendall shared that the recent spring plant sale at Green Spring Gardens was a big success. There were approximately 40 vendors and over 1,800 attendees. Mr. Kendall thanked staff for their work to bring down the White Gardens house so that plans for the park can move forward. Mr. Kendall also thanked the community from Broyhill Crest for coming out to share their views.
- Dr. Aidoo Hewton thanked staff for the great work they do and the great presentations they share with the board.
- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for their hard work to make sure that fields are open and available even with all the recent rains.
- Mr. Gorham shared that the bathrooms at Laurel Hill Central Green are going to be open this weekend. He thanked staff for their work to make that happen. Mr. Gorham also shared that there will be a celebration of National Trails Day and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gerry Connally Cross County Trail on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am at the Laurel Hill Central Green.
- Mr. Bouie thanked the citizens that came to the meeting to give their input. Mr. Bouie also mentioned the opening of the inline skate rink at Lake Fairfax Park. Funding was provided by proffer funds and funding from the National Hockey League and the Washington Capitals. Mr. Bouie also shared that the opening of the Elmore House was very touching and the Pizano family has continued their community involvement by working on the construction on this project.
- Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter thanked staff for all their wonderful work.
- Ms. Toomey thanked the residents for coming to the meeting to talk about their concerns about the pickleball courts. Ms. Toomey also thanked staff for their work to open the water facilities this season.
- Mr. Quincy thanked the citizens for coming and sharing their opinions. Mr. Quincy also shared what a successful event the Healthy Strides race was. Staff and volunteers did a great job.

Mr. Stone asked Public Information Officer, Ben Boxer, to share information about National Trails Day. Mr. Boxer stated the event will be on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9-11am at Laurel Hill Central Green and will also celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gerry Connally Cross County Trail. There will be speakers, a ribbon cutting for the new bathrooms, the Wonder Wagon, the fire department, equestrians, and more activities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

**Participating Staff:**

Jai Cole, Executive Director

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Ryan Carmen, Director, Golf Enterprises Division  
Josh Colman, Director, Park Services Division  
Kim Eckert, Director, Park Operations Division  
Brendon Hanafin, Director, Planning and Development Division  
Laura Grape, Director, Resource Management Division  
Michael Peter, Director, Business Administration Division  
Daidria Grayson, Director, Marketing and Communications Division  
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Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

Minutes Approved at Meeting on June 5, 2024

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Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

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**ACTION – 1**

Pine Ridge Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Braddock Road Youth Club

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant request from the Braddock Road Youth Club in the amount of \$6,205 to help fund a project to extend the fencing around field 6 at Pine Ridge Park, as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on June 5, 2024.

**ACTION – 2**

Scope Approval – Helping Our Land Heal Forest Restoration Projects: Cub Run Stream Valley Park, Pohick Stream Valley Park, and Difficult Run Stream Valley Park

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the project scope to plan and implement ecosystem restoration projects at Cub Run Stream Valley Park, Pohick Stream Valley Park and Difficult Run Stream Valley Park to restore forest communities, as presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on June 5, 2024.

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**INFORMATION – 1**

Deer Management Plan

As presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on May 22, 2024.

**INFORMATION – 2**

Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 22, 2024.

**INFORMATION – 3**

Update of Park Operations Projects from October 2023 to March 2024

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on May 22, 2024.

**INFORMATION – 4**

Update on Trash and Recycling Initiative

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on May 22, 2024.

**INFORMATION – 5**

Removal of Pickleball Lines at Kendale Woods Park

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on May 22, 2024.