



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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

January 22, 2025

7:30 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**

(CW) ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – December 11, 2024 Park Authority Board Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ACTION ITEM**

(MV) A-1 Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

(CW) I-1 Marketing + Communications SWOT Analysis

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

**ELECTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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Board Agenda Item  
January 22, 2025

**ADMINISTRATIVE – 1**

Adoption of Minutes – December 11, 2024, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 22, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the December 11, 2024, Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD  
Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
December 11, 2024**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Kiel Stone, Chairman  
Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton  
Bill Bouie  
Maggie Godbold  
Linwood Gorham  
Tim Hackman  
Ron Kendall  
Ken Quincy  
Mike Thompson  
Johna Toomey

**Board Members Participating Virtually:**

Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter  
Faisal Khan

**Location:**

Residence in Franconia District  
Residence in Providence District

The Park Authority Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. At 7:31 pm, 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 is 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: Mr. Faisal Khan and Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter.

Mr. Stone made a motion that Mr. Khan and Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter’s voices may be adequately heard in this location; seconded by Ms. Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

Mr. Stone then made a motion that pursuant to the Park Authority’s Policy 111 for Remote Participation in Public Meetings, that Board Member Faisal Khan 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 Ms. Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

Mr. Stone conducted a roll call of members participating in person. Mr. Khan and Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter participated in the meeting virtually due to medical reasons.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public speakers.

### **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

PRES-1      FY 2024 Park Authority Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)  
Mr. Malav Sheth and Mr. Zach LeMorta, from the accounting firm of Cherry Bekaert, LLC, presented the financial position of the Park Authority as of June 30, 2024. The ACFR was prepared by staff and audited by Cherry Bekaert, LLC, and was prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Their presentation covered engagement services, overall audit results, required communications with those charged with governance, and future accounting and reporting changes.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1    Adoption of Minutes – November 13, 2024, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Bill Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 13, 2024, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A-1            Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement  
The Board held over its decision on Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement until the next meeting on January 8, 2025, when staff from the Office of the County Attorney can be available.

A-2            Lewinsville Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant  
Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the transfer of a Mastenbrook Grant from the Linway Terrace project to Lewinsville Park, seconded by Ms. Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

A-3            Approval for the Reallocation of Bond Funds for Staff-Identified Projects  
Mr. Linwood Gorham made a motion to approve the reallocation of funds originally reserved for Mount Vernon Rec Center furnishings, seconded by Mr. Ken Quincy. The motion carried by all members present.

- A-4        Approval of Fee Adjustments to the Published Fee Schedule for 2025  
Mr. Ken Quincy made a motion to approve all proposed fee adjustments as advertised in the 2025 Fee Schedule, seconded by Ms. Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1        Planning and Development Division Quarterly Project Status Report  
No action was necessary.
- I-2        Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Presentation Information Item  
No action was necessary.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Chairman Stone requested staff research the Appalachian Mountain Club to encourage volunteerism, especially with tight budgets.
- Tim Hackman recommended that staff also research the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to explore additional opportunities to engage volunteers in trail work.
- Chairman Stone is looking forward to the joint FCPA and Fairfax County Park Foundation Holiday Reception on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR SARA BALDWIN**

- Deputy Director Baldwin recognized staff for their exemplary work in ensuring FCPA had a clean and successful audit.
- FCPA's Wonder Wagon, launched in April 2024, has reached over 7,000 individuals and made over 100 visits throughout the county to Title 1 schools, public libraries, local non-profit groups, community festivals, senior centers, and community resource fairs!
- There was a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the completion and opening of the McNaughton Fields restrooms and concessions building. There was tremendous community involvement as Woodlawn LL raised \$200,000 to support the construction of the \$1million building.
- Deputy Director Baldwin reviewed the many exciting and fun holiday events including:
  - Santa at the Mill, Colvin Run Mill, on December 14-15, 2024.
  - Frying Pan Farm Park will host Holiday on the Farm on December 12-14; and 20-21.
  - Burke Lake Park will host Winter Wonderland on December 14-15; and 21-22.
- Coach Vasilios Rajendra, a dedicated volunteer golf coach at the Oakmont Golf Center, was awarded the First Tee of Greater Washington, DC's Raul Colon Volunteer of the Year Award! The highlight reel recognizing Coach Vasilios can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/-9tv1xbeVv0?si=6GDkt8nedz\\_5Leqh](https://youtu.be/-9tv1xbeVv0?si=6GDkt8nedz_5Leqh).
- First Hike returns Wednesday, January 1, 2025, which is an incredibly popular and creative family tradition to start the new year off on the right foot in FCPA Parks and along our trails! There is a First Hike Photo contest and more details on rules can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/first-hike](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/first-hike). Photos should be submitted by Noon on January 2, 2025.

- Deputy Director Baldwin thanked staff for an amazing 2024. Several of the highlights are:
  - PROSA was American Planning Association (Virginia) Plan of the Year
  - Woodlands Stewardship Education Center received the James M. Scott Exceptional Design Award
  - Skate the Wake and Parks on Ice Initiatives won VRPS honors
  - Cub Run Rec Center Energy Improvements won 1st Place in Regional Tech Awards by ASHRAE
  - Golf Courses and Training Facilities received national and local acclaim
  - Archaeology and Collections Branch received the Michael Hoffman Award for Excellence from the Council of Virginia Archaeologists
  - Park Amenity Locator Tutorial Video won the National Association of Government Communicators' Golden Screen Award
  - Twelve lifeguards received commendations from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department for their role in life-saving efforts
  - Four Park Operations Employees earned multiple top-three finishes at the annual ROAD-EO skills competition
  - Five employees were recognized by Cox Communications for outstanding contributions to the park system
  - Forty-three employees awarded Outstanding Performance and Team Awards from Fairfax County
  - Kim Young received the county's A. Heath Onthank Award – the highest honor bestowed upon a county employee; and
  - Three-hundred forty-seven (347) employees were recognized by their peers with our PRAISE Awards

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Ken Quincy thanked staff and FCPA board members for all the great work this year and looks forward to another great year in 2025!
- Mr. Linwood Gorham reiterated Ken Quincy's thanks and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
- Mr. Ron Kendall wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton thanked everyone for their hard work and wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter thanked staff for their great work and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- Mike Thompson has received a lot of calls and outreach over the last 48 hours asking why FCPA was closing Hidden Pond Nature Center, and he explained that this was a rumor and he was actively working in his area to correct any disinformation.
- Ms. Johna Toomey reiterated the great work of the staff and the breadth and depth of expertise and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- Mr. Bill Bouie thanked staff for a great year and he's looking forward to another great year in 2025. Reston Community Center (RCC) is about to roll out their own welcome wagon. Mr. Bouie congratulated Leila Gordon, who is retiring this month after 40 years of service in

Fairfax County. Ms. Gordon has been a great partner to the FCPA and has served 16 years at the Reston Community Center.

- Mr. Tim Hackman thanked staff for their hard work and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
- Ms. Maggie Godbold thanked staff for a fabulous year and wished everyone happy holidays. Ms. Godbold announced that she will be stepping down from the Fairfax County Park Authority as she is moving out of the Sully district and expressed her great joy in having served on the FCPA Board and wished everyone well.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

### **Participating Staff:**

Jai Cole, Executive Director

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Torsha Bhattacharya, Director, Stewardship and Planning Division

Ryan Carmen, Director, Golf Enterprises Division

Josh Colman, Director, Park Services Division

Kim Eckert, Director, Park Operations Division

Laura Grape, Director, Resource Management and Interpretation Division

Daidria Grayson, Director, Marketing and Communications Division

Heather Lynch, Project Coordinator, Planning and Development Division

Michael Peter, Director, Finance and Administration Division

Mohamed Ghiwane, Assistant Division Director, Planning and Development Division

Kelly Sackett, Financial Specialist, Finance and Administration Division

Ben Boxer, Public Information Officer

Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Minutes Approved at Meeting on January 8, 2025

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Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Board Agenda Item  
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**ACTION – 1**

Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on December 11, 2024.



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**INFORMATION – 1**

Marketing + Communications SWOT Analysis

As presented to and reviewed by the Communications and Community Engagement Committee on December 11, 2024.