



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



B O A R D A G E N D A

March 12, 2025

7:30 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

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**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS
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ADJOURNMENT



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Board Agenda Item
March 12, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – February 26, 2025, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the February 26, 2025, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the February 26, 2025, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 12, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the February 26, 2025, 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
February 26, 2025**

Chairman Stone called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 7:32 pm at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Kiel Stone, Chairman
Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton
Mr. Bill Bouie
Ms. Maggie Godbold
Mr. Tim Hackman
Mr. Ken Quincy
Mr. Mike Thompson

Board Members Participating Virtually:

Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Mr. Faisal Khan
Mr. Rick Healy

Location:

Residence in Franconia District
Residence in Providence District
Temporary location in Florida

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Linwood Gorham
Ms. Johna Toomey

During the Park Operations Committee meeting at 5:48 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; the voice of the remote participant 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. Rick Healy.

Mr. Stone made a motion that Mr. Rick Healy be adequately heard in this location; seconded by Mr. Bill Bouie. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey, Mr. Linwood Gorham, Mr. Faisal Khan and Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter were absent for this vote.

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. Rick Healy 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. Ms. Johna Toomey, Mr. Linwood Gorham, Mr. Faisal Khan and Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter were absent for this vote.

Mr. Stone conducted a roll call of members participating in person. Mr. Rick Healy participated in the meeting virtually due to personal travel plans. This was his first time participating virtually this calendar year.

During the Budget Committee meeting at 5:58 pm, Mr. Stone asked Mr. Faisal Khan to state his name and the location from where he was calling. Mr. Khan stated his name and that he was participating in the meeting from his home in the Providence District. Mr. Stone made a motion that Mr. Khan's voice could be adequately heard in that location. Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton seconded the motion. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

Pursuant to the Park Authority's Policy 111 for Remote Participation in Public Meetings, Mr. Stone made a motion that Mr. 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 Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Cynthia Carter, Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent. Mr. Faisal Khan participated in the meeting virtually due to medical reasons.

At the beginning of the Park Authority Board meeting at 7:33 pm, Mr. Stone asked Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter to state her name and location from where she was calling. Dr. Carter stated her name and that she was participating in the meeting from her home in the Franconia District. Mr. Stone made a motion that her voice could be adequately heard in that location. Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton seconded the motion. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

Pursuant to the Park Authority's Policy 111 for Remote Participation in Public Meetings, Mr. Stone made a motion that Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter 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 Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent. Dr. Carter participated in the meeting virtually due to personal reasons due to her work and it was her first time participating remotely in 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – January 22, 2025, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Mike Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 22, 2025, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton. The motion

carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 FY 2025 Third Quarter Budget Review, Fund 10001, General Fund
Chairman Stone made a motion to endorse the FY 2025 Third Quarter Budget review for the General Fund (Fund 10001), seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.
- A-2 FY 2025 Third Quarter Budget Review, Fund 30010, General County Construction and Contribution Fund
Mr. Ken Quincy made a motion to endorse the FY 2025 Third Quarter Budget Review for the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Tim Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.
- A-3 FY 2025 Third Quarter Budget Review, Fund 80000, Revenue and Operating Fund
Mr. Ken Quincy made a motion to endorse the FY 2025 Third Quarter Budget Review for the Revenue and Operating Fund (Fund 80000), seconded by Mr. Tim Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.
- A-4 FY 2024 Monopole Revenue Reallocation
Mr. Ken Quincy made a motion to approve the reallocation of FY 2024 Monopole revenue for all districts to the Park Improvement Fund, seconded by Mr. Tim Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- I-1 Deer Management Program Transitioning from IR Camera Deer Density to IR Drone Density Survey
No action was necessary.
- I-2 2026 Needs Assessment Project Update
No action was necessary.
- I-3 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Bond Strategy
No action was necessary.
- I-4 Equity Study Update
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- There will be a Federation of Friends meeting on this coming Monday, March 3, 2025, from 5:30-7:00 pm. It will be a hybrid meeting held here on the first floor of the Herrity Building and there is also an option to participate virtually. The meeting will largely be budget focused with a discussion with the Friends Groups.
- The Board of Supervisors Budget Public Hearings will be held on April 22, April 23 and April 24, 2025.
- The Joint Meeting with the Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors will be held on May 20, 2025, at 3:00 pm.
- I wanted to recognize Ben Boxer and thank him for his service to the Park Authority and wish him good luck in his new position with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation.
- The FY 2025 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Committee Assignments were sent out to all the Board members. We will take a vote to ratify them at the next meeting.
- The proposed county budget cuts are \$59.8 million, with 1.5% coming from the Park Authority, representing 2.5% of the total cuts. Yet, the Park Authority represents only 0.65% of Fairfax County's General Fund disbursements. Last year, \$34 million in budget cuts were proposed with 1.6% to be deducted from the Park Authority, an agency that represents less than 1% of the total county budget. Ultimately, no cuts were made to the Park Authority last year.
- The RecPac program was moved to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services last year. Over many years, the Park Authority made many funding requests for that program that were not funded. In their first year housing the program, NCS received an \$880,000 increase for that program. The Park Authority has been advocating for funding for a number of maintenance costs over the last several years that add up to less than that \$880,000 increase for the RecPac program. These are things for people to keep in mind when they are talking to their board members. We will be starting to schedule those budget conversations to happen in March.
- Mr. Stone presented a Fairfax County Park Authority wooden shield to Sully District Park Board member Maggie Godbold engraved with the FCPA logo, to recognize her service to the FCPA for the last eight years. Ms. Godbold has worked tirelessly on behalf of FCPA, and she will be sorely missed. Mr. Stone will miss hearing about all of her birding adventures and will miss working with her.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAI COLE

- Executive Director Cole shared that the Spring and Summer Camp Registration Day was extremely successful as a split-registration model was implemented to reduce volume on the system. Last year, FCPA volume caused the county system to crash. FCPA received multiple compliments from the public on the great improvement in registration. This year's results were record-setting:
 - \$9.46 million in registration revenue;
 - 27,300 registrations; and
 - 9,000 distinct customers served.

- Well over 200 members of the community joined the Park Authority's Jan. 23, 2025, community meeting to provide an update on the Mt. Vernon Rec Center construction and a sneak peak of the amazing programs and camps coming this May with a standing room only crowd!
 - Expecting to open doors in May for all amenities with the exception of the pool;
 - Pool opening expected in June followed by a Grand Opening event (date TBD); and
 - We are hosting a full complement of 2025 summer camps at Mt. Vernon Rec Center.
- The Park Authority hosted its third annual Lunar New Year Celebration at Twin Lakes Golf Course with more than 250 attendees.
 - The event has promoted strong partnerships with CAFÉ, the Asian American Community Center and Make Us Visible VA who contributed a variety of programs, activities and performances at the celebration.
 - This year's event featured amazing performances, hands-on activities and traditional tastes of Asian cuisine, providing a well-rounded celebration of rich Asian cultural traditions with our community's neighbors.
- Green Spring Gardens is the Park Authority's only public garden. Green Springs features more than 220 taxa of Witch Hazels, shrubs with spidery blooms in shades of orange, gold and burgundy that are fragrant and perfume the air with their sweet and spicy scent with their blooms. Green Spring's Witch Hazels are blooming now and comprise part of the national collection. Green Spring Gardens Witch Hazels are accredited by the American Public Gardens Association.
- Parks Count! is the 2026 Needs Assessment to evaluate park and recreation needs across the county. Feedback will be used to guide improvements to amenities, facilities and programs for the next five years. The study uses research, trends analysis, community input and surveys to help the Park Authority meet the diverse park and recreation needs in Fairfax County. The 2026 Needs Assessment will inform decision-making for park investments and improvements including the 2026 park bond.
 - The Park Authority will do multiple outreach presentations, including to the EQAC, Athletic Council, Health and Human Services and the Transportation Safety Board.
 - There will be multiple stakeholder meetings between PAB members and their respective supervisors and will also hold up to 15 virtual meetings as well as multiple one on one meetings.
 - Opportunities to provide feedback include:
 - Virtual Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30, at [Parks Count - PublicInput, https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/parkscount](https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/parkscount);
 - In-person workshop, Saturday, March 22, 10:00am – 12:00 pm at the Franconia Rec Center; and
 - The Parks Count! webpage, at [Parks Count! Our Parks, Our Future | Park Authority, at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkscount](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkscount) .
- The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), in partnership with the Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC), was presented with a 2024 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Technology

Award for successfully applied innovative building design, incorporating high standards for effective energy management and indoor air quality. FCPA was recognized for the Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESCO) Phase 1 Project at Cub Run Rec Center in Chantilly, which took first prize in regional competition in August 2024.

- The Park Authority has a number of exciting events coming. These include:
 - Saturday, March 1, Adapted Swim Meet, 2:00 pm at Oakmont Rec Center;
 - Friday, March 7, Oakton Schoolhouse MOU Signing at 3:00 pm;
 - Saturday, March 29, McLean Central Park Ribbon-Cutting, 9:00 am;
 - Saturday, April 5, Bluebells at the Bend, Riverbend Park, 10:00 am;
 - Saturday, April 26, Earth Day, Sully Historic Site, 10:00 am;
 - Sunday, May 4, Huntley 50th Anniversary/Wetlands Awareness Day, 12:00 pm; and
 - Saturday, May 10, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Festival, 12:00 pm at Mason District Park.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Bill Bouie thanked Maggie Godbold and said it was an honor to serve alongside her. He also thanked staff for a great Black History Month event that was very well attended, and he was happy to be a part of it.
- Mr. Ken Quincy thanked Ms. Godbold for her service and for her contributions. He also mentioned his prior community development meetings like the development of Tysons. The standard statement of what the public wants most in terms of development are fire and police protection, education, transportation, medical care, and Parks and Recreation, time after time! It's more than money that the public wants.
- Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton thanked staff for all of their hard work. She mentioned how much she enjoyed working with Ms. Godbold and how much she will be missed and in particular, how much her birding stories will be missed.
- Mr. Tim Hackman recognized Ms. Godbold for her service and what a delight it has been to work with her. He said he hoped she would be invited to future board holiday parties so they can keep in touch.
- Ms. Maggie Godbold said being on the PAB board has been her most fun volunteer job ever and she has really enjoyed it. She looks to the Board to fight for the parks because that is what we do, we have to fight for the parks. She said with Kiel Stone and Jai Cole in charge, she feels like we have a good chance, but she knows it's going to be a lot of work. She thanked everyone for their continued fight because that's what makes Fairfax County a great place to live. She thanked everyone for their time and service, and she promised to keep up with everyone.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:57 pm, Mr. Stone stated that the Park Authority Board meeting is moving to closed session and public participants will be removed from this virtual meeting. If public participants want to re-join the meeting when the Closed Session has ended, dial back into the meeting with the same dial-in information to be placed in a waiting room until the Closed Session has ended.

At 7:58 pm, Dr. Carter 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:

- Discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property for a public purpose 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):
 - **C-1** Discussion of a property located in the Mount Vernon District
 - **C-2** Discussion of a property located in the Providence District

Seconded by Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

At 8:06 pm, Mr. Stone made a motion for the Park Authority Board to return to open session. Seconded by Bill Bouie. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Carter made a motion that the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements prescribed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only matters identified in the motion to convene Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Park Authority Board. Seconded by Ken Quincy. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried by Mr. Bouie, Dr. Carter, Ms. Godbold, Mr. Healy, Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton, Mr. Khan, Mr. Quincy and Mr. Stone. Mr. Hackman and Mr. Thompson abstained from the vote. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:08 pm, Mr. Stone 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:

- 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).
 - **C-1** Discussion of a property located in the Mount Vernon District
 - **C-2** Discussion of a property located in the Providence District

Seconded by Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

Dr. Carter made a motion for the Park Authority Board to return to open session at 8:12 pm. Seconded by Bill Bouie. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Carter made a motion that the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements prescribed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only matters identified in the motion to convene Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Park Authority Board. Seconded by Ken Quincy. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried by Mr. Bouie, Dr. Carter, Ms. Godbold, Mr. Hackman, Mr. Healy, Dr. Abena Aidoo Hewton, Mr. Khan, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Stone. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

There were two items discussed in closed session: The first was C-1: Addition of a property located in the Mount Vernon District to the work plan. Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the addition of the property located in the Mount Vernon District to the work plan per the discussion held in closed session. Seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

The second item discussed in closed session was C-2: Addition of a property located in the Providence District to the work plan. Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the addition of the property in the Providence District to the work plan as discussed in the closed session. Seconded by Mr. Bill Bouie. The motion carried by all members present. Ms. Johna Toomey and Mr. Linwood Gorham were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:14 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

Michael Peter, Director, Finance and Administration Division

Abdi Hamud, Land Acquisition Branch Manager, Stewardship and Planning Division

Kelly Sackett, Financial Specialist, Finance and Administration Division

Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Minutes Approved at Meeting on March 12, 2025

Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Board Agenda Item
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ACTION – 1

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Bond Strategy #2, March 12, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval to use identified bond project balances for identified workplan initiatives, as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 12, 2025.

ACTION - 2

Approval of Use of Bond Funds for Lake Fairfax Park and Water Mine Improvement Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the Reallocation of Funds originally allocated to Lake Fairfax Improvements (PR-000147) and the Lake Fairfax Inline Skate Park which has been fully completed (PR-000147-006), as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on March 12, 2025.

Board Agenda Item
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INFORMATION – 1

Update on Park Operations Projects from July to December 2024

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on February 26, 2025.

INFORMATION – 2

FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Review, Fund 10001, General Fund

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 26, 2025.

INFORMATION – 3

FY 2025 Second Quarter Budget Review, Fund 80000, Park Services Revenue & Operating Fund

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 26, 2025.

INFORMATION – 4

FY 2026 Proposed Budget

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 26, 2025.

INFORMATION – 5

Park Development Division Quarterly Status Report

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 26, 2025.