



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



B O A R D A G E N D A

March 26, 2025

7:30 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

(CW) ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – March 12, 2025 Park Authority Board Meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS

- (CW) I-1 Annual Resident Curator Program Update
- (S) I-2 Elklick Preserve & Poplar Ford Resource Protection Zone Master Plan Administrative Updates
- (CW) I-3 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards

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

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



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Board Agenda Item
March 26, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – March 12, 2025, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the March 12, 2025, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the March 12, 2025, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 26, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the March 12, 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
March 12, 2025**

Chairman Stone called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 7:48 pm at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Kiel Stone, Chairman
Mr. Bill Bouie
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Mr. Linwood Gorham
Mr. Tim Hackman
Mr. Rick Healy
Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton
Mr. Ken Quincy
Mr. Mike Thompson
Ms. Johna Toomey

Board Members Participating Virtually:

Faisal Khan

Location:

Residence in Providence District

Vacant Position: Sully District

Just before the Planning and Development Committee meeting at 6:10 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. Faisal Khan.

Mr. Stone made a motion that Mr. Khan can be adequately heard in this location; seconded by Mr. Tim Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter was 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. 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 Mr. Tim Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter was absent for this vote.

Mr. Stone conducted a roll call of members participating in person. Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter was absent for this vote.

Mr. Khan participated in the meeting virtually due to medical reasons.

Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter arrived in the Park Authority Board Room at 6:26 pm during the Planning and Development Committee meeting and was present for the remaining committee meetings and Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes –February 26, 2025, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Bill Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 26, 2025, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Tim Hackman. The motion carried by all members present.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Bond Strategy #2, March 12, 2025
Mr. Quincy made a motion to endorse the use of identified bond project balances for identified workplan initiatives, seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present.

A-2 Approval of Use of Bond Funds for Lake Fairfax Park and Water Mine Improvement Projects
Mr. Bill Bouie made a motion to recommend the approval of the reallocation of funds originally allocated to Lake Fairfax Improvements and Lake Fairfax Inline Skate Park, seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 Annual Resident Curator Program Update
No action was necessary.

I-2 Elklick Preserve & Poplar Ford Resource Protection Zone Master Plan Administrative Updates – Sully
No action was necessary.

I-3 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- On March 3, 2025, we had a good Federation of Friends meeting. Chairman Stone thanked Mr. Quincy, Mr. Healy, Mr. Hackman and Mr. Thompson for joining him for the meeting. It was a good turnout, and we had good discussion. From the questions, it is clear that attendees are definitely worried about the budget this year.
- Board members should be seeing notifications for upcoming meetings regarding the budget with their respective members of the Board of Supervisors, with meetings to be held before the budget public hearings.
- The Joint Meeting with the Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors will be held on May 20, 2025, at 3:00 pm.
- The updated Park Authority Committee Assignments for standing committees and liaison assignments for the next 12 months were emailed and at the seats for each board member tonight and at the previous meeting. Mr. Stone made a motion for the slate to be approved, seconded by Mr. Tim Hackman. The vote passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAI COLE

- Executive Director Cole shared that on Friday, March 7, FCPA and the Greater Oakton Community Association (GOCA) finalized and entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the historic Oakton Schoolhouse located in Oakton, Virginia. The MOA will allow GOCA to provide support and use of the Oakton Schoolhouse through events, meetings, rental space, historical presentations, classes, theatre groups and educational programs for all interested persons in the surrounding community.
- Lake Fairfax and Eleanor C. Lawrence Park had their first burns of the year. The purpose of the burns is to control invasive plants and to return nutrients to the soil. The controlled burns also prepare land for the emergence of native plants and restore and protect the County's valuable natural resources.
- A concept wayfinding master plan was started by the Tysons Partnership in 2022-2023 and the MOU that established the Tysons Community Alliance (TCA) called out wayfinding as a top priority. TCA will work with Fairfax County, FCPA, and VDOT to establish a Tysons-wide signage and wayfinding system. They will deliver wayfinding signage with a 10-sign pilot project with a target date of June 1, 2025. Learnings from this pilot will be used to expand the signage typologies and roll out additional wayfinding solutions.
- Executive Director Cole testified on the FY 2026-2030 Advertised Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) at the March 5, 2025, Fairfax County Planning Commission meeting. Executive Director Cole explained during her testimony that FCPA is using multiple planning tools, such as PROSA, historic CIP mapping tools, and conditions assessments, and then using that data to help determine and prioritize our CIP moving forward.
- The annual Adapted Swim Meet was held at Oakmont Rec Center on March 1, 2025. This year's event was wonderful and really well received by the Park Authority's adaptive swim program participants.

- The Federation of Friends meeting was on March 3, 2025, as Chairman Stone mentioned. There were lots of questions and much interest in the budget and the budget reduction exercise.
- The Park Authority has a number of exciting events coming. These include:
 - Wednesday, March 19, Needs Assessment Public Meeting [VIRTUAL], 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, at [Parks Count - PublicInput](https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/parkscount), <https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/parkscount>
 - Thursday, March 20, Olander and Margaret Banks Public Meeting, 1:00 pm at Richard Byrd Library, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2
 - Saturday, March 22, Needs Assessment Community Workshop, 10:00 am – Noon at the Franconia Recreation Center
 - 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
 - Saturday, May 10, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Festival, 12:00 pm, Mason District Park
- 2025 Farmers Market Opening Days:
 - Wednesday, April 16, Mount Vernon Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Saturday, April 19, Burke Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Saturday, April 26, Reston Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Thursday, May 1, Annandale Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Thursday, May 1, Herndon Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Friday, May 2, McLean Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Friday, May 2, Kingstowne Farmers Market, 3:00 pm
 - Sunday, May 4, Lorton Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Wednesday, May 7, Oakmont Farmers Market, 8:00 am
 - Wednesday, May 7, Wakefield Farmers Market, 2:00 pm

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Mike Thompson thanked all of the Friends Groups for coming to the recent spring meeting and also for all of the great work they do on behalf of the Park Authority throughout the year.
- Mr. Bill Bouie mentioned that a beautiful picture of the wetlands at Huntley Meadows was featured today in a Washington Post article focused on EPA water regulations.
- Mr. Rick Healy mentioned that he was happy to join the Park Authority Board and to attend the meeting in person.
- Mr. Linwood Gorham welcomed Mr. Healy to the board and mentioned that his fresh perspective was very important and welcomed by the board.
- Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter thanked Allison Rankin and Dianne Quebral and the whole team for all of the great work happening on the Awards Committee and with the Elly Doyle Awards planning.

- Mr. Tim Hackman mentioned that the Bluebells should be peaking around April 5th during the Bluebell Festival at Riverbend Park. There will be opportunities to buy Bluebell plants at the festival. That same evening, the Great Falls Grange Foundation will be hosting their annual gala with a Speakeasy theme, starting at 6pm.

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

Daidria Grayson, Director, Marketing and Communications Division

Michael Peter, Director, Finance and Administration Division

Andy Galusha, Landscape Architect/Park Planner, Stewardship and Planning Division

Stephanie Langton, Heritage Resource Specialist, Stewardship and Planning Division

Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Minutes Approved at Meeting on March 26, 2025

Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Board Agenda Item
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INFORMATION – 1

Annual Resident Curator Program Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 12, 2025.

INFORMATION – 2

Elklick Preserve & Poplar Ford Resource Protection Zone Master Plan Administrative Updates

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 12, 2025.

INFORMATION – 3

Elly Doyle Park Service Awards

As presented to and reviewed by the Park Authority Board Awards Committee on March 12, 2025.