

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
January 22, 2025**

At the beginning of the Resource Management Committee Meeting at 6:20 pm, the following was read by Treasurer Tim Hackman to allow for the meeting to proceed in a virtual format.

In order to conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to make certain findings for the record to evidence compliance with Virginia Code 9.2-3708.2, there were actions that needed to be taken prior to conducting business.

**Audibility of Members' Voices**

Treasurer Hackman 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:**

Maggie Godbold, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Secretary  
Timothy Hackman, Treasurer  
Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton  
Bill Bouie  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
Ken Quincy  
Mike Thompson  
Johna Toomey

**Location:**

Residence in Providence District  
Residence in Franconia District  
Residence in Dranesville District  
Residence in Franconia District  
Residence in Hunter Mill District  
Residence in Mount Vernon District  
Residence in Providence District  
Residence in Providence District  
Residence in Springfield District  
Residence in Dranesville District

Mr. Thompson made a motion that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this board; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present; Kiel Stone was absent.

**Need for an Electronic Meeting**

Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board will hold an all-virtual public meeting because circumstances warrant the holding of an all-virtual public meeting, including, but not limited to, the convenience of an all-virtual meeting; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present; Kiel Stone was absent.

**All-Virtual Public Meeting May be Properly Held**

Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board has not had more than two all-virtual public meetings, or more than 50% of its meetings rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, during the calendar year since the emergency order was lifted; and the Park Authority Board's last meeting was not an all-virtual public meeting; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present; Kiel Stone was absent.

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Mr. Hackman made a motion that the Park Authority Board conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video- and audio- conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 571-429-5982 and entering the access code 266402881; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present; Kiel Stone was absent.

**All-Virtual Public Meeting Requirements are Met in Conformance with Park Authority Board Written Policy**

Mr. Hackman made a motion that the meeting of the Park Authority Board to be held this day is in conformance with this body's all-virtual public meeting policy and as such:

- i. The meeting notice indicated that the public meeting will be all-virtual, and the notice stated that the method by which the Park Authority Board chose to meet would not be changed unless the Park Authority Board provided a new meeting notice in accordance with Va. Code 2.2-3707.
- ii. Public access to this meeting is provided by electronic communication means that allows the public to hear all participating members of the Park Authority Board.
- iii. Audio-visual technology, if available, is used to allow the public to see the members of the Park Authority Board during this meeting.
- iv. A phone number, email address, or other live contact information is provided to the public to alert the Park Authority Board if electronic transmission of this meeting fails for the public, and if such transmission fails, the Park Authority Board will take a recess until public access is restored.
- v. A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets have been made available to the public electronically at the same time such materials were provided to the members of the Park Authority Board;
- vi. The public is afforded the opportunity to comment through electronic means, including written comments, at meetings where public comment is customarily received; and
- vii. There are no more than two members of the Park Authority Board together in one physical location.

Mr. Quincy seconded the motion. The motion carried by all members present; Kiel Stone was absent.

Board Chairman Kiel Stone joined the meeting at 6:55 pm and it was confirmed that board members could hear Mr. Stone's voice as he participated from his residence in the Braddock District. A new representative to the Fairfax County Park Authority was appointed by the Board of Supervisors at their January 14, 2025, meeting. The new board member, Mr. Rick Healy, representing the Mason District, will participate in the next Park Authority Board meeting.

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Board Chairman Kiel Stone called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 8:03 pm via Microsoft Teams.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public speakers.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**

ADMIN-1     Adoption of Minutes – December 11, 2024, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Chairman Stone made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Vice Chair Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:08 pm, Dr. Carter made a motion that the Park Authority Board recess and convene in a closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (8) for the consultation and legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, specifically:

- Discussion or consideration of the disposition 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)(8).
  - **C-1** Discussion of negotiations regarding Overlook Park (Lorton Landfill) in the Mount Vernon district.

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

The Park Authority Board returned to open session at 8:38 pm.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Dr. Carter 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 prescribed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion to convene Closed Session were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried unanimously by rollcall vote of all members present.

### **ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

C-1        No action was necessary.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

- A-1**     Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement  
Mr. Gorham made a motion that the Park Authority Board approve the Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Debris Landfill Public Access and Use Agreement, seconded by Maggie Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1**     Marketing and Communications SWOT Analysis  
No action was necessary.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- Mr. Stone shared that the Joint Board of Supervisors/Park Authority Board meeting will be held on February 11, 2025, at 3:00 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Room 11.
- The County Executive will be releasing the budget on February 18.
- The spring meeting of the Federation of Friends will happen in the first half of March and the date will be announced soon.
- Ron Kendall has stepped off the Park Authority Board for the Mason District. His replacement is Rick Healy, who will be officially joining the Board, participating at the next meeting in February.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- Jai Cole, Executive Director for FCPA, shared the Director's Matters, with a preview of the presentation for the Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Key presentation themes focused on setting the standard, building community, preserving legacy, creating joy and inspiring wellness.
  - Key accomplishments from 2024 will be highlighted including how FCPA transforms spaces; creates equity in action; invests in people; engages the community; recognizes excellence and leads in environmental sustainability.
  - With a focus on the future, the presentation will highlight FCPA historic preservation efforts to honor the past while building the future; how FCPA delivers value beyond measure; and the vision for the future.
  - Director Cole recognized Brittany Vasquez of the MarComm Division for her excellent support for creating the presentation.
- First Hike Fairfax was a huge success. The annual New Year's event invites the community to kick off the new year by taking a hike. The event includes a photo contest and there were more than 400 photo submissions with lots of creative and talented community participation. The photo contest awardees were:

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- Director's Choice, awarded to Karen Downs for her photo at Frying Pan Farm Park;
  - Judges Choice, awarded to Erica Wyman at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park;
  - People's Choice, awarded to Rena Schild at Huntley Meadows Park;
  - Best in Show: Nature and Landscapes awarded to Allison Wright at Lake Accotink Park;
  - Best in Show: People, awarded to Brittany Cohen-Brown at Burke Lake Park;
  - Best in Show: Wildlife, awarded to Thomas Kinder at Lake Accotink Park; and
  - Best in Show: Pets, awarded to Chris Hiltbrand at Lake Fairfax Park
- In December 2024, Riverbend Park staff worked with Mike Bishop and the Virginia Purple Martin initiative to install a Purple Martin house in the hopes of attracting the declining bird species. Riverbend is the 8<sup>th</sup> site in FCPA's system to have a purple martin colony.
  - Director Cole highlighted the hard work of FCPA's Park Operations team, who report very early and drive in the snow, to plow and clear FCPA facilities to keep the parks and FCPA facilities operating.
  - FCPA is now engaging communities on the app Next Door, significantly expanding outreach and communications with neighborhoods in Fairfax County.

#### **BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. Linwood Gorham noted the death of Gerry Hyland, former member of the Board of Supervisors who represented the Mount Vernon District. There will be a celebration of life for him to be announced in March. Mr. Gorham also wanted to recognize the tremendous work of staff for "hitting it out of the park" for all the hard work by FCPA employees to get the newly renovated Mount Vernon Recreation Center renovation completed and operational. Mr. Gorham also welcomed new Park Authority Board member Rick Healy.
- Ms. Johna Toomey recognized the hard work of staff for foundational work focused on the equity plan and welcomed new board member Rick Healy to the board.
- Mr. Michael Thompson also welcomed Mr. Healy to the Board and noted that Mr. Gorham was the first to welcome him to the Park Authority Board.
- Mr. Bouie welcomed Rick Healy to the Board as well. Mr. Bouie also memorialized Mr. Hyland and his great work representing and protecting the Mount Vernon district.
- Dr. Aidoo Hewton welcomed new board member Mr. Rick Healy to the board.

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- Mr. Khan also welcomed Mr. Healy and reiterated Mr. Thompson's comments that Mr. Gorham is always the first to extend a warm welcome to new board members.
- Dr. Carter also welcomed Mr. Healy to the Park Authority Board.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2025**

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Khan, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to report the committee's recommendations. Mr. Khan stated that the elections were duly advertised and announced the recommendation of Officers for 2025.

- Chairman: Kiel Stone (incumbent)
- Vice Chairman: Tim Hackman
- Secretary: Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter (incumbent)
- Treasurer: Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairman. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bouie made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Ms. Godbold. Mr. Stone being unopposed for the office of Chairman, Mr. Khan called for a vote. Mr. Stone was elected unanimously by the members present.

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bouie made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Ms. Godbold. Mr. Hackman being unopposed for the office of Vice Chair, Mr. Khan called for a vote. Mr. Hackman was elected unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bouie made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Ms. Godbold. Dr. Carter being unopposed for the office of Secretary, Mr. Khan called for a vote. Dr. Carter was elected unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Khan called for nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bouie made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Ms. Godbold. Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton, being unopposed for the office of Treasurer, Mr. Khan called for a vote. Dr. Aidoo-Hewton was elected unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Khan announced the Park Authority Board officers for 2025 and thanked the Board for their support during the nominating process.

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Chairman: Kiel Stone

Vice Chair: Tim Hackman

Secretary: Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter

Treasurer: Dr. Abena Aidoo-Hewton

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

### **Participating Staff:**

Jai Cole, Executive Director

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Torsha Bhattacharya, Director, Stewardship and Planning 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

Brendon Hanafin, Director, Development Division

Michael Peter, Director, Business Administration Division


Stephanie Cornejo, Long Range Planning Section Supervisor

Dave Lawlor, Ecologist and Inventory and Planning Program Manager

Ben Boxer, Public Information Officer

Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

Minutes Approved at Meeting on February 26, 2025



Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison

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**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>;
    - 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

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**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.

**MINUTES – APPROVED**

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

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Dianne Quebral, Board Liaison