

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 22, 2011**

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

**Board Members:**

William G. Bouie, Chairman  
Harrison A. Glasgow, Vice Chair  
Ken Quincy, Secretary  
Frank S. Vajda, Treasurer  
Harold L. Strickland  
Kevin J. Fay  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Harold Pyon  
Marie Reinsdorf  
Kala Quintana\*  
Anthony Vellucci  
Linwood Gorham

**Staff Present:**

John Dargle, Director  
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director/COO  
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant  
Dave Bowden  
Todd Johnson  
Barbara Nugent  
Cindy Walsh  
Debbie Babcock-Daley

**Absent\***

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mr. Bouie stated that a Closed Session has been added to the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS**

P-1 Introduction of the 2011 Summer Interns

Ms. Babcock-Daley noted that she has been coordinating the summer interns. There are 24 interns and only ten were able to attend the meeting. There were 60 applicants in total. The interns introduced themselves and in turn the County Executive and Park Authority Board members introduced themselves as well.

P-2 County Executive to Address Park Authority Board

County Executive Anthony Griffin informally addressed the Board and openly discussed the outlook for the budget cycle for the upcoming years and answered questions from the Board.

P-3 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Michael Baird, Fiscal Administrator, presented the Board with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its FY 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of national recognition in governmental account and financial reporting, and its attainment represents

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a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the third year that the award was received.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Resolution for the Upper Occoquan Service Authority upon the Reopening of the Cub Run Stream Valley and Dedication of Two Pedestrian Bridges (Sully District)

Mr. Strickland MOVED the approval of a resolution to honor the work of the Upper Occoquan Service Authority upon the reopening of the Cub Run Stream Valley and the impending completion of the Phase I Gravity Delivery System improvements; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – June 8, 2011, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Quincy MOVED approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2011, Park Authority Board meeting; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

At 9 p.m. the Board recessed and reopened the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A-1 Approval – Fred M. Packard Center Lease Agreements with the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, and Addition of New Lease Agreement for American Youth Philharmonic Association (Mason District)

Mr. Vajda MOVED approval of the lease agreements with the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, and the addition of a new lease agreement for the American Youth Philharmonic Association.

Mr. Bowden indicated that the lease agreement had changed since it was presented to the Planning and Development Committee on June 8, 2011. The Park Authority was made aware that the Arts Council was charging its tenants fees above what the Park Authority is charging the Arts Council. Planning and Development staff is recommending that a cap be placed on the rate that the Arts Council can charge its tenants. The recommended rate is five percent over what the Park Authority is charging the Arts Council and if the Arts Council wants to increase the rate over five percent it will have to come to the Park Authority to verify the actual costs and then the director would be able to approve a higher rate if those costs are validated.

Mr. Bowden indicated that at the request of Mr. Strickland the market rate was added to the lease.

Messrs. Vajda and Glasgow MOVED to approve the lease agreements as amended to place a cap of five percent on the rate that the Arts Council can charge its tenants, to

increase the cap if actual costs are to be validated and then approved by the Director; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

- A-2 Approval – Great Parks, Great Communities Parks Comprehensive Plan  
Messrs. Quincy and Strickland MOVED the approval of the Great Parks, Great Communities Parks Comprehensive Plan as amended to include a Foreword; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

Mr. Strickland and Mr. Quincy commended Sandy Stallman, Anna Bentley and Dave Bowden for producing a quality product and adding that the foreword summarized what the Board has been discussing over the past 18 months.

Mr. Vellucci indicated that he found the graphic in the Foreword to be confusing. Staff indicated that they would review the graphic and make adjustments or remove it from the document.

- A-3 Glasgow Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Parklawn Civic Association (Mason District)  
Mr. Vajda MOVED the approval of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Parklawn Civic Association in the amount of \$2,862.86 to install additional playground equipment at Glasgow Park; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.
- A-4 Royal Lake Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – The Katie Thelin Children’s Charity (Braddock District)  
Mr. Vellucci MOVED the approval of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Katie Thelin Children’s Charity in the amount of \$3,797.61 to install additional playground equipment at Royal Lake Park; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.
- A-5 Huntley Meadows Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (Lee District)  
Mr. Batten MOVED the approval of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase and install an outdoor classroom shelter at Huntley Meadows Park; SECONDED and APPROVED, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT and Mr. Glasgow recused himself.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I-1 2006-2010 Balanced Scorecard Strategic Plan – FY 2011 Update  
This item was deferred.

I-2 County Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Parks and Recreation Recommendations Update

No action was necessary.

I-3 Proposed Changes to Easement Fees and Charges

No action was necessary.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie reported that chasing down the Vulcan lease money has become more than a game, it has become a challenge, but the Board will continue to be relentless in its pursuit.
- On July 14, Mr. Bouie and Mr. Dargle will have another meeting with Chairman Bulova to talk about items discussed in the Funding Policy and Bond Committee meeting and dedicated cricket space.
- Mr. Bouie commended Mr. Bowden and staff for a very well organized, well presented community meeting around the skatepark at Lake Fairfax Park. It received kudos in the newspapers in and around the Reston area.
- The merry-go-round at Frying Pan Farm Park cleared \$6,700 in its first month. Mr. Bouie added that Parks needs more carousels.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:**

- The Park Authority was awarded a second grant for design and construction of trail in Pohick Stream Valley near the Burke VRE. On June 15, 2011, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved our grant application for \$395,240. In 2010 the CTB awarded a grant to the Park Authority for \$440,000 for a related project. Together, these two grants total \$835,240 which is the most grant money awarded for a single project in recent in recent memory.

The grants will pay for 80% of the project costs for Phases I and II. The balance of funding is from the 2006 and 2008 bonds dedicated for trail projects. Phase I of the work connects Burke Road to Hatches Court via a new bridge near Burke Mill Cove. Phase II extends Phase I to Burke Lake Road. An additional related project, connecting Burke Lake Road to the Burke Centre VRE station, is funded by the 2007 Transportation Bond and is presently under construction by the Park Authority. The total value of this work will be \$2,313,300, almost all from alternative sources. These trail connections collectively provide links to several existing trails and a continuous non-motorized route to bus routes and the Burke VRE station from the north and south. Construction of the VRE station project will start this summer and design for Phases I and II will start in 2012. When completed these trail links will provide 2 ½ miles of contiguous stream valley trail and two new bridge connections.

Tom McFarland in Planning and Development and Gerald Zavala in the Park Foundation worked together to obtain these grants.

- This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Combo Classic 2-Day Golf Tournament which pairs able-bodied golfers with golfers that have a disability and was held at Twin Lakes Golf Course on June 11 and 12. The Combo Classic is the area's only golfing event that has this unique pairing and draws golfers from all along the East Coast, as far south as Florida and as far north as New York and Pennsylvania.
- Swimmers at eight of the Fairfax County Park Authority's pools are "consistently being afforded the highest degree of swimmer protection currently available," according to Ellis & Associates (Ellis), a leading international aquatic safety and risk management.

Fairfax County Park Authority lifeguard staff was awarded the 2010 Gold and Silver International Aquatic Safety Award based on results of unannounced aquatic safety audits. Lifeguards at Cub Run and Spring Hill RECenters received the Gold Award, indicating performance that exceeded industry standards on a variety of measures that placed these sites in the top half of all Ellis clients. Audrey Moore, George Washington, Lee District and Oak Marr RECenters plus Martin Luther King Pool and The Water Mine won Silver Awards.

- The USA Swimming Foundation's Make A Splash campaign recently awarded a \$5,000 Local Partner grant to *Nadar Por Vida*, the Park Authority's partner to provide competitive swimming instruction to low-income, Hispanic children. Almost all of the grant funds will go to the Fairfax County Park Authority to provide water safety programs for low-income children.

The grant will provide funds to continue the successful Community Connections initiative to provide free learn to swim lessons to third and fourth grade students at Baileys Elementary School for Arts and Sciences in the Culmore community. In addition, funds will help pay for Park Authority aquatic staff to host water safety presentations in local schools and for children to attend RECenter Water Safety Days.

- A list of BOS-owned properties that are suitable for conveyance to the Park Authority is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2011, and the public hearing will follow on July 26 at 5 p.m.

The list includes 24 parcels totaling approximately 302 acres. Three of the parcels must be divided before conveyance. The Park Authority is responsible for the cost of the preparation of the documents associated with the division(s). The other properties requested by the Park Authority that are not included on this list may be candidates for transfer at a later date, but further analysis by County staff is required before those parcels may be conveyed.

\$26,771,400 will be credited to the land bank. Because the former school sites are not restricted by deed to park use or open space, the full tax-assessed value of these parcels will

be included in the balance of the Land Bank. This is consistent with the provisions of the Land Bank Agreement.

Planning and Development staff will bring an item to the Planning and Development Committee and the Board in July.

#### **BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Glasgow announced that he attended a meeting held by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on June 15 to explain their conservation corridor project in which the Park Authority has been an active player.

He reminded the Board members that the Elly Doyle Park Service Award nominations are due by June 25. Six nominations have been received and the committee would certainly like to have more. Every member was asked to submit at least one nomination and the Board of Supervisors was also reminded to submit nominations.

- Mr. Quincy reported that he attended the Tysons open house on June 15. There was a significant increase in the talk of the park and field factor among the developers as well as the attendees. There was a lot more encouragement to get those parks and fields at Tysons. Ms. Stallman did her usual great job addressing the attendees about the park factor.

Earlier in the day Mr. Quincy noted that he surrendered the Providence RECenter to Mr. Vajda. The RECenter moved to the Mason District with the boundary changes of the electoral districts.

- Mr. Vajda stated that with the redistricting the Mason District picked up a number of properties including Annandale High School, Ossian Hall Park, and the Providence RECenter. Supervisor Gross met with the staff at Providence RECenter to get familiar with the operations.
- Mr. Strickland invited everyone to the reopening of the Cub Run Stream Valley trails and pedestrian bridges on Saturday, June 25, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Strickland thanked Mr. Fay for his efforts to get a rider on the D.C. appropriations bill.

- Kevin Fay reported that the House Committee did not want to attach a rider to the appropriations bill, but did offer to send a letter regarding the Vulcan lease money due to the Park Authority.

In the meantime, there are four committees that have jurisdiction over D.C. and it is very unlikely that these appropriations will pass this year. Mr. Fay noted that they will continue to talk to the appropriate people on each of those committees and engaged them in that discussion with the support of all of our congressional representatives. Congressman Wolf indicated that he wanted to help.

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Mr. Fay noted that he has some connections to the D.C. City Council and will utilize multiple strategies to get the money. Mr. Griffin agreed to the approach regarding the use of congressional help as long as he and his staff are kept informed.

Mr. Fay thanked Mr. Quincy for chairing the Planning and Development Committee meeting on June 8.

Mr. Fay reported that there was an event on Friday, June 17, at the home of Dan and Julie Clemente, for the announcement of the Clemyjontri concert event in September. While last year was a 50-50 share with the McLean Orchestra, this year the Fairfax Orchestra is being paid to perform. The event is almost sold out. Last year the event raised a net of \$23,000 for Clemyjontri Park and is projected to net \$50,000 to \$60,000 this year. There are only two tables left for the event. The Governor is expected to be there and it should be a nice event in September.

- Mr. Batten reported that he attended a celebratory banquet that the Planning Commission gave in honor of Rodney Lusk. Pete Murphy had a lot of nice things to say about the Park Authority. Mr. Lusk reminded Mr. Batten that he ran a marathon to earn money for the Lee District Family Recreation Area and that even though he was no longer a Planning Commissioner, he would continue to run for the attractions Area at Lee District Park.

Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Bowden for inviting Supervisor McKay, himself, and others to Wakefield ceremony on July 27. Supervisor McKay is very interested in getting a skateboard park somewhere in Lee District.

- Mr. Pyon noted that carousel and train receipts went up and that parks should do more. He would like to learn what the train and carousel sales are to see how we are doing and determine if we need to do more. Staff was directed to provide the information to Mr. Pyon.
- Ms. Reinsdorf thanked Ms. Cline for her help in looking at the lease for the Arts Council.
- Mr. Vellucci thanked Mr. Johnson for attending the meetings on his vacation day.

Mr. Vellucci inquired where the Park Authority was with regard to the Braddock Park lease. Mr. Dargle responded that the lease has been signed for another five-year term and the payments are up to date.

Pictures were taken of the pump at Tapestry Pool which is fairly new. The pump will go on a government E-Bay sight and the funds from the sale will go back into the project.

Mr. Vellucci thanked staff for the skatepark public meeting at Wakefield RECenter on June 16.

Mark Rogers met with the president of the Kings Park Civic Association earlier in the day to discuss the line of sight at Kings Park playground which is a safety concern for the people in

the community. They are looking at removing some of the lower limbs that are obstructing the line of sight. Some of the grapevines that were obscuring the tennis courts have been removed.

Mr. Vellucci reported that Supervisor Cook's first working group meeting for Monticello Park will be held at Braddock Hall on June 23.

- Mr. Gorham reported that he had attended the Sully Car Show on June 19.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Quincy MOVED the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of 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).

SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

- Addition of Property in the Mount Vernon District to the Workplan
- Addition of Property in the Sully District to the Workplan
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At 9:45 p.m. Mr. Quincy MOVED the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; SECONDED by Mr. Glasgow and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Quincy MOVED the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; SECONDED by Mr. Glasgow and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

### **ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**C-1 Addition of Property in the Mount Vernon District to the Workplan**

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- C-2 Addition of Property in the Sully District to the Workplan**
- C-3 Addition of Property in the Sully District to the Workplan**
- C-4 Addition of Property in the Sully District to the Workplan**

Mr. Strickland MOVED approval of the addition of properties in the Mount Vernon and Sully Districts to the Workplan as discussed in Closed Session; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Fay MOVED that the Park Authority Board meeting adjourn; SECONDED and APPROVED by all members present, Ms. Quintana being ABSENT.

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Ken Quincy, Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on July 13, 2011

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John W. Dargle, Jr., Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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