Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Park Authority Board

May 11, 2021

BOS Members present:

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
- Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District

Park Authority Board Members present:

- William Bouie, Chairman
- Abena Aidoo, At-Large
- Marguerite F. Godbold, Sully District
- Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Lee District
- Timothy Hackman, Dranesville District
- Ronald Kendall, Mason District
- Faisal Khan, At-Large
- Ken A. Quincy, Providence District
- Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Springfield District

Others present:

- Bryan J. Hill, County Executive
- Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney
- Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director, Park Authority
- Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director, Park Authority

The joint meeting of the BOS and Park Authority Board was conducted wholly electronically using Fairfax County's videoconferencing system because the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The meeting was accessible to the public through live broadcast on Channel 16, live video stream, and live audio. Chairman McKay presided over the meeting at the Government Center and participated with Mr. Bouie, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Vosper.

Chairman McKay called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Presentation by the Park Authority Board

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director, Park Authority, made a presentation, a copy of which is attached.

William Bouie, Chairman, Park Authority Board, thanked the BOS for its funding and support.

Chairman McKay discussed the following:

- The importance of summer camps and recreation facilities in addressing growing mental health concerns
- How the Park Authority Board has addressed One Fairfax goals

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Park Authority Board bonds
- Equity issues associated with Park Authority fees used to supplement necessary funding
- How the Park Authority is addressing the needs of future County residents
- Land acquisition opportunities
- Investment in community parks versus established parks
- The economic impact of the County trails

- Safety and access to County trails
- Updating the infrastructure of existing recreational facilities
- Environmental initiatives and goals including:
 - Recycling
 - Net-zero energy facilities
 - Resilient Fairfax

Marguerite F. Godbold, Sully District Representative, Park Authority Board, and Abena Aidoo, At-Large Representative, Park Authority Board, arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Bouie discussed the energy management considerations and efforts taken by the Park Authority Board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Meeting materials:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-supervisors-joint-meeting-park-authority-board-may-11-2021

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2021/may11-joint-board-fcpa-presentation.pdf