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B O A R D A G E N D A

July 13, 2022

REVISED AGENDA (as of 7/13/2022)

7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

(CW) P-1 Introduction of the 2022 Summer Interns

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- (CW) ADMIN-1 Resolution Recognizing National Park and Recreation Month in July 2022
- (CW) ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2021
- (CW) ADMIN-3 Adoption of Minutes – June 22, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

- (CW) A-1 Park Authority Award Recipients for 2022
- (M) A-2 Approval – Naming of Rectangular Field 6 at Pine Ridge Park Honoring Wanda Rixon
- (MV) A-3 Reallocation of Project Funds for Laurel Hill Golf Course Irrigation Improvements
- (F) A-4 Park Naming – Change Lee District Rec Center to Franconia Rec Center
- (F) A-5 Park Naming – Change Lee District Park to Franconia Park
- (F) A-6 Park Naming – Change Lee High Park to Lewis High Park

INFORMATION ITEM

(CW) I-1 Development of FY 2024 Proposed Budget

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

BOARD MATTERS

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



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PRESENTATION – 1

Introduction of the Summer Interns 2022

The Fairfax County Park Authority has had a long history of supporting summer interns. The interns who are working this summer will be introduced at this meeting.



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2022 Summer Interns Feature

Golf Enterprises Division



Luke Miller

PGA Intern

Burke Lake Golf Academy

Mississippi State University, B.S. in Marketing with a concentration in PGA Golf

Projects: Teaching various golf classes and acts as the lead instructor for junior + advanced high school classes, tournament set ups, merchandising, pro-shop, and club repair duties. Also shadows LPGA and PGA class A instructors.



Tim Denehy

Golf Marketing Intern

Golf Enterprises

James Madison University, B.S. in Sports, and Recreation Management

Projects: Learning Golf Fairfax marketing strategies to help plan, market and execute events as well as getting hands on experience with various marketing software's.

Business Administration Division



Nicholas Villarroel

FMB Revenue Team Intern

Financial Management Branch

Virginia Tech University, B.S. in Accounting & Information Systems

Projects: Learning POS/Bank Reconciliation, P-Card Analysis, Records Management.



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Shay Nazemi

HR Team Intern

Human Capital & Development Services

George Mason University, M.P.S. in Applied Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Projects: Working with Julie Kim to learn more about employee relations, county policies and procedures, as well as performance management.

Ian Mason

Videography Intern

Public Information Office

Meridian High School, Rising Senior

Projects: Assisting with video filming and editing for a variety of promotional, social, and informational projects.

Resource Management Division



Beckham D'Amico

Natural Resource Intern

Natural Resource Branch

University of Mary Washington, B.S. in Conservation Biology

Projects: Assisting with the Non-Native Invasive Assessment Protocol. This includes surveying parkland and assessing for the health and quality of the forest and populations of invasive species. Beckham has also participated in goose tagging project.



2022 Summer Interns Feature



Elizabeth Pierce

Summer Camp Intern

Colvin Run Mills

Marymount University, M.A. in English and Humanities

Projects: Docent in Historic House, assisting with camps, editing, and renewing docent manual, organizing libraries and archives, collections care.



Alexandra Block

Summer Camp Intern

Colvin Run Mills

Marymount University, M.A. in English, and Humanities

Projects: Docent in Historic House, assisting with camps, editing, and renewing docent manual, organizing libraries and archives, collections care.



Hae Y. Kim

Museum Aide Intern

Sully Historic Site

Centreville High School, Rising Senior

Projects: Conducting House tours, Dairy Days, Dusting collections, special projects and helping with inventory.



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2022 Summer Interns Feature



Taeyoung Kim

Museum Aide Intern

Sully Historic Site

Centreville High School, Rising Senior

Projects: Conducting House tours, Dairy Days, Dusting collections, special projects and helping with inventory.



Charan Narra

Museum Aide Intern

Sully Historic Site

Centreville High School, Rising Senior

Projects: House tours, Dairy Days, Dusting collections, special projects, helping with inventory.



Kathleen McNerney

VA Native Plant Intern

Green Spring Gardens

University of Virginia, B.S. in Environmental Science

Projects: Assisting with the Swale Garden restoration.



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Shannon Johnson

Horticulture Intern

Green Spring Gardens

Virginia Tech University, B.S. in Horticulture

Projects: Preparing the Newsletter for Garden Plots.



Ayesha Shazad

Education Intern

Green Spring Gardens

University of Maryland, B.A. in Education & French

Projects: Developing content for Youth and Family Education.



Tuan Truong

Urban Ag Intern

Green Spring Gardens

Northern Virginia Community College, A.S. in Horticulture

Projects: Preparing Newsletter for Garden Plots.



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Kayla Vaught

Farmers Market Intern

Green Spring Gardens

Virginia Tech University, B.S. in Public Health

Projects: Promoting SNAP benefits to the community.



Skyler Foley

Farmers Historic Resources Intern

Green Spring Gardens

College of William and Mary, B.S. in History

Projects: Conducting research into enslavement at Green Spring Gardens.



Matt Collins

Natural Resource Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

George Mason University, B.S. in Environmental Science with a concentration in Human and Ecosystem Response to Climate Change

Projects: Water Quality Monitoring and a Turtle Population Study in the Central Wetland.



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Sophia Ferens

Natural Resource Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

University of Mary Washington, B.S. in Environmental Science

Projects: Conducting Water Quality Monitoring and a Wetland Plant Identification Guide.



Mollie Coogan

Naturalist Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

Virginia Tech, B.S. in Environmental Conservation and Society with a Concentration in Environmental Education and Outreach

Projects: Researching Dendrology (tree ID) and how it can help us understand ecological niches, plus forest composition and how it benefits biodiversity.



Andy Liaupsin

Naturalist Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

George Washington University, B.A. in History

Projects: Creating a program on the three sisters crops and how Native Americans utilized these crops, and another program regarding insects.



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Pete Peterson

Naturalist Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

Virginia Commonwealth University, B.S. in Environmental Studies,
Minor in Painting & Printmaking

Projects: Connecting nature and art by talking about cave paintings and art and using art as a form of written language.



Jennifer Vo

Naturalist Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

University of Virginia, B.S. in Computer Science

Projects: Researching birds and how they have different adaptations to different environments.



Porter Cather

Naturalist Intern

Huntley Meadows Park

Marymount University, B.S. Biology & Psychology

Projects: Researching Galapagos Island finches and how a single species can evolve into different species over time.

Rose Foshee

Historian Intern

Historic Huntley

George Mason University, B.A. in Anthropology

Projects: Developing an exhibit plan on the physical and historical evidence on the influence of Christianity on enslaved folks both broadly in Fairfax & specifically Huntley.



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Jack Woods

Horticulture Intern

Green Spring Gardens

Northern Virginia Community College, A.S. in Horticulture

Projects: Newsletter for Garden Plot.

Park Services Division

Ryan Caram

Certified Therapist Intern

ADA & Inclusion

George Mason University, B.S. in Recreation Management with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation

Projects: Development of ADA assessment tool and conduct some ADA assessments on the rec centers.

Jessica Winkler

Certified Therapist Intern

ADA & Inclusion

George Mason University, B.S. in Recreation Management with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation

Projects: Development of sensory kits with helpful sensory toys, communication boards and behavior charts for the camps that have kids with disabilities.

Jazzmin Camara

Certified Therapist Intern

ADA & Inclusion

George Mason University, B.S. in Recreation Management with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation

Projects: Development of a recommendations for the various levels of supports kids with disabilities needs in inclusive programs.

Hina Choudhary

Certified Therapist Intern

ADA & Inclusion

George Mason University, B.S. in Recreation Management with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation



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Projects: Development of ADA assessment tool and conduct some ADA assessments on the rec centers.

Charlie Allen

Certified Therapist Intern

ADA & Inclusion

George Mason University, B.S. in Recreation Management with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation

Projects: Development of training curriculum for invisible disabilities and chronic illnesses.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 1

Resolution Recognizing National Park and Recreation Month in July 2022

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to announce and honor National Park and Recreation Month in 2022 with this year's theme developed by the National Park and Recreation Association focused on Rising Up.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the resolution announcing and honoring National Park and Recreation Month in 2022 with this year's theme developed by the National Park and Recreation Association focused on Rising Up.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 13, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

This Park and Recreation Month, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), focuses on how important it is to rise up and support parks and recreation that contribute to the health and well-being of residents, which provide green corridors and open spaces and protect our natural resources, that provide opportunities for leisure activities and serve as an important element of the fabric of our diverse community and the people who call Fairfax County home.

This month is a wonderful time to showcase the ways in which this park system faithfully serves the community. In fact, parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories — moments that park and recreation professionals help make happen. Our local parks are often our first experiences in nature, our introduction to a favorite hobby or physical activity. They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of respite and healing, sites that connect us with essential community services and so much more.

Moreover, we all witnessed local parks becoming essential throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with many community members finding a new appreciation for the essential spaces we maintain.

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In response, the Park Authority has:

- Created a new Park and Recreation Month topic page that illustrates the highlights noted above through stories and photos at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/topics/park-recreation-month>
- Parks and Recreation Month posters have been placed at FCPA sites
- Blog posts speak to the passion of our staff at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/joinfcpa>
- This resolution has been created for Park Authority Board approval
- Park News will feature content
- Social Media posts
- Establishment of Portal that highlights exceptional employees to be up on July 15th - a national day of recognition for recreation staff

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

***WHEREAS**, we celebrate July as Parks and Recreation Month, as designated by the National Recreation and Park Association, and a time during which we recognize that parks and recreation programs and legacy park systems such as the Park Authority are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Fairfax County; and,*

***WHEREAS**; our parks and recreational opportunities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, must provide equitable access to all residents and improve the mental and emotional health of all residents; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and*

***WHEREAS**, park systems such as FCPA with 420 parks and nearly 24,000 acres of parkland are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, improving water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, improving the quality of the air we breathe, providing vegetative buffers to development, and producing habitat for wildlife; and*

***WHEREAS**, we rise collectively to celebrate our parks which have become places for people to gather, for communities to thrive and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board that July is Park and Recreation Month in Fairfax County, VA.*

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on July 13, 2022

*Mike Thompson
Secretary*

*William G. Bouie
Chairman*

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ADMIN – 2

Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2021, as presented to and reviewed by the Awards Committee on July 13, 2022.

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 3

Adoption of Minutes – June 22, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the June 22, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the June 22, 2022 Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 13, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the June 22, 2022 Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 22, 2022**

At the beginning of the Budget Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm, the following was read by Chairman Bouie to allow for the meeting to proceed in a virtual format.

In order to conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, there were actions that needed to be taken prior to conducting business.

Audibility of Members' Voices

Chairman Bouie 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:

Abena Aidoo
Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Maggie Godbold, Vice-Chair
Linwood Gorham
Timothy Hackman, Treasurer
Faisal Khan
Ken Quincy
Kiel Stone
Michael Thompson, Secretary
Jim Zook
William G. Bouie, Chairman

Location:

Residence in Lee District
Residence in Lee District
Residence in Sully District
Residence in Mount Vernon District
Residence in Dranesville District
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Braddock District
Office in Alexandria
Residence in Springfield District
Residence in Hunter Mill District

Mr. Bouie stated that Mr. Kendall is absent and excused.

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

Need for an Electronic Meeting

Mr. Bouie made a motion that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. He further moved that this board may conduct this meeting electronically via Zoom, and that the public may access this meeting by simultaneous live video streamlining or by calling

into the telephone number that has been properly noticed; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Kendall was absent.

[This meeting was held electronically and was live streamed via Zoom and was accessible via audio by dialing 602-333-0032 and entering the code provided in the meeting announcement.]

Chairman Bouie called the Park Authority Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public speakers

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Board Resolution to Honor Trina Taylor, Who Has Served the Residents of Fairfax County for Over Thirty Years Working in a Variety of Roles in the Park Services Division

Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the resolution honoring Trina Taylor upon her retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all present; Mr. Kendall was absent.

Ms. Taylor said it had been an honor to serve as a representative of the Park Authority. What we do makes a difference in people's lives. On behalf of the community served at Mt Vernon Rec Center, she thanked the board for making the difficult decision to move the renovation forward.

Mr. Gorham stated that Ms. Taylor has been at the Mt Vernon Rec Center since he's been on the board and she has done an amazing job running the facility and keeping the patrons happy. He thanked her for her work and invited her to the future ground breakings and ribbon cuttings at the rec center.

Ms. Cole also recognized Ms. Taylor and thanked her for her work and congratulated her on her retirement.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – June 8, 2022, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 25, 2022, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Kendall was absent.

ACTION ITEM

A-1 Scope Approval – Turner Farm Park – Equestrian Parking Lot

Mr. Hackman made a motion to approve the project scope to design and construct a gravel parking lot adjacent to the existing equestrian facilities at Turner Farm Park; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Kendall was absent.

A-2 FY 2022 Budget Revision, Fund 80000, Park Revenue and Operating Fund

Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the revised FY 2022 Park Revenue and Operating Fund (Fund 80000) Budget; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Kendall was absent.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie shared that there was a large and diverse crowd at Frying Pan Farm Park for the second annual celebration of Juneteenth. He spent the day talking to the visitors and welcoming them to the parks.
- Mr. Bouie stated there was a meeting of the Sports Tourism Task Force. There was discussion around the recent proposal for adding bathrooms at the high school stadiums. Supervisor Herrity, who serves as Chair of the Task Force wrote a letter to the state asking for supplemental funding of \$5 million to complete the project. This subject raises the equity issue in parks as well. Many of our parks lack water and bathroom facilities and we need to start thinking about how we address that going forward. The final task force report has been pushed back to the end of the year at the request of the Board of Supervisors to look further into the equity issues in the services that are being prosed. Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, will be working with County leaders to make sure the final report thoroughly addresses equity needs.
- Mr. Bouie had a positive meeting with Chairman McKay last week. The Chairman is fully in support of parks. He stated that the BOS heard the advocates loud and clear. The park advocates outnumbered the school advocates this year. Ms. Cole is working with DMB and there has been significant movement in the conversation around funding and fund availability. Mr. Bouie thanked all the board members for their discussions with their supervisors and their advocate groups.
- Mr. Bouie stated that the Department of Agriculture recently opened a grant program with \$420 million to support parks. He asked staff to research the options of applying with a grant focused on an equity or urban theme. He also wrote to Congressman Connelly asking for his support in this effort.
- Mr. Bouie expressed his appreciation to Jesse Coffman, Golf Enterprises Director, who is leaving the Park Authority to move home to Arkansas. Mr. Coffman was responsible for an amazing turnaround in golf revenue and will be sorely missed. Mr. Bouie gave kudos to Mr. Coffman and his team and wished him the best in the future.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Ms. Cole shared the Best of 2022 Northern Virginia Magazine's Awards:

- Best Campground – Lake Fairfax Park
 - Best Public Park – Lake Accotink Park
 - Best Public Park – Runner Up: Burke Lake Park
 - Best Petting Zoo – Frying Pan Farm Park
 - Best Picnic Location – Burke Lake Park
 - Best Place to Stargaze – Runner Up: Turner Farm
 - Best Playground – Clemyjontri
 - Best Waterpark – Water Mine Family Swimmin’ Hole
- Ms. Cole shared that the 2022 US Disabled Golf Association held their Open Championship at Laurel Hill Golf Club on June 6-9th. 60 golfers from three countries played in their tournament and were inspiring to watch play.
 - Ms. Cole shared that the bathrooms at Martin Luther King Jr. Park have been renovated following the park’s playground being updated last fall.
 - Ms. Cole shared many of the events that the Park Authority hosted to celebrate Juneteenth, including a tour at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, a storyteller and crafts at Frying Pan Farm Park, a panel discussion with Black gardeners and tour at Green Spring Gardens, and tours and interpretive exhibit at Sully Historic Site.
 - Ms. Cole shared that on July 26th at 9:30am, the BOS HHS Committee has asked staff to come talk regarding the issue of equity in parks. Ms. Cole also shared that the Joint PAB & BOS Meeting will be Friday, September 30th at 3-4:30pm.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Quincy gave kudos to staff for the Sully Car Show held recently. It was a great success.
- Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Coffman for his work for the Park Authority. In his short time with us, he did a tremendous job. Mr. Thompson has been contacted by several young children recently who asked that we stock more fish in Burke Lake and that we sell worms.
- Ms. Godbold recognized the staff at Sully for their work to honestly and openly share the stories of the site, which are sometimes difficult to hear.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Participating Staff:

Jai Cole, Executive Director

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

Michael Peter, Director, Business Administration Division

Cindy Walsh, Director, Park Services Division

Ryan Carmen, Acting Director, Golf Enterprises Division
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

Minutes Approved at Meeting on July 13, 2022

Allison Rankin, Management Analyst

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ACTION – 1

Park Authority Award Recipients for 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the nominees for the awards to include the slate of nominees forwarded by Dr. Cynthia Carter, chairman of the Awards Committee as presented to and reviewed by the Awards Committee on July 13, 2022.

ACTION – 2

Approval – Naming of Rectangular Field 6 at Pine Ridge Park Honoring Wanda Rixon (Mason District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the naming of the rectangular field 6 at Pine Ridge Park, Wanda Rixon Field as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on June 22, 2022.

ACTION – 3

Reallocation of Project Funds for Laurel Hill Golf Course Irrigation Improvements (Mt Vernon District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the reallocation of project funds for improvements to the irrigation system for the Laurel Hill Golf Course as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on July 13, 2022.

ACTION – 4

Park Naming – Change Lee District Rec Center to Franconia Rec Center (Franconia District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval to rename Lee District Rec Center to Franconia Rec Center and directs staff to execute all changes to the documents

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that pertain to the name change as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on July 13, 2022.

ACTION – 5

Park Naming – Change Lee District Park to Franconia Park (Franconia District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval to rename Lee District Park to Franconia Park and directs staff to execute all changes to the documents that pertain to the name change as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on July 13, 2022.

ACTION – 6

Park Naming – Change Lee High Park to Lewis High Park (Franconia District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval to rename Lee High Park to Lewis High Park and directs staff to execute all changes to the documents that pertain to the name change as presented to and reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on July 13, 2022.

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INFORMATION – 1

Development of FY 2024 Proposed Budget

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on June 22, 2022.