

BUCKINGHAM VILLAGES 3 WORKING GROUP

The County Manager recommends creation of a Village 3 Working Group, in coordination with the Housing Commission, to investigate, analyze and provide recommendations on an overall affordable housing strategy and development proposal on this Buckingham parcel.

The working group's mission will be to achieve the overall MOU goals and approved Village 3 site plan conditions to achieve community preservation, affordable housing, historic preservation and economic and financial feasibility. Its charge and primary responsibilities shall include:

1. Research, analyze and design the elements of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Village 3 preservation, development and affordable housing program
2. Review RFP submissions in coordination with County staff, and to help refine proposals with applicant teams based on those submissions
3. Once applicant teams are selected, work with staff through program/project design and site plan application

This effort will be coordinated by the County Manager's office, and includes representatives from the Housing Commission and Community Preservation Committee. It will be assisted by Arlington County staff and a pool of advisors, to include tenants, industry and technical experts, Commission members and others. The working group may request the additional services of outside consultants and other resources, consistent with budgetary allowances and prioritized needs.

The work of the committee will include exploration of cooperative housing and other forms of affordable home ownership, affordable rental programs, or a combination thereof.

The working group will develop a recommendation for appropriate criteria for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposals (RFP) of potential for-profit and/or non-profit partners to achieve the stated goals. It may also develop a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit for additional consultation and expertise in fields relevant to the working group's efforts.

Working Group recommendations will be provided to the County Manager. County Board advisory commissions will be invited to review and provide additional guidance as requested by the working group and/or County Manager.

Working Group Membership

Membership of the Working Group will include participants from the Buckingham Villages Community Preservation Committee, including:

Co-Chairs: Kathleen McSweeney, (Save Buckingham Coalition) and
Caridad Palerm, (Housing Commission)

Pate McCullough (Buckingham tenant)

Lois Athey (BU-GATA)

Melissa Bondi (Housing Commission)

Carrie Johnson (ANDC)

Charles Rinker (BRAVO)

HALRB/historic representative

Tenant Landlord representative

Additional Buckingham Villages tenants and alternates from these organizations may also participate in the working group.

The working group shall schedule meetings as often as is reasonable and appropriate to achieve goals within the time line, provided below. All meetings shall be open to the public to attend, and will be advertised on the County web site.

Lead County Staff (other County staff available as required):

- Ken Aughenbaugh, Housing Division
- David Cristeal, Housing Division
- Maureen Markham, Housing Division
- Michael Leventhal, Historic Preservation
- Gabriela Acurio, County Manager Liaison