



**PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 414
Arlington, Virginia 22201



Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2022

****Due to the Countywide precautions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams.***

Commission Members Present:

Shruti Kuppa, Chair
Jill Barker, Vice Chair
Sarah Baryluk
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)
Sergio Enriquez
Dean Foster
Peter Harnik
Gretchen Hickey
David Howell
Neal Hunter
Mark Lincoln
Kevin Manuel
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)
Adam Rasmussen
Melissa Riggio

Guests:

Alyssa Cannon
Dolores Navia
Kate Orff
Madhvi Shukla
Steven Van Tassell (via written public comment only)

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Erik Beach, Parks Planning Division Chief, DPR
Irena Lasic, Long Range Park Planning Section Supervisor, DPR
Diane Probus, Associate Planner, DPR

PRC members not in attendance:

Colt Gregory

Chairman’s Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

PRC Chair, Shruti Kuppa provided a brief introduction and PRC Staff Liaison, Marco Rivero reviewed details associated with Microsoft Teams. Mr. Rivero also specified that this would be a recorded meeting of the PRC.

The Commission considered its May 24, 2022, Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the May 24 minutes as presented.

Public Comment

- **Steven Van Tassell** submitted a written public comment regarding poor weekend field conditions and lack of timely announcement of field closures on weekends by County staff (*Mr. Van Tassell was not present at the meeting to speak on this item*).

Agenda Items

11th Street North and North Danville Street Park Follow-Up Discussion and Vote

- PRC Vote for 11th Street Park.

Diane Probus, DPR, provided a follow-up presentation on the proposed park name of 11th Street North and North Danville Street public space area as “11th Street Park”. Alyssa Cannon, Neighborhood Conservation (NC) representative for the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association (CCCA) was also present and spoke in support of the “11th Street Park” name.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Commissioner Riggio wanted to show her support on honoring the Vietnamese community at this park in some form.
- PRC Commissioner Barker moved to recommend to the County Board the new name of “11th Street Park” for this public space. It was seconded by Commissioner Manuel.
- Of the PRC members present at the time of the vote, **the PRC voted 13-0 in favor to recommend naming the 11th Street North and North Danville Street public space area “11th Street Park”.**

Information Item on Potential Park Naming

- Metropolitan Park and PenPlace Public Spaces

Madhvi Shukla and Dolores Navia, JBG Smith, and Kate Orff with SCAPE Landscape Architecture, provided an initial presentation and discussion on the potential park naming options for the Metropolitan Park and PenPlace public spaces.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Kuppa supported the community driven process for the park naming process proposed. The refined, existing names may work, but it would be interesting to see what potential naming options come forward.
- What was the methodology on the naming choices? Ms. Orff expressed there was a large brainstorming process with the various project stakeholders bouncing ideas from neighbors and providing archival history, coming back with what was familiar with the

community. A “radius study” was done where all the park names were extracted within a five-mile radius finding what was not common with park names for the area.

- What will the name be for exactly? The name recognition for the community is likely Met Park and Pen Place. Maybe other natural/historical features could be mentioned as part of interpretive signage.
- Met Park is very appropriate for the site, great job overall.
- Pen Place was originally known for the development as “Pentagon Place”.
- The addition of the public space for “Pen Place” is great for the surrounding community. Ms. Orff clarified that the name proposed for the public space would be introduced as “Pen Place” and not “Pen Place Park”.
- Will there be any confusion from “Pen Place” for the park as opposed to potential names for the new buildings at the PenPlace site plan? Ms. Shukla identified that there would be cohesion with the proposed names for any potential buildings and there would be separation between that and the name for the public space itself.
- Request that any of the proposed buildings should not have names that would feature the “Pen Place” name which would confuse them with the public space. Maybe the buildings could have names that identify the ecological or historical typology? Ms. Navia clarified that there would not be any confusion on proposed building names for the development area(s) and the potential “Pen Place” public space.

Update on Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Efforts

Irena Lazic, DPR, provided an updated on the PSMP implementation efforts, including a discussion on DPR and the County’s land acquisition efforts/process.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following (**ONLY related PSMP implementation efforts**):

- PRC Chair Kuppa stated that she and Commissioner Enriquez are following this process directly.
- Why is casual space taking long to complete? Ms. Lazic is planning to bring this topic back to the Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) in the fall (after a larger discussion occurred previously).
- What is the status of the inventory of casual use spaces? Ms. Lazic gave examples of natural use trails as being “casual use spaces” as defined in the PSMP. This is something that requires more discussion with the IAC moving forward.
- Zoning regulations and parks, what is the issue here? Ms. Lazic mentioned that an example with this is installing a shade structure within a described setback area, heights for lighting structures, and other provisions.
- 200+ recommendations on Slide #11, what do they mean? Ms. Lazic stated that the recommendations are being reviewed at least once a year to make sure many of these items are progressing accordingly.
- Pentagon City Sector Plan recommendations and what the 5-acre goal will be recommending.
- Further considerations for bicycle pump tracks.
- Natural surface trails and hiking trail considerations.
- Capital Trails Coalition and implications for the County.
- Request that this presentation be a regular presentation to the PRC annually. It is a very helpful presentation. (This should be something to note for future PRC meetings).

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following (**ONLY related to Land**

Acquisition efforts/process):

- The right of first refusal and implications related to that for potential County acquired properties. Mr. Beach clarified that as the Commonwealth is a Dillion Rule state, that the County does not have the right of first refusal, nor does any other jurisdiction in Virginia. The Commonwealth would require a legislative change to allow for the County to be granted right of first refusal on any potential property. The County does have the ability to use eminent domain to acquire properties, but it is a rare activity with the County Board to use for any potential public use.
- PRC Chair Kuppa said that land conservation easements may be an opportunity for providing for potential public spaces/lands within the County.
- VC Chair Barker discussed heat island effect and had this been taken for consideration for additional park land acquisition? Ms. Lazic stated that there are recommendations within the PSMP to review this further and also in the potential, draft Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) that will be reviewed soon.
- VC Chair Barker asked about equity as a priority for acquiring public spaces? Ms. Lazic stated that Level of Services (LOS) provided equity components when potential park amenities are needed within a certain distance/location. FNRP will also address the idea of tree equity throughout the County as well.
- Acquisition of new public lands since the adoption of the revised PSMP in 2019, possibly 4-5 new acres; does staff feel confident that land acquisition goals will be attained? Ms. Lazic clarified that the numbers presented at the PRC meeting reflect acquisition of acreage within the last year only, not since 2019. Site plans and public access easements are key in attaining new potential public spaces. Mr. Beach further clarified that about 12-12.5 acres have been acquired since 2019 (site plans, land conveyance, other acquisition methods).
- How can the PRC help with acquiring new properties? Ms. Lazic and Mr. Beach explained that there are several confidential conversations between the County and a potential seller during the process that contain several legal considerations.
- The County Board's willingness to exercise certain mechanisms to acquire new properties need to be explored further or taken off the table. Mr. Beach explained that the County could purchase to have the right of first refusal or "option" (contractual tool) for any potential property, but not to exercise it at will (which is through enabling legislation like in the state of Maryland for example). The PRC could provide to the County Board a list of potential legislative opportunities that may be brought forward to Richmond, and this may be one opportunity.

Staff Report

11th Street North and North Danville Street Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Park Project

The County Board approved the Fall 2020 Neighborhood Conservation funding round at the April 2021 board meeting. The design meetings were coordinated with the civic association and held July 15, 2021, and September 16, 2021. The design was approved by the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association (CCCA) and the project has moved into LDA permit review.

- Staff introduced the proposed park name to PRC at their May 24 meeting. In June, staff presented the proposed park name to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) and the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB).
- At the June 28 PRC meeting, staff will present comments from the NCAC, HALRB and any other comments from nearby civic associations to the commission. The commission will vote on a recommendation for the County Board regarding the proposed name.

23rd and Eads Park Renovation (501 23rd Street South) – No Updates

The purpose of the project is to provide minor park improvements that will complement the character of the neighborhood and provide a place for visitors to gather and rest. The Park improvements will enhance the visibility and aesthetics of the site, and this space will continue to offer visitors a casual use experience. This project is funded via the adopted FY2022 CIP through TIF funds, and the budget is \$250,000 for design and construction. The first engagement is projected to be released Summer 2022.

4MRV – Jennie Dean Park (3630 27th Street South)

- The Park held its opening celebration last month. Some park signage was delayed due to supply chain issues but should be installed this month. DPR will be keeping the two diamond fields closed through the summer to allow the grass a chance to establish before it gets heavy play.

APS Projects

- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.)**
County Project – [Stormwater Vault](#)
 - The construction began in December 2021 and is anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2023. The APS diamond and rectangular athletic fields will be restored at the end of the project.
 - A construction update meeting was held on June 8, 2022. If you would like to see the presentation, use the link above.
- **The Heights Building (1601 Wilson Blvd.)**
 - In May, the County Board approved deferral of the APS use permit amendment for a below-grade parking structure with a lighted synthetic turf field above to no earlier than the July 16, 2022, to allow additional time to assess and further address the issues identified in the report.
 - After being deferred in April, APS will be bringing the use permit application back to the Board with some minor changes. They have made changes to the streetscape/street trees as requested by DPR Urban Forestry staff and some other changes that are currently being evaluated by staff. These changes will be presented to the Transportation Commission on June 30, and the Planning Commission on July 6. Staff will provide an update with the summary of changes once plans have been submitted and evaluated.

Arlington Outdoor Courts Assessment – Engagement #2

Based on community feedback collected Fall 2021, staff was able to create criteria to help develop locations for multi-use courts that would include pickleball and a location for a dedicated pickleball facility at Walter Reed Community Center. This second engagement shared what staff learned. Please [click here](#) for a presentation about what staff has learned so far and our draft criteria for developing pickleball courts in Arlington. Feedback period ended on June 9.

Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements (4747 Fairfax Dr.)

- The project is progressing well. It is estimated to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.
- See [Ballston Pond Restoration](#)
- DPR completed its first park naming engagement on June 1. A second online engagement will be posted soon with a list of potential park names for people to indicate their most preferred names. Staff will bring a potential name(s) to PRC for initial consideration at the June or July meeting.

Bell Street Interim Public Space (located north of the Crystal City Metro Station in ROW and JBG property, no address available) – No Updates

The purpose of this project is to provide simple, temporary amenities that will be in place until the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) begins their Route 1 improvement plans. The Route 1 construction is anticipated to begin in 2025 and will impact the entire Bell Street project area, which is the reason the improvements are temporary. Given that the Bell Street improvements are temporary, this project aims to use site furnishings and materials that are intended for removal and may be re-used in other public spaces. There are no plans to replace the Bell Street temporary improvements once the Route 1 work is complete. This project is funded via the adopted FY2022 CIP through TIF funds, and the budget is \$250,000 for design and construction. The first public engagement is scheduled for June 2022.

Dominion Glebe Substation Renovation (3225 S Eads Street) – No Updates

- Dominion is replacing the existing overhead transmission line with a new underground line and renovating the existing substation infrastructure. The site is located along Four Mile Run Trail and the stream.
- Dominion anticipates closing the trail for four months, starting sometime in spring. During that time, they will build a boardwalk trail detour which will be in place through late 2025 when Dominion completes their project. A temporary detour will be in place during the trail closure.
- Dominion hosted a public meeting on May 11 to describe their project and to respond to questions.

Donaldson Run Stream Restoration Work Tributary B (DES Project) (Donaldson Run Watershed in North Arlington near Zachary Taylor Nature Area, 2900 Military Rd.)

- The Zachary Taylor hike-bike trail along Donaldson Run Tributary B is closed during construction.
- From June 13-June 20 updates: Complete the trail repair and trail drainage work above the pedestrian bridge, plant trees and shrubs and install deer protection above pedestrian bridge, and placement of topsoil, matting and seeding with native seed mix. Complete sidewalk repair and cleanup of staging area.

Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update – No Updates

- Internal review period for the preliminary draft concluded on March 4.

- DPR staff currently editing the preliminary draft in response to comment and anticipate releasing the updated draft for public review in late Spring 2022.

Fort Scott Park Restroom and Parking Lot Renovation (2800 Fort Scott Dr.)

- Interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) work ongoing.
- New doors installed and building panel installations continue.
- Roof panel delivery awaits.
- Interior tile work and set plumbing fixtures ongoing.
- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility (1401 28th Street South)

- Site de-watering ongoing.
- Footing concrete works ongoing.
- Began stone backfilling partial south footings.
- Moved small building material pieces, and large building pieces moved to 28th Street South on June 11th.
- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Gunston Park Playground Renovation (1401 28th Street South) – No Updates

This Parks Maintenance Capital project will design and construct demolition, site work, new playground, picnic shelter, grading and drainage, site circulation, site furnishings, landscaping, and storm water management. No new amenities are planned for this project. Design process has started and will continue through 2022. Construction anticipated to begin in the 1st quarter of 2023.

Hillside Park (1601 N. Pierce St.)

This NC project focuses on the natural elements of the park, such as invasive species control, planting native trees and understory with a focus on pollinator planting, replacing picnic tables and adding new site furnishings, and adding boulders and a sculptural element such as a tree carving to add natural play interest in the southern part of the park. This project was approved by the NCAC in 2021 and the County Board approved the NC package in February 2022. A topographic survey and tree inventory has been conducted. The first invasive plant removal out of the five-year plan was conducted in May.

Long Bridge Boeing/Entrance sign Phase I:

- Review of mockup completed. Work should be starting this month.
- There are labor issues with the fabrication of the steel. Contractor is working on scheduling.
- Park Development Division (PDD) construction management staff coordination with Parks and Natural Resources (PNR) staff and third-party inspections staff. Building permit for the sign wall has been extended for three months.

Lubber Run Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (300 N. Park Dr.) – No Updates

Construction drawings for the chosen bridge location are being prepared by the engineer. Project construction is anticipated to begin 3rd Quarter 2022.

Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovations (6225 12th Road North)

- Inspections being scheduled for final completion.
- Preliminary punch list walk-thru with the contractor occurred May 12. Contractor working on preliminary punch list items.
- Contractor painted doors.

- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Marcey Road Park (2722 Marcey Rd)

- Best Management Practices (BMP) construction is partially complete up to the soil media and stabilized with fabric and super silt fence around it until the plantings and mulch is installed.
- Reforestation will now be installed in the fall of 2022.
- The basketball court sub-surface is underway, drainage is installed with compaction and asphalt installation done.
- Installation of the perimeter drains at the tennis courts is complete. Asphaltting scheduled last week.
- Concrete curb at the drains is complete.
- Anticipated completion 4th Quarter 2022.

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former “Teardrop Parcels” off Army Navy Drive, South Eads Street, and 12th Street South)

- Continued coordination with park master plan concept, current design, and utility considerations.
- Park project is developing in tandem with DES Street redesign and streetscape work. DPR staff in coordination with DES team to keep projects aligned.
- Project is finalizing design to begin permit review process.
- Staff is coordinating with Real Estate Bureau and Zoning staff to ensure all County Board considerations are accounted for. The following approvals are necessary before construction:
 - Abandonment of ROW
 - Vacation of ROW
 - Resubdivision
 - Either rezoning or use permit
- Furthermore, a park naming process is underway (first consideration by the PRC occurred in April with Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) and Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) reviews in May), and the PRC’s naming recommendation will be taken to the County Board concurrently with the above approvals.
 - The NCAC had a preference for Teardrop Park, stating that the name of the park would remain consistent with the name of the area as it has been referred to in the past.
 - The HALRB voted unanimously to support the community proposed name of “Arlington Junction Park.”
 - Both of these names, Teardrop Park and Arlington Junction Park, will go before the PRC during the July meeting.

Site Plan Review

- **2250 Crystal Drive/223 23rd Street South – Crystal Plaza 5 – Site Plan #464**
 - CPHD led development project that will include two parks identified in the Crystal City Sector Plan: Park #10 (23 Street Plaza) and Park #11.
 - The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met on April 11 to discuss the proposals consistency with the Crystal City Sector Plan (CCSP).
 - The initial Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) online engagement opportunity was launched on May 5 and ran till May 16. An onsite walking tour was also convened on Thursday, May 12. Virtual SPRC meetings anticipated for July 2022.

- **701 N. Glebe Road - Ballston Macy's - Site Plan #193 - No Updates**

- 2nd SPRC is anticipated later in the Summer of 2022
- 1st SPRC was held on March 24, 2022
- Walking Tour is anticipated for March 15th - Meet on site at 701 N. Glebe Road at the entrance to Macy's department store on Wilson Blvd.
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred February 7th-14th.
- The applicant, Insight Property Group, proposes the demolition of the existing Ballston Macy's department store and vacant office space above the store and the development of a residential building with a grocery store anchor on the ground floor. To facilitate the density proposed with this project, Insight is proposing to transfer development rights from "The Haven" site along Columbia Pike through a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Use Permit process. Additional Project Details include:

Residential building:

- 16 Stories
- 555 Units
- Construction of two levels of underground parking and one level of above grade parking

Proposed modifications for:

- Required residential parking (.4 spaces per unit)
- Density Exclusions
- Bonus Density achievement through LEED Gold Certification
- Transfer of Development Rights of 235 units from Haven residential site along Columbia Pike

- **1616 Fort Myer Drive - Xerox Site - Site Plan #85 - No Updates**

- SPRC is anticipated to start Summer of 2022
- The applicant proposes to construct a 31-story, 290-foot-tall residential building with 647,746 square feet of residential gross floor area with a 9.95 Floor Area Ratio. To accomplish this development the applicant proposes: (1) a rezoning from C-O to C-O-Rosslyn, and (2) a major site plan amendment to SP #85, with requested modifications to the zoning ordinance regarding parking requirements, requested exclusions of certain areas from counting as Gross Floor Area, additional density. Additional Project Details include:

Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:

- Underground Utility fund contribution;
- Affordable housing contribution or on-site affordable units;
- Streetscape improvements;
- On-site Public art or contribution to public art in Rosslyn;
- Proposed LEED Gold certification.

- **10th St. N. & N. Irving St. - Joyce Motors Site**

- First Online Engagement is open until June 27,2022
- The applicant proposes redeveloping the site into a multifamily residential building totaling 5.92 FAR (approximately 190,079 sq. ft.), which includes preservation and reconstruction of the Joyce Motors façade. The proposed building would contain up to 241 residential units, a maximum of 186,254 square feet of residential GFA, and a maximum of 3,825 square feet of ground floor retail GFA.
- The proposed building would be 110 feet in height (exclusive of elevator overruns and mechanical equipment) and would be served by 140 below-grade parking spaces; at a ratio of approximately 0.58 spaces per unit (140 spaces) and one space per 957 square feet of retail (four spaces).

Thomas Jefferson Upper Field Conversion (3501 2nd Street South)

- Field is open as of June 10, 2022.
- Punchlist work has been completed.
- Bleachers and shade structure remain to be installed. Scheduled for end of June early July due to material shortage.
- Anticipated completion 2nd Quarter 2022.

Towers Park Playground Renovations (801 S. Scott St.)

- The site reforestation is now complete.
- The fence at the basketball court and playground has been completed.
- Concrete poured for the walkway to the south that ties into the basketball court entrance.
- All play equipment has been delivered to the site. Equipment requiring footers will be installed next.
- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Urban Forestry Office Updates

- About 44 calls for downed trees were made after a storm on May 22. The majority of the fallen trees and limbs have been cleaned up. A rainstorm on May 8 also caused some impact, but not as severe as the 22nd.
- The crane truck usually used for log pickup has been down for several months, due to part shortages.
- The preventive pruning program is getting close to providing enough work to cover all of the \$200,000 in the budget and will have maintained most of Fairlington's trees. The last batch of maintenance work, the 8th one, is underway right now.
- County staff had a visioning meeting for ways that S George Mason Drive could be multi-modal. Discussions centered on environmental equity and public health. Novel solutions were recommended to improve tree soil volume. See link here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/S.-George-Mason-Drive-Multimodal-Transportation-Study>
- Staff reviewed the Historic Preservation Plan update. See the link here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Historic-Preservation/Master-Plan/Update>
- Wells Fargo and Verizon. The plan was rejected as the developer didn't meet the canopy cover requirement for the Clarendon Sector Plan of 15%. The developer also didn't provide the right amount of soil volume and tree spacing for the proposed planting. There is also sufficient space for the applicant to meet their requirement canopy cover by planting onsite.
- Americana Hotel. Tree protection and planning details are missing, the development needs to include the replacement of all trees on site. They need to show the proper critical root zone of the trees within the project. The Crystal City sector plans require 17.6%, and the developer needs to meet this by planting within the site.
- YMCA. The preliminary site plan does not comply with the sector plan for tree conservation. Planting is in areas which are not ideal for maturing trees and plans for conservation did not match grading plans which would preclude preservation. County staff will be circling back internally to brainstorm how to achieve a better result.
- 2608 Shirlington Road. Multi-family housing, which is still in the planning phase. This site has neighboring trees but none on site. Staff are working to achieve a 10% canopy and biophilic elements plus street trees, which do not exist currently.
- Sunrise at 716 South Glebe Road. Tree protection was suggested for a mature oak, increasing canopy cover by planting more than the required amount, and including the

Historic Preservation community as the site is adjacent to a historic district and a significant tree.

- PNR explore the potential area for placement of a dog run at Charles A. Stewart Park. During the visit, it was determined that the area is ecologically important, and adding a dog run would degrade the natural area the county is trying to conserve.
- Lubber Run was inspected for the rebuilding project of the pedestrian bridge. Concerns and comments were submitted to the designer to address proper tree protection and determine if any tree replacements are required. A critical onsite tree poses a risk to pedestrians and the proposed infrastructure and should be removed.
- Park at 23rd and Eads and the condition of the existing canopy. PNR agreed to conserve one Amur maple near wires, and the second tree in the middle of the park to be removed and replaced with a native canopy tree. No final design approach has been final, and further site discussion will continue.
- Inspection at Jennie Dean Park for the final delivery of the pending trees (Hickories and Dogwood). All trees passed inspection and will continue to be watered for the next year by the contractor. Three Honeylocust by the parking lot will be replaced in the next couple of weeks as their condition has declined.
- Lacey Woods for the refurbishing of the bathroom and basketball court expansion and to identify any potential impact on trees. All of the proposed removals will occur to trees that are in decline or are invasive. There should be extensive tree protection throughout the site as there are mature trees and natural areas near the area of disturbance.
- Forestry joined construction management at Towers Park to receive the plant material for the playground and reforestation area. The trees were placed at their coordinated location and will be planted within the day. More plant material is expected to arrive throughout the week.
- Inspection at Alcova Park along with the contractor. All of the trees that are planned for removal were marked. During this site visit, two trees were added to the list of removals due to their decline in condition. One tree is being preserved instead of removed as with proper tree protection it should survive.
- A project at 2387 N Edgewood St demolished the existing home without tree protection installed. The project is in violation of their permit and will be required to protect and install additional trees beyond the typical requirement.
- The first few by-right projects with Soil Profile Rebuilding are underway, and we will likely see the first installations in the Summer, with technical assistance from staff initially, to help developers minimize roadblocks to proper installation.
- APS: Planning is kicking off with staff for the Career Center. Urban forestry staff will assist with the project to help realize tree canopy on this school project. More information is available here: <https://www.apsva.us/engage/arlington-career-center-project/>
- The Boundary Channel drive project is VDOT designed and is on state, county and federal land. This is a major realignment of access roads and 395 cloverleaf ramps and includes the widening of an existing trail and adding trail connections. It may impact existing trees, but also provide opportunities for planting.
- Tree planting for the spring 2022 season is well underway. 430 trees are scheduled to be planted. The contractor has completed planting the NE quadrant and the street trees in the NW quadrant.
- Staff worked together to create a proposal for a Structural Pruning program for Tree Stewards and shared it with the Tree Stewards president (Nora Palmatier).
- Yuemer Majano-Gomez is joining the tree crew, rounding out our staff to be fully complete for the first time since early 2021.

- The forestry office received its approved VDOT permit for planting in their rights-of-way. This will help us get to plantable space we were previously not exploring, and help greatly beautify and improve these spaces, primarily Rt. 50.

Commission Member Reports

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *In partnership with Fairfax City, Fairfax County, Prince William County and the Town of Vienna, Arlington's 55+ program has joined the Virtual Center for Active Adults (VCAA). Through the VCAA website, Arlington seniors will have access to free, live virtual programming on Zoom five days a week, including fitness classes, special presentations and interactive games. Upcoming live presentations this month include Introduction to the Library of Virginia with its digital collection website on Virginia Memory, the best place for family historians and genealogists to find their ancestors. Another live presentation will be on Clara Barton and will be conducted by the park ranger for the Clara Barton National Historical Site in Glen Echo, Md. On-demand pre-recorded virtual programs include the Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) program, Guided Meditation, cooking and art demonstrations.*

- Alcovia Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
 - *Construction on Phase 1 and 2 have been combined into a single contract and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2023.*

- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *The LRPC met to discuss the Courthouse West Special GLUP Study at the end of May. Staff presented their recommendations for the re-GLUPing of this parcel, which was for medium Office-Apartment-Hotel (OAH) with a height limit of 12 stories. Feedback provided by most members of the LRPC for this effort was that staff should consider a high OAH GLUP designation and removing the height limit restriction. Next steps will be a request to advertise from the Planning Commission and County Board, with formal hearings at both bodies later this year.*

- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
 - *The April meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (FNRC) included presentations by Ryan Delaney on the upcoming release of the draft Forestry and Natural Resources Plan, topic updates on Tree Watering and Deer Management from Urban Forest Manager, Vincent Verweij and the introduction of the new Parks and Natural Resources Deputy Division Chief - John Marlin. It is estimated that the draft FNRP will be released for review sometime before July 11 and will have six week comment period. It is anticipated that PRC will have presentation at its July 26th meeting.*
 - *The Commission reviewed and approved two advisory letters. The CIP letter echoed themes also expressed in PRC letter. This includes support for inclusion of natural capital in the CIP, funding for habitat restoration and invasive plant removal, Nature Center and land acquisition funding. Regarding the advisory letter on the Missing Middle Housing plan, "the Commission **cannot support the Missing Middle Housing Plan** unless it also includes concrete and believable policies for achieving higher tree canopy coverage on redeveloped properties."*

- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (David Howell)
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)

- *Attended a public meeting regarding the Gulf Branch restoration restart. Current schedule calls for final draft design, public comment and bids to be complete in 2023. Project size has been reduced and now stops at Military Road. This will reduce the number of trees planned for removal and increases priority for construction of "Green Street" (rain gardens) on streets with outfalls below Military Rd. Project objectives continue to protect 3 exposed sanitary sewer lines crossing the stream, change stream channel flow to reduce flow speed and use plantings to protect from streamside erosion. Steam water quality testing will be used to test for actual reduction in pollutants into the Potomac River.*
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
 - *Construction at the park is complete and the park had reopening ceremonies on Sat. May 21st. Additional park space will become available upon transfer of the WETA studio property to the County. A letter of intent is in place.*
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *The PAC had a joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Committee. They focused on transportation and access details. Discussion was had Long Bridge bike and pedestrian facilities.*
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Shruti Kuppa/Sergio Enriquez)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell)
 - Macy's (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
 - *The initial SPRC meeting was held on March 24, 2022. The second SPRC meeting is anticipated to be in the summer of 2022. The project involves the demolition of the existing Ballston Macy's department store and the development on that site of a 16-story residential building of 555 residential units with an anchor grocery store on the ground floor. To achieve the density the developer is requesting for this site, the developer proposes to transfer the development rights from its Haven apartments site along Columbia Pike through a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and a Use Permit. The most recent meeting involving this request was on June 15 with the Form Based-Code Advisory Working Group (FBC AWG). The possible establishment of a conservation area to include the Haven apartments was also discussed. The next meeting of the FBC AWG will be July 13.*
- Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
 - *The LRPC Review to move to Tier II Review has been completed. The County Staff and LRPC submitted an acceptance letter on June 07, 2022, for Melwood to move to Tier II review. The Acceptance Letter is located here: [Melwood Tier II Acceptance Letter](#). Due to two additional GLUP studies that are currently in progress, it is not expected for Melwood to begin until late-2022.*

- Crystal Plaza 5 (Commissioner Manuel volunteered to participate in the SPRC).
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
 - *May 26, 2022 Sports Commission Meeting: This was an abbreviated meeting with a presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) by Erik Beach from DPR. This was largely the same presentation given to the PRC at our prior meeting. The balance of the meeting was reports by commission members.*
 - *June 23, 2022 Sports Commission Meeting: Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group Presentation: Most of the meeting was spent with members of the Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group presenting the implementation framework for the specific youth sports organizations in Arlington County as well as reviewing the pledge for the players in youth sports in Arlington County. The meeting did not have a quorum so no “official” decisions were made on the documents.*
 - *Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group Meeting Notes (06/13/22): This meeting was dedicated to reviewing the work on the implementation framework for the specific youth sports organizations in Arlington County as well as reviewing the pledge for the players in youth sports in Arlington County. Most of the work on the framework and pledge were complete but some adjustments to the language in both was made. The framework and pledge will be presented to the Arlington Sports Commission at their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022.*
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates.*

Other Business

- Letters to the County Board
 - 11th Street Park Naming Process
 - PRC Chair Kuppa will compose this letter. The editing committee will consist of Vice Chair Barker and Commissioner Manuel.

- Hybrid Meeting Considerations
 - Mr. Rivero explained that hybrid meetings will be coming forward as early as the September 27, 2022, PRC meeting. It is anticipated that the emergency declaration for the County will be rescinded as of Monday, August 15. Therefore, the PRC will begin holding hybrid meetings (Microsoft Teams and at Bozman Government Center, Room 715), where in-person, PRC member attendance is expected to for a quorum.
 - Mr. Rivero stated that at this point, staff anticipates holding hybrid meetings in September and November of this year, with virtual-only meetings occurring in October and December. This November, staff will be working on compiling potential PRC meeting dates for 2023, where staff anticipates holding one virtual-only meeting a quarter (not including the PRC's August field trip). More details will be provided likely by December regarding the potential 2023 PRC meeting schedule.
 - Mr. Rivero will touch base in the coming weeks with any other updates regarding potential hybrid meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.