



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



Meeting Minutes
July 26, 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
Nia Bagley (Planning Commission Liaison)
Jill Barker, Vice Chair
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)
Sergio Enriquez
Dean Foster
Colt Gregory
Peter Harnik
Gretchen Hickey
David Howell
Neal Hunter
Mark Lincoln
Kevin Manuel
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)
Adam Rasmussen
Melissa Riggio

Guests:

Dr. Bernard Berne
Caroline Haynes

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Ryan Delaney, Principal Planner, DPR
Max Ewart, Associate Planner, DPR
Diane Probus, Associate Planner, DPR

PRC members not in attendance:

Sarah Baryluk

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 June 28, 2022, Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the June 28 minutes as presented.

Public Comment

- **Dr. Bernard Berne** spoke on the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive naming item, specifically his support to name the new park "Arlington Junction Park". *This public comment was provided prior to PRC discussion on this naming item.*

Agenda Items

Follow-up Discussion on Naming for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive

- PRC Vote on Park Name Recommendation

Max Ewart, DPR, provided a follow-up presentation on the proposed park name for the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive, specifically providing two options that came out of the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) (formerly the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee) and Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) reviews: "Teardrop Park" and "Arlington Junction Park".

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Kuppa appreciated both naming options for the park regarding geographical and historical reasons for Teardrop Park and Arlington Junction Park respectively.
- Naming discrepancies between ArNAC/HALRB. Mr. Ewart clarified that the ArNAC did not take a vote on the proposed naming. The Crystal City Civic Association (CCCA) representative said they preferred "Teardrop Park". Dr. Berne provided a presentation for why "Arlington Junction Park" would be a good alternative. No member of the ArNAC said there was a preference to change the name away from "Teardrop Park".
- If the "Arlington Junction Park" name is preferred would there be a way of celebrating this either through a design feature or an interpretive sign? Mr. Ewart explained that there may be a way to amend the park design, but this would need to be reviewed further since the plan is close to 100% design development.
- There should be a potential design nod to the Junction/train tracks, or this should be reflected on interpretive/educational signage.
- PRC Chair Kuppa moved to recommend to the County Board that the new name for the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive be "Teardrop Park". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. **The motion did not pass with only 1 voting PRC member voting in favor.**
- PRC Chair Kuppa moved to recommend to the County Board that the new name for the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive be "Arlington Junction Park". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manuel. **The PRC voted 12-0 in favor to recommend naming the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive public space area "Arlington Junction Park".**

Information Item on Potential Park Renaming

- Beaver Pond Park to Ballston Wetlands

Diane Probus and Max Ewart, DPR, provided an initial presentation and discussion on the potential park naming for the Beaver Pond Park space to “Ballston Wetlands”.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Who was the person that was recommended previously for a park name in this area? Ms. Probus clarified that was Thaddeus Lowe. He was an American Civil War, aeronaut scientist and inventor.
- Ballston Beaver Pond was always associated with a resource area. The updated space should be more park-like if possible. Ms. Probus explained that the trail will be expanded, and the public will be able to see the wetlands up closer with the proposed design/layout.
- Excited to hear what comes back from a design and naming process moving forward.

Information Item on the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update

Ryan Delaney, DPR, provided an informational presentation on the ongoing Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) process.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Kuppa clarified that the PRC would have other opportunities to engage on the draft FNRP document and was really pleased on the plan moving forward. PRC will likely write a letter moving forward on this effort.
- The FNRP follows a similar structure to the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP). This is a strategic direction, supporting invasive removals, and thinking about the metrics. They are performance measures, but should be performance-based, rather than activities-based. There needs to be reassurance that there will be more plan-specific metrics. Mr. Delaney explained that the level of detail highlighted will be included in the draft plan.
- Explain the strategic directions and how they are formatted (4.3 and 4.5 in particular). Mr. Delaney clarified that Strategic Direction 4.5 targets financial sustainability, working with private landowners to do this, seeking grants, and dedicated land acquisition funding (Natural Resiliency Fund, ex.). Furthermore, Strategic Direction 4.3 contains recommendations for volunteerism within County operations (invasive removals, trail maintenance, volunteer training, etc.).
- The draft plan will be available by Monday, August 1 for public comment. Provide a rough estimate on how long this draft will be. Mr. Delaney stated that the draft plan is currently formatted as a Microsoft Word document with approximately 90 pages of text. This was done to make it easier to collect comments (the draft document will likely be approximately 150-200 pages with text and graphics).
- Excited about the mention of “natural capital” in the first tier. This is a plan, but the money may not be available yet? Mr. Delaney specified that the plan would provide an implementation matrix with cost priorities for each identified item. Realistic goals in the short, medium, and long term. Once adopted, the PSMP Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) may tackle these priorities moving forward.

Discussion on Biophilic Arlington

PRC Commissioner Howell and FNRC Commissioner, Caroline Haynes, provided a presentation and discussion on Biophilic Arlington.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Kупpa praised this effort as a champion project and has gotten the County to take these initiatives very seriously in its own projects and community efforts. During Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) meetings and other development projects, there should be more opportunities to provide biophilic incorporation within various elements. This was the last of the “PRC 101” topics for this year, but the PRC may identify more topics moving forward.
- PRC Vice Chair Barker spoke favorably and with gratitude to FNRC Commissioner Haynes and PRC Commissioner Howell for their presentations and efforts. PRC at-large member, Elizabeth Gearin was also a very critical member on championing this effort.
- The PRC webpage contains a link to the papers that were used to move these efforts forward.

Staff Report

Mr. Rivero provided an update on the proposed PRC field trip to Jennie Dean Park this coming August and logistical details associated with that.

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's LDA permit has been approved.
- The County Board approved the proposed park name, "11th Street Park" at its July 16 meeting.

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 in Summer 2022.

APS Projects

- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.)**
County Project – [Stormwater Vault](#)
 - Work is proceeding on the stormwater vault. The two athletic fields should be restored at the APS site in spring 2023.
- **The Heights Building (1601 Wilson Blvd.)**
 - After being deferred in April, APS submitted an updated design for the garage and synthetic field at The Heights Building for consideration by the County Board. The updated design/plan was adopted as part of the County Board's July 16 regular agenda.

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 second park renaming engagement on July 19. Staff will bring a potential name\(s\) to PRC for initial consideration at the July 26 meeting.](#)

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

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 TBD.

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 started work on a temporary boardwalk detour in early June. Pedestrians and bicyclists are using a detour along S Glebe Road until the temporary boardwalk is completed in October 2022.

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

- The trail re-opened the weekend of July 4. The contractor is repairing the sidewalk and ADA access ramp and completing cleanup of the staging area.

Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update

- At the July 26 PRC meeting, DPR staff will provide an overview and introduction to the draft report (presentation) in advance of publication and an outline of the process, upcoming engagement opportunities, and next steps.

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

- Interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) work ongoing.
- New doors installed.
- Building panel installation in progress.
- Roof panels are on site, expected installation to start this week.
- Interior tile work and plumbing fixtures installation in progress.
- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

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

- Concreting of footers and grade beam walls complete.
- Began stone backfilling.
- Plumber to begin restroom work this week.
- Building erector scheduled to be on site this week.
- 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. Erosion control measures such as boulders and coir logs, in addition to leaf compost and wood chip mulch were installed in July in order to prepare

the site for tree planting in Fall 2022.

Long Bridge Boeing/Entrance sign Phase I (along Long Bridge Drive):

- 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.
- Footers and panel frame installed first of July. Mid July tasks include panels and letters attached. Project completion and Close out tentative for August 2022.

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)

- Punch list walkthrough held on June 24.
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy received; contractor working on resolving issues with door lock.
- 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 August 2022; the second spray of roundup for weed control has been done.
- Basketball asphalt is complete; awaiting cure time before the striping is done.
- Tennis courts gravel layer and drain layers are complete. Asphalt is now scheduled for the end of July.
- Footers for the shelter are complete; contractor assembling and erecting the sculpture.
- The walkway around the basketball court side 21A is in place in preparation for concrete in the upcoming weeks.
- 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 and Washington Aqueduct review in order to begin permit review process.
- Staff is coordinating with Real Estate Bureau and Zoning staff to ensure all County Board considerations are accounted for. All applications have been submitted and County staff is targeting the October/November County Board meeting for approval.
- The following approvals are necessary before construction:
 - Abandonment of ROW
 - Vacation of ROW
 - Resubdivision

- Rezoning
- GLUP Amendment
- Park Naming
- 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 preferred 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.
 - The CCCA preference (so far) has been for Teardrop Park

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. First, virtual SPRC meeting occurred on July 11, 2022.
 - The SPRC raised concerns related to lack of biophilia in Park #11 and worries about a de facto dog park for Park #10.
 - Staff are working with the applicant to address these concerns.
- **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**
 - SPRC 1 – Sept. 12, 2022
 - SPRC 2 – Oct. 13, 2022
 - 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 opened on June 10, 2022.
- Bleachers and shade structure installed.

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

- All play equipment has been delivered to the site except the climbing ropes which are being shipped out now from Germany. They should be here this week.
- Layout, cutting and formwork for the poured in place completed. Survey and excavation of footers for the play equipment completed.
- Play equipment installation to start this week followed by concrete placement for footings and poured in place (PIP) base.
- Design team working on added fence design.
- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Urban Forestry Office Updates

Maintenance:

- Staff is getting ready for Fiscal year 23, starting in July, to continue to address the high volume of tree requests.
- In Fairlington, the final batch of preventive maintenance for Fiscal Year 22 is completed. An average of 88 trees were pruned and 7 removed with the Fairlington batch.
- In Ballston Park, all of the right-of way trees will have been pruned for structure or removed due to risk by June 24.
- Staff is setting out new preventive pruning program batches for the next fiscal year 2023. covering most of the rest of the untreated areas of Fairlington's trees.
- Along Quaker Lane, staff met with local residents to discuss the replacement of the hedge of Photinia shrubs, which is starting to show disease and age limitations. This will be performed in blocks, going South from 33rd St S, over the next several years.

Planning:

- Long-term planning
 - S George Mason Dr's multimodal study: A study will be coming out showing potential changes to the arrangement of all of South George Mason Drive. The median of this road has large mature trees, and staff is working to identify potential impacts of different alternatives, and where new planting space may be generated. See more here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/S.-George-Mason-Drive-Multimodal-Transportation-Study>.
 - Route 1 Multimodal study with VDOT. VDOT is proposing to realign Route 1 (Richmond Hwy). Opportunities exist to expand planting space and planting potential along this highway. Potential for negative impact is relatively low. See more here: https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/route_1_multimodal_improvements_study.asp
- Site plans (special exception and by-right)
- In Review
 - Forestry joined CPHD to discuss the agency's comments on Crystal Tower 3 (1600 South Eads). The major comments for this project included the requirement for more extensive tree protection for onsite trees. Jose requested the developer to reduce the impervious surfaces and allow for more trees to be placed onsite to meet their canopy cover of 17.6%.
 - Internal discussion about The Elliott project and how the Columbia Pike Street improvement DES project can work together to maximize tree canopy cover and soil volume. Most of the street trees will be placed by the Elliot project.
 - Forestry inspected and reviewed project at 3401 Columbia Pike. During the review process, it was determined that trees within the lot, will be replaced with new plantings due to the construction scope. The applicant needs to submit soil volumes, and accurate calculations for the street tree should be planted on every 25-30 feet of linear frontage.
 - YMCA: this project has serious design issues, not meeting the associated planning document guidance for tree conservation, historic preservation, and site circulation, and staff is working with the applicant to revise plans.
 - Pen Place: Staff is reviewing civil engineering plans for demolition and streetscape. The landscape plan is still pending.
- DES

- Two sections of Columbia Pike’s multimodal project are under review: Forestry staff is working with DES to maximize soil volumes and minimize tree impact. These projects have been underway for several years and are coming to final designs. Find out more here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Columbia-Pike-Multimodal-Street-Improvements>
 - Staff reviewed the Headwaters of Donaldson Run project, a project to repair a stretch of Donaldson run, to minimize impact to existing trees.
 - ART Bus facility: The demolition permit is under review and the Civil Engineering plan is coming up for a second review. This is an opportunity to improve a neglected site.
 - Clark Bell Extension is a complete reworking of streets in Crystal City and will impact existing trees. Staff is working to get replacement trees and adequate soil volume for trees.
 - Gulf Branch Green streets is a project near Donaldson Run to install four stormwater facilities. Design staff for DES are currently exploring a revision to save a large red oak at the edge of the park.
 - The complete street project along 18th St S in Crystal City had a last minute revision which threatened a large private tree. Staff is working with DES and the property owner to retain this tree.
- Parks
 - Forestry Joined Parks planning staff at Tuckahoe Park. During the site inspection tree locations were marked and 72 trees will be planted throughout the scope of the Playground Resurfacing area: data was entered into the CarteGraph including a tree inventory and the guarantee period date.
 - Forestry inspected the 15 trees that were planted at Thomas Jefferson Park as part of the Upper Field Conversion project. The trees were in good condition and accepted by the Urban Forester.
 - Discussion with Parks Planning staff on the Bell Street Interim Tree Coordination. During this meeting, they discussed the impact of the new seating area and dog park on the existing canopy. This area will eventually be torn down to make room for route 1. Forestry will conduct a site inventory on what trees should be conserved vs removed.
 - Meeting with Parks planning staff to discuss the Marcey Road Park project. During the meeting, it was discussed that the reforestation part of the project would occur within the next two weeks. This area is more natural and is shaded, so we are ok to proceed with planting this late in the season.
 - By-right projects
 - Forestry joined DES staff at 844 N Madison Street for a preconstruction with the developer. The site will include nine single-family homes with no onsite trees being conserved due to grading and placement of the property and garage. Two offsite trees will be conserved, and tree protection will be included as a control to minimize impacts on offsite trees.
 - Two prior violations are being resolved, at 313 N Fillmore St and 1821 N Jackson St.
 - Schools

- The Heights: Staff reviewed the application for a modified 18th St N streetscape. Due to advanced ADA requirements, tree pits had to be modified, and will now be installed at the back of the sidewalk.
- The Arlington Career Center started sharing conceptual designs for the project. Staff is working with APS staff to ensure tree conservation and planting are part of the process.
- Federal
 - Boundary Channel interchange: This project will impact trees on VDOT and Federal Highway land. Staff is trying to find out what options exist for replacement and soil remediation. Learn more here:
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Boundary-Channel-Drive-Interchange>

Tree Planting:

- Submitted invoice for spring tree planting on 22 June. The planting season ended 18 June.
- We started with 414 trees on the list but due to various circumstances and/or oversights only 398 trees were planted. A 96% success rate. The target number for the fall planting is 450 trees.

Outreach/Volunteer:

- Forestry staff assisted with the ART truck, to answer questions about trees and native plants, and present to APS students on the field of forestry. Staff was present at Kenmore school and the Columbia Pike Blues Festival.
- Forestry worked with Tree Stewards to kick off the new structural pruning training, with 11 Tree Stewards participating in the inaugural program.
- Forestry worked with Tree Stewards to train and perform a volunteer-led i-Tree Canopy analysis.

Commission Member Reports

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *The 55+ Program is working on a week-long fall camp for seniors. The details are still being worked out and will be posted in the upcoming fall 55+ Guide. The Guide will be available online on August 10 and registration for fall camp, classes and programs will begin on August 17.*
 - *The Senior Sports and Fitness Committee reported that for coming out of CO-VID, we had decent enrollment for the classes and trips offered in the summer Guide and more will be available in the fall session. It was noted that in the Parade Sunday magazine supplement in the July 23d Washington Post, the feature article was about the popularity of Pickleball which in Arlington is expanding so rapidly there are waiting lists for use of the Pickelball courts and more Pickelball courts and multiuse courts are projected to be constructed in the just adopted Arlington County 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2023-2032.*

- Alcovia Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Updates*

- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *Planning Commission reviewed the request to advertise (RTA) for the Courthouse West GLUP re-designation from county staff. The proposal from staff was to advertise a new GLUP designation of office-apartment-hotel medium (OAH medium) with a height limit of 12 stories. Planning Commission recommended to the County Board an RTA for a land use designation of OAH-medium but allowing the maximum density feasible under the corresponding zoning designation of C-O-2.5. County Board heard the RTA in the July 16th meeting. Formal public hearings on the topic at both the Planning Commission and County Board will occur in September.*

- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Updates*

- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (David Howell)
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Updates*

- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates*

- 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. A second SPRC meeting is anticipated for late summer or early fall as noted in the DPR staff report for the July 26 meeting of the PRC. As this time, the Form Based Code Advisory Working Group and the applicant are working on the necessary Neighborhoods Form Based Code (N-FBC) amendment and Transfer of Development Rights Use Permit at the Haven Apartments on Columbia Pike to enable the TDR and the regulations for the N-FBC site to be met.*
- Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
- Crystal Plaza 5 (Kevin Manuel)
 - *Crystal Plaza 5 Site Plan meeting was held on Monday 7/11*
 - *Concerning two proposed/planned green spaces in CC (Site #10 & #11)- corner of Crystal and 23rd Street.*
 - *Initial proposed plan*
 - *Park #10 – An active plaza with chairs, trees, and casual use space surrounded by retail uses (approximately 13,000 square feet)*
 - *Park #11 – Landscaped plaza with tables and chairs for outdoor dining (approximately 3,300 square feet)*
 - *New proposal from developers*
 - *Park #11, initially designated to be on the corner, is being shifted to the side of the building, perpendicular to Crystal Drive. While this changes the context of the park and makes it less visible, we would be getting a larger space (closer to 7,000 square feet). The County is asking for the developer to fund and maintain this space. (shifting space from corner of intersection to side of new building creating open alley/green space between new building and entrance to CC underground/shops.*
 - *For Park #10, the County will be doing a post-approval park master planning process once the development project is approved. The applicant would be required to provide an interim park space, the design for which would be determined during the Site Plan Review Committee process, which begins on July 11.*
 - *Park #11*
 - *New proposal would add 3300 additional square feet.*
 - *Designs are in process, but JBG would fund and maintain the park, with county input.*
 - *Issues raised over how welcoming the park would be if moved to new location, might be lost behind dining spaces.*
 - *Some members of the public spoke that it appears to be more of an east/west thruway versus a park. *JBG indicated willingness to work on design to ensure it is welcoming and would ensure dining options did not prevent public right of way.*
 - *Grade Change would be needed due to grade change along 23rd street, which would require stairs be placed within the space.*
 - *Park #10*
 - *Would serve only as an interim design since the WeWork space redesign would occur in a later phase and change the initial design.*
 - *Interim design would include open lawn space, chairs, and other seating.*

Other Business

- Letters to the County Board
 - PRC Park Name Recommendation for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive
 - PRC Chair Kuppa will compose the letter, and PRC Vice Chair Barker will be a reviewer.

- 2023 General Assembly Legislative Session (PRC Priorities)
 - Right of First Refusal
 - Virginia Land Conservation Fund (funding increases and allocation priorities)
 - Request more funding but also potentially changing criteria to change from acreage provided to number of people served.
 - Increasing Tax Conservation Easement funding
 - Tree Preservation standards should be increased.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.