



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

Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2021

****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:

Bill Ross, Chair
Sarah Baryluk
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)
Sergio Enriquez
Steve Finn
Dean Foster
Colt Gregory
Peter Harnik
David Howell
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair
Mark Lincoln
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)
Adam Rasmussen
Melissa Riggio

Guests:

Jack F. Kelly
Mark O'Hara
David Roan
Kedrick Whitmore

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Samia Byrd, Deputy County Manager, CMO
Ryan Delaney, Principal Planner, DPR
Matt Mattauszek, Development Master Planner, CPHD

PRC members not in attendance:

Jill Barker
Neal Hunter

Chairman's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

PRC Chair, Bill Ross 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. PRC Chair Ross introduced two new commissioners, Commissioners Melissa Riggio and Adam Rasmussen. The new commissioners provided a quick introduction, background

and interests in the PRC and public spaces. PRC Chair Ross acknowledged Commissioner Finn's last commission meeting (September 2021 meeting) and recognized his service on the PRC and throughout various County initiatives. Finally, PRC Chair Ross also recognized Commissioner Mullen's resignation from the PRC over the summer.

The Commission considered its July 27, 2021 and August 24, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

Public Comment

- **David Roan** provided comments about the proposed Pentagon City Planning Study (PCPS) and provided a letter to the PRC dated 09/27/21 (the letter was distributed to the Commission and the staff team accordingly). Mr. Roan spoke about the need to implement scientific and other data specific methods to study this area further. Continued analysis that is needed for development, infrastructure, public space development, among other items. Furthermore, there should be continued discussion of zoning and land use issues associated with the plan.

Agenda Items

Discussion with Arlington County Chief Race and Equity Officer, Samia Byrd and PRC Considerations

Samia Byrd, Deputy County Manager and Arlington County Chief Race and Equity Officer, provided a presentation and discussion on race and equity considerations for the PRC. Ms. Byrd provided considerations about the disparities and inequities presented among communities of color on a variety of topics from education, health, housing, among others. Primary objectives on this initiative were also shared. Training opportunities for County staff were also highlighted. Ms. Byrd highlighted that County staff and resources have been allocated for implementation of this initiative (for formalization and implementation of this framework).

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Ms. Byrd and Mr. Rivero provided background on the various engagement opportunities and training that has been provided to DPR staff members cross departmentally and opportunities for future engagement.
- It is good to provide historical knowledge on how properties have been developed over the years and be incorporated as part of the work within park planning processes, Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) review, among other initiatives. Ms. Byrd addressed that historical context and timelines may be provided at initial meetings or engagements for these processes, and they are important to address and identify early in the process. Indigenous people's history and timeline information would be great to implement moving forward in the tools provided.
- Regarding data collection, what is being collected internally within the County and outside, and what are the measurements of success? How has this data been used to measure success? Ms. Byrd stated that the United States Census/American Community Survey (ACS 2019) information is provided for the County's race and ethnicity dashboard (this is used as baseline data). This information can be updated as needed, and in terms of measurements of success, they measure language spoken, housing, etc. If staff is able to

measure this data, then the gaps may begin to close on how many people are included for the various processes that are actively promoted. The County has begun to identify other data sources and baselines, currently as part of a partnership with the University of Virginia.

- Is the data being collected by the County, or is it primarily using other external data sources? Ms. Byrd clarified that the baseline data is being used from the ACS and Census. Furthermore, there is individualized data being collected by the County's Department of Human Services (DHS) for their individual services and other departments for their initiatives.
- Financial assistance for parks programs and other information through DPR would be important to collect as well.
- 1. There should be emphasis that this is a journey and a long journey to be explored and implemented further and to make progress; this provides greater social health and awareness for the community, the more we learn the more we can pay attention to moving forward; 2. culture and individual life experience; this can be operationalized where many of these opportunities can be provided; 3. land use, livability, relationship to density, opportunities for experiencing nature/biophilic opportunities, are all important considerations for the PRC.
- Should the PRC provide race and equity measurements that may be implemented for parks and recreation opportunities? Or will staff provide the PRC updated information on parks and recreation data? Ms. Byrd explained that this should be everyone's work. As a commission, when opportunities come before the PRC, how does the PRC make sure that it is mindful about the decisions that are made on public spaces/parks based on race and equity, as well as experiencing and connecting to these spaces? Who is missing from these conversations, how are they included in the conversation, and what can be done to make these initiatives more equitable? Projects that the staff are thinking through are also going to inform and involve the work of the PRC in its role of advancing race and equity within the County.
- The "combating hate in sports" community group should be included on a future presentation. This group is currently focused on sports organizations and their activities on the lines on racism and equity. Ms. Byrd stated that she would welcome this opportunity.
- There are very extensive programs that have supported youth in various neighborhoods and of various income levels. In terms of numbers or statistics, that would be something that could inform this discussion.

Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed Pentagon City Planning Study

Matt Mattauszek, CPHD and Ryan Delaney, DPR provided a presentation and discussion on the proposed, Pentagon City Planning Study (PCPS). The development framework was presented in further detail. Four (4) key categories were identified: 1. Land Use and Development, 2. Transportation, 3. Public Realm, 4. Site and Building Form (and emphasis on biophilic design and development). Mr. Delaney discussed the public realm framework in more detail. Six (6) priorities were highlighted: 1. Virginia Highlands Park, 2. new parks/plazas, 3. green path connections to parks, 4. equity of public space access, 5. tree canopy, and 6. biophilia. This framework provides an opportunity for at least 10 acres of new public park and plaza space, and green connections are anticipated. The proposed "Green Ribbon" at full build out would consist of approximately three (3) miles of pedestrian-friendly, biophilic connections through the area and to various parks and other public spaces. There is a proposed set of design guidelines for the "Green Ribbon".

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- When it is discussed that developers are providing a certain amount of public space, will they be providing a specific space related to their own development or something that would fit the guidelines of the proposed “Green Ribbon”, or other guidance within the proposed PCPS? Mr. Mattauszek clarified that as it relates to implementation of the plan by property owners and how they will identify the potential issues to the site (like utilities, etc.), this alignment can shift in some areas for implementation of the “Green Ribbon” and take in to account any site specific constraints that can be addressed moving forward. There would need to be a level of flexibility possible at this stage.
- Is there an opportunity to deck a portion of Interstate 395 (I-395) with a park? Mr. Mattauszek stated that this is a difficult consideration for implementation due to various ownership entities and the state/federal governments who would have an interest in this.
- This plan provides a certain amount of flexibility, but it provides the community’s overall expectations for the study area.
- Does this plan take in to account privately-owned public spaces or only publicly-owned spaces, and are school sites part of this too? Mr. Mattauszek detailed that the realignment of South Joyce Street would provide an opportunity to expand Virginia Highlands Park successfully. This is a long-term strategy that can be incorporated with the implementation of the River House redevelopment and consideration for future funding. Privately-owned public spaces, as well as park or access easements are incorporated in this study. Schools have been identified as important facilities to consider for future implementation within the study area but will require further analysis.
- How are office spaces decreasing in the analysis provided? Mr. Mattauszek clarified that the pie charts capture Amazon’s development; however, greater office development is anticipated but the overall inclusion of more residential development is factoring into the shift in uses.
- Can staff speak to the specific intersection on expanding public space as a transportation conduit? Mr. Mattauszek explained that the mode shift away from vehicles to other modes of transit will continue to be important here. There will need to be convenient, direct, and visible connections especially when they exist on the County’s rights-of-way, but also the developer would need to provide many of these connections within their development proposals. It would be important to include a menu of design choices considered to provide these connections as well. Mr. Delaney stated that the design guidance for the “Green Ribbon”, heights, hardscape, green scape, preservation of modes, making it functional for pedestrian connectivity and connectivity to other bicycle and shared mobility device networks are included. Safety and attractiveness to these modes will also be explored further when the plan is implemented through development.
- PRC Chair Ross clarified that the public comment provided related to cost-benefit analysis (which was received earlier by the PRC) was an important consideration for continued study. Impacts on schools, transportation, and other public facilities are important to look at as well.
- Energy impacts and need for public spaces within the area is promoted within the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP), but this proposal should include stronger language for developer contributions to new public spaces (parks) within the area. As an example, there should be emphasis on stronger expectations for monies spent for each residential unit. The discussion of the public realm is well defined within the proposed plan. If the PRC can provide intermediate comments that would be helpful.
- Mr. Mattauszek explained that the comment window is still open and that incorporation of some comments through this weekend is possible in the new iteration of the plan. There will be opportunities for future iterations as this plan is developed prior to Request to Advertise (RTA) and final County Board consideration. River House has provided various

iterations for redevelopment but the magnitude of development for this site provides many considerations for plan development moving forward.

Update on Crystal City Water Park Project

Kedrick Whitmore, Venable and Jack F. Kelly, JBGS were present for the presentation. Mark O'Hara of the design team provided the update. The presentation focused on the site plan amendment requested to remove additional trees on the site to address various site constraints (utilities, grading conflicts, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access, etc.), while still providing for the delivery of the plan adopted by the County Board in March 2021. No major changes on the programming of the park are proposed, and tree replacement is being coordinated to meet County standards.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Ross expressed that the analysis and work provided to update the plan is extensive but having information to preserve existing trees earlier in the process would be important to consider in the future.
- This is a good effort to make the best of a difficult situation especially looking at soil volumes and engineering considerations. It is disappointing that the additional infrastructure for the proposed water feature is causing many of these tree preservation issues. The water feature could have been designed and implemented in a more biophilic manner.

Staff Report

Staff provided no additional updates to the staff report but did note that County websites will be migrating to a new formatting platform. This migration will affect the look of various advisory group and Commission pages, including the PRC's webpage. This will likely take affect by the middle of next month.

11th and Danville NC Park Project

The County Board approved the Fall 2020 Neighborhood Conservation funding round at the April 2021 board meeting. 11th and Danville was one of the projects approved as part of the funding round. The first design meeting has been coordinated with the civic association and was held July 15, 2021 online via the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association meeting. A second design meeting was held on September 16, 2021. The civic association is interested in selecting a new park name. County staff will provide information about the process at the September meeting.

15th Street Park – No Updates

- DPR staff is currently reviewing 90% plan set for the DES 15th Street realignment project.
- Staff continues to work on developing the engagement plan accordingly.

4MRV – Jennie Dean Park

- Construction is progressing on the park and will continue through the year. Construction is anticipated to last 12-14 months and the park should re-open 1st Quarter of 2022. Installation of stormwater structures and piping in progress, approximately 90% complete. Shade structure/picnic shelter installation complete. Green roof installation complete. Small shade structure at the tennis courts installed.

- Adult and youth fields - backstop post installation complete, 6-foot fence posts installed for adult field and youth field, bullpen posts installation complete, under drain installation complete for adult field and youth field. Irrigation works in progress for adult and youth field.
- Restroom - Placement of concrete footings for the restroom facility complete. Below ground blockwork complete. Underground electrical and plumbing works complete. Ground slab concrete complete. Door frames installed. Electrical and plumbing works ongoing.
- Playground foundation works in progress. MUSCO light pole installation complete, tennis court light poles installed, park lighting installation in progress. Overlook foundations installation complete. Decking installation ongoing.

APS Projects

- **Education Center Reuse - No Updates**
 - Completion of the [building renovation is](#) anticipated in January 2022. See the July 2021 construction update on the webpage.
- **Cardinal Elementary School**
 - The school is open for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
 - County Project – Stormwater Vault on School Grounds
 - County work on Phase I has been completed.
 - A virtual public pre-construction meeting will be held on September 22, 7pm-8pm, prior to beginning the start of Phase 2, the construction of the stormwater vault underneath the school athletic fields. See details on webpage: [Cardinal Elementary School Stormwater Vault - Projects & Planning \(arlingtonva.us\)](#)

Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements

- The County Board approved the construction contract award at their July 17 meeting.
- Preparations are underway to begin construction in early fall. See [webpage](#) for project details.

Crystal City Water Park

- On Wednesday, 9/22, the applicant will be presenting at a noon lunch time engagement session regarding their proposed site plan amendment for additional tree removal. This item will also be discussed at the Thursday, 9/23 Forestry and Natural Resources Commission and at the 9/28 Park and Recreation Commission meetings. The site plan amendment is anticipated for County Board consideration in October.

Fort Scott Park Restroom and Parking Lot Renovation

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restroom, repaving of the parking lot, and ADA access.
- Construction has started.

Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility

- Project is currently out to bid.
- Project construction anticipated to start in October.

John Robinson Jr. Town Square

- The sculpture footer is on hold until permit for statement of special inspection and zoning is complete.
- The dominion overhead lines have been pulled from the poles; staff is awaiting Verizon to pull their overhead lines. Once the lines are pulled from overhead, they will be routed through the underground duct bank.
- The project is anticipated to be completed 4th quarter 2021.

Long Bridge Park Aquatic Center (LBPAC)

- The LBPAC is now open, and several events are scheduled for the community in the coming days:

Please join us to celebrate the opening of the
Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center!



LONG BRIDGE
aquatics & fitness center

Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, September 23
at 5 o'clock in the evening
333 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

A reception with light refreshments and a tour of our newest facility will follow the ribbon cutting.

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Community Celebration!
Saturday, September 25
Noon-8 p.m.
333 Long Bridge Dr., 22202



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Let's celebrate the opening of Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center. Join us in a fun-filled celebration of our newest facility dedicated to water and wellness.

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Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovations

- Awaiting plumbing fixtures.
- Roofing demo to start the week of 7/19/2021.
- Anticipated completion October 2021.

Marcey Road Park

- Renovation of the tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, parking lot, site circulation, site furnishings, stormwater management, and landscaping.
- Currently working with Purchasing to go out to bid.
- Construction anticipated to start 4th Quarter 2021

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former “Teardrop Parcels”) – No Updates

- As part of design development, DPR staff is coordinating with DES staff to complete the South Eads Street redesign and the streetscape.
- Additionally, staff is beginning the land use approval process for rezoning and park naming.

Oakland Park

The price proposal for the proposed solar-powered irrigation is under review. Anticipated project completion by end of September 2021.

Rosslyn Highlands Park

Penzance continues construction of the Rosslyn Highlands Park and at the 1555 Wilson Blvd site. The new Fire Station #10 (at the 1500 block of Wilson Blvd) is open, and the temporary fire station at The Heights School site is now being demolished. The park is anticipated for completion by 4th Quarter 2021.

Rosslyn Highlands Park Playground

As of Friday, 9/17, the park is now open to the public. A few items are awaiting completion (final installation of park entrance sign, among others).

Site Plan Review

- **PenPlace (block bound by Army Navy Drive, 12th Street South, South Fern Street, and South Eads Street; formerly 550 Army Navy Drive) – No Updates**
 - The proposal includes approximately 3.3 million square feet divided across four buildings.
 - Three 22-story office buildings with ground floor retail
 - One destination- and amenity-focused building called “The Helix,” a unique biophilic double helix structure with plantings native to the Mid-Atlantic region.
 - In addition, the proposal includes a 2.5-acre public space, detached retail pavilions, and underground vehicular access. Specific details of the public space will be evaluated through a Park Master Plan (PMP) process occurring concurrently with the site plan review.
 - The LRPC process concluded on July 13 after convening three meetings. The process will be entering the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) phase in the fall. Additionally, the first online engagement opportunity for the amended, park master plan was launched on May 12 and was active until June 2. Over 160+ comments were provided, and they included reactions to the proposed park layout, amenities, circulation, tree canopy, plantings, and other associated features. A second PMP engagement is envisioned in the fall.

- **2025 Clarendon Blvd – Wendy’s Site – Site Plan #435**
 - The applicant, Greystar, proposes to develop the site (“Wendy’s Site”) with a 16-story mixed-use building, consisting of ground floor retail and residential dwelling units above. The project includes a 104,789 sq. ft. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) from Site Plan #417 (“Wakefield Manor”). The Applicant also proposes a public pedestrian plaza at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road, Wilson Boulevard, and Clarendon Boulevard of approximately 1,497 square feet.
 - “New” Site Plan (C-O-2.5 district):
 - 16-story residential building, with ground level retail
 - 231 total residential units
 - 4,000 sq. ft. of retail GFA
 - 0.32 parking spaces per dwelling unit
 - Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:
 - New public plaza
 - Utility fund contribution
 - Streetscape improvements
 - Public art contribution
 - Affordable housing contribution
 - LEED Gold certification

- **Potomac Yards Landbay C-East**
 - This project was approved by the County Board on June 15, 2021, the applicant, has submitted a zoning admin change to replace the water fountain. As part of the site plan conditions language for #57 - North Park Plaza – Fountain/Water Feature, “Further, if the developer does not implement the fountain, then the developer agrees to participate in one (1) community meeting, facilitated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, to obtain community feedback on any proposed alternative design prior to submitting revised Final Landscape and Civil Engineering Plans.” Staff is working with the applicant to coordinate and launch the engagement opportunity in

the coming weeks.

Temporary Uses – No Updates

In collaboration with 2 community groups in the Aurora Highlands and Rosslyn neighborhoods, DPR developed 2 temporary spaces: a temporary dog park in Gateway Park and a temporary dog run in Virginia Highlands Park. As these improvements were not planned for in the County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) or the Operating Budget, this partnership will provide private funding of these temporary amenities.

- The interim dog park at Gateway Park is built and open to visitors.
- The interim dog run at Virginia Highlands Park is built and open to visitors. Lighting the interim dog run will be evaluated after it has been operational for at least 1-year, further site evaluations will be performed, and additional public input has been gathered.
- The recently adopted, scaled-down one-year CIP, identifies \$500,000 to upgrade a portion of the right-of-way at S. Clark and Bell Street in Crystal City for temporary use as a public space. Staff will be developing a public engagement approach when the funding becomes available. The PSMP (Action 1.10) calls for enhancing public spaces with temporary uses and 'pop-up' programming, and these projects are in line with that recommendation.

Urban Forestry Office Updates:

- Maintenance staff are continuing to work on high risk and downed trees from recent storms. While requests have slowed down, we are not quite caught up to our mid-summer workload.
- Crystal City Water Park – This project is impacting more trees than previously and will be going before the board for a site plan amendment, showing more replacement areas.
- Tree planting is being planned for the Fall planting season
- Hiring to replace 3 forester positions, and 2 new senior tree maintenance worker positions is in process.
- LDA2.0 started on September 13, which includes an update on tree replacement standards within the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance. Soil improvement, appropriate counting of forested area, and bonding of trees planted on public property are the major updates for forestry.
- EcoAction Arlington is requesting proposals for contractors to assess and maintain trees using the tree canopy fund.
- The state tree conservation workgroup met on September 8, to discuss improvements to legislation in the areas of cluster development, tree canopy requirements, tree banking, penalties, urban forest resources, and natural resource inventories before development. The group will be presenting recommendations to the state's secretaries of agriculture and environmental quality for legislative updates.

Zitkala- Ša Park

- Punchlist walk held August 30, 2021. Contractor is working to address any outstanding items accordingly. Anticipated completion by end of September 2021.

Commission Member Reports

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *Walter Reed and Arlington Mill Community Centers remain open for the Public Health Department's expansion of their vaccination outreach. They use all the WRCC facility and the AMCC gym. All programs that were taking place at WRCC have moved to either AMCC, Lubber Run or Aurora Hills. The 55+ Guide has been updated*

- to reflect the changes. The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics that were scheduled to be held at WR and AMCC have been moved to Lubber Run and TJ.*
- *Drop-in programs at the senior centers have returned. However, due to COVID social distancing, attendance capacity is monitored and restricted.*
 - *Vaccination updates. The county announced that all staff, contractors, vendors and volunteers will be required to be vaccinated. If not vaccinated, they will have to go for weekly testing. The process for volunteers to submit vaccination cards has not been released yet as of September 15.*
 - *Both the new Long Bridge Aquatics and Fitness Center and the new Lubber Run CC are now open and are generating public interest and attendance. The annual 55+ Fitness Day was held in September and had a successful turn out of about 50 people at the LRCC. A variety of twelve classes were offered with five sessions including yoga, meditation, full fitness, kukawa, barre, Zumba, self-defense, etc.*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
 - Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
 - Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Placeholder)
 - Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Steve Finn/Sarah Baryluk)
 - Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)
 - *On September 1, the County staff briefed the Energy Subcommittee of C2E2 on the following, but the final Implementation Framework and Roadmap are not yet issued.*
 - *What to expect on CEP Implementation Framework strategies consolidation / prioritization / selection.*
 - *What to expect from the CEP Implementation Roadmap (lenses, co-benefits, timelines, matrices).*
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
 - Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Field Fund Working Group (Steve Finn)
 - *In the July member notes, I provided the recommendations of the Field Fund Working Group (FFWG). The FFWG has completed drafting their final report which was discussed by the Sports Commission at its July meeting. The Sports Commission approved the final report and has forwarded it to the Board for consideration for inclusion in the FY22 fee schedule. Members of the Sports Commission will be presenting to interested commission in the coming months. The report is available here: <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/07/Field-Fund-Working-Group-Final-Report-July-13-2021.pdf>. As the PRC member of the FFWG, I wanted to provide a synopsis of our key considerations prior to the Sports Commission's presentation to the PRC.*
 - *A fundamental consideration was whether assessing a field user fee is appropriate and if so, whether the fees are presently set at the appropriate level. There remains some pushback in the community on whether fees should be assessed. However, the FFWG determined that field users receive a benefit not available to the general public in the form of scheduled, exclusive access to a public asset. The FFWG noted that the current fee level has not changed since 2010 even though DPR's field-related maintenance costs have risen and the current fee doesn't account for inflation. Additionally, Arlington's present fee is below that of most comparative jurisdictions. The FFWG also considered that although there are principally two youth sports seasons—spring and fall—youth sports activities occur all year. But, participation in summer and winter seasons is limited. Therefore, usage is not*

significant and the FFWG felt that it was unnecessary to assess fees for those seasons at this time.

- *The FFWG consider whether fees should be fixed for all participants regardless of age and amount of use, i.e., fixed or sliding scale. Youth sports activities in Arlington continue to evolve and grow. There is intense demand for fields but especially for the highest quality fields. To consider this question, the FFWG looked at the County's Cost Recovery Model Pyramid which links fees to individual benefit. Other DPR fees, i.e., swimming/AAC, relate usage or benefit to the amount of fee paid. Additionally, field access, time and quality, often relate to age groups with older players generally seeing greater access to quality fields than groups with younger players. As a result, the FFWG proposed sliding scale by age using the age groups in DPR's Athletic Field Allocation Guidelines. In a similar vein, the FFWG recommended adding a separate fee for travel players given their greater access to high quality fields based chiefly on benchmarking with other jurisdictions.*
 - *The FFWG recommended disposing of the existing two fund account structure between rectangular and diamond fields. Fields are increasingly shared between differing youth sports groups. Additionally, the current process especially for spending of diamond field funds, which are smaller and spread between several user groups, was not productive.*
 - *Regarding use of the funds, the FFWG considered that presently no funds are allocated to support field maintenance which is a considerable cost to the County across grass fields whereas synthetic fields have significant capital costs. The group believes it is important that the user groups have confidence that their fees are being used appropriately. Thus, there needs to be clear, justifiable use for the increased resources derived from the proposed increased fee.*
 - *The community opposed use of funds to pay for currently incurred costs and seeing fees as an allocation of additional resources became the consensus position. Of note, Arlington allocates significantly less money to field maintenance than the benchmarked jurisdictions. Arlington simply lags in care and maintenance of its field assets. The FFWG sought to return to the original intent of the Field Fund for maintenance and capital projects. The FFWG noted that ASA provides by far the greatest amount of funds in this process and it has a strong interest in synthetic fields, that is largely shared by the remainder of the youth sports community. The FFWG felt it best to divide the Field Fund for both maintenance and capital activities, which would generally afford benefits to both diamond and rectangular field users. To implement use of the funds, the FFWG determined that the likely best method of prioritizing use of the funds for synthetic field conversions would be consider the recommendations in the PSMP.*
 - *Lastly, regarding equity, the FFWG considered the equity across topics. The FFWG does not want fees to become a barrier to participation and DPR noted its policy not to charge the Field Fee to any child participating in a partner youth sports program who has been provided a program fee waiver or scholarship. If partner youth sports organizations absorb the cost fee waiver participants, the FFWG found no basis to charge the Field Fee because it would be an additional cost for the affiliates that they are not recouping.*
- **Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)**
 - *The September meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission included three primary agenda items. The first was a presentation by Mark O'Hara, landscape architect on the recent minor amendment request for the Crystal City Water Park. PRC will have this presentation at the September meeting. The second item was a presentation by David Farner and Alonso Abugattas, DPR, on the recently completed*

study of the Arlington White-tailed Deer population. The study indicated a population of an estimated 290 deer. Next steps include further analysis and assessments of whether there is a need for active management, as well as what options may be appropriate if such management is desired. The third agenda item was consideration FNRC sending an advisory letter to the County Board on the final draft of the Public Art Master Plan. Commissioners agreed that a letter should be sent.

- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
 - *A Preliminary Draft Plan is planned for September 2021. There will be two rounds of Public engagement in Oct/ Nov with a Final Draft slated for February 2022. Completion goal is May 2022.*

- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker/Howell)
 - **Deer Management Update - NRJAG:**
 - **August** - Received Humane Society presentation the regarding Deer Management and the no kill approach. Stressed the importance of having a management plan in place.
 - **September** - Received results of the Arlington Deer Survey.
 - **Approach:** The Drone study was performed by Stewart Green LLC (Used in Wash, D.C., Fairfax). Using both heat signatures and video drones covered on 11 areas, 14,098 acres/22 square miles. Worked with Arlington Co. Police for relevant cooperation with various federal/govt authorities. Study was performed April 8-12 using 65 flights early in the morning and at dusk (when deer are most active). No flyover access to Arlington Cemetery, Pentagon, or GW Parkway. Had some view into these areas as drone view extended to 400ft altitude. Note that counting methodology was established to eliminate double counting.
 - **Results:** Positive identification of 290 deer with concentrations along Military Road, 4 Mile Run corridor, Army/Navy Country Club, Bon Air/Bluemont and Potomac Overlook + a few others. Note: Balanced population of deer is 15-20 deer per square mile. Arlington has 2.3 square miles of parkland counting NOVA parks and federal lands (e.g. Iwo Jima).
 - **Next Steps:** Conduct detailed assessment of the raw data, conduct public engagement, develop a deer management plan and implementation plan if needed.

- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates.*

- PenPlace Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Process (David Howell)
- Pentagon City Planning Study Update (Bill Ross)
 - *The PRC will see a presentation on the draft plan for this area at our meeting. We should count on discussing it an offering reaction to it with a letter to the County Board, who will take it up this fall.*

- Plan Lee Highway (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Bill Ross/Sergio Enriquez)
 - *The committee will begin meeting in October to monitor progress on various initiatives.*
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - Pentagon City PDSP (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Crystal City Water Park (Bill Ross)
 - *The commission will receive a presentation on proposed changes which will involve the removal of several more trees than had been planned initially.*
 - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell/Bill Ross)
 - PenPlace (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Macys (Dean Foster)
 - *Insight Property Group, owner of the Macy's at Ballston, is proposing to demolish the department store in Ballston and replace it with a 16 story, 555-unit apartment complex atop a planned grocery store. The developer has informed the county it plans to designate 236 of the units as affordable and further requests the flexibility to possibly dedicate almost one-half the square footage toward elder care. The building would be 198 feet tall and have 41,500 square feet of ground floor retail space. The residences would be split between a northern tower with an entrance from Wilson Boulevard and a southern tower with entrance from Glebe Road. The main grocery store entrance will be on Wilson Blvd., and the store will have 148 parking spaces-split between underground and second floor parking. Residents will have 214 underground spaces. The architects presented the plans and drawings to the Bluemont Civic Association at the end of August. The BCA membership will further discuss and comment on the presentation at their meeting on September 29. Insight will also provide parking for bicycles and open an underutilized alley to the building to be "...an inviting, safe, curb less shared space for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles." Sidewalks will be upgraded, and public art and other community contributions will be provided.*
 - Wendy's Site (Bill Ross)
 - *This is an updated plan for the site at Courthouse which had originally been proposed as a commercial office building. It is now proposed as a taller residential building. There is a small pedestrian/retail plaza proposed. We will want to weigh in on recommendations for biophilic and bird friendly design well as a possible community benefit to support future development of the Courthouse square open space.*
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln)
 - *Sports Commission Response to Arlington Analytics Projects: Discussion of the Arlington Analytics Projects and how the Sports Commission should analyze the resulting data and provide feedback to the Arlington County Board. The Sports Commission is planning on doing a data analysis and then preparing a letter for the Arlington County Board with the results of their analysis. There is some concern*

about assumptions and specific bias in the assumptions made in the data and the conclusions that were reached during the original projects.

- *Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group: A brief report was provided to the Sports Commission, however, since the working group has only had two (2) meetings so far and is just getting started on tasks, there was little substance to report at this time.*
 - *Communications Working Group: There was an interesting discussion about the accomplishments of high school and club athletes and how to recognize them with the general public. This morphed into a discussion on how to inform the general public on the workings and accomplishments of the Sports Commission. Apparently, there is a belief that the residents of Arlington County have little knowledge of what the Sports Commission does.*
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *The Vision Zero Action Plan released an August update. You can view the update [here](#) which disaggregates a number of the various crash reporting data that is available for Arlington County. In November or December, they will also be releasing the updated 2021 ESG report.*

Other Business

- Letters by the PRC
 - There are no official letters to be considered at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.