



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

Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 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  
Jill Barker  
Sarah Baryluk  
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)  
Dean Foster  
Colt Gregory  
Peter Harnik  
Mark Lincoln  
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)  
Adam Rasmussen  
Melissa Riggio

**Guests:**

Bernard Berne  
Andrea Cowley  
Andy Cretal  
Amol Deshpande  
Kevin Manuel  
Lauren Riley

**County Staff:**

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison  
Walter Gonzalez, Associate Planner, DPR

**PRC members not in attendance:**

Sergio Enriquez  
David Howell  
Neal Hunter  
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair

**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.

The Commission considered its September 28, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC)

meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

## **Public Comment**

- **Andrea Cowley** discussed and presented a proposal to add a do-it-yourself fixit stand to Jennie Dean Park (which is now under construction). Ms. Cowley mentioned that bicycles are used by a considerable number of day laborers for transportation as well. This should be a low impact opportunity, providing bollards by 1 or 2 parking spaces or the WO&D Trailhead (maybe coordinating with NOVA Parks). Further assessment is needed on what costs may be for these features and potential installation areas.
- **Bernard Berne** spoke on the Land Bay C-East project. Dr. Berne stated that the new design is an improvement with additional plantings but is unaware if a planting list exists for this project. Dr. Berne requests that the applicant use pollinator planting species throughout the site. Planting milkweed as part of the pollinator species would be helpful, especially for attracting monarch butterflies (common milkweed is a species that should be considered). Some ornamental plants are fine but concentrate on pollinator species.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Introduction of Proposed Public Space Updates at Potomac Yards Land Bay C-East**

Lauren Riley, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, members of ZOM Living, and Amol Deshpande, Landscape Architect with LSG Landscape Architecture provided an introductory presentation and discussion on proposed public space updates at Potomac Yards Land Bay C-East. The applicant is proposing to change the water feature of the proposed, public space to more planted areas (this is to be done through an administrative change process). A public process was required per the site plan conditions, which includes review by the PRC. Regarding the proposed design, additional planted areas and trees are proposed, including a water “splash pad” feature towards the south end of the public space.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Is there a plant list here for this proposed design? Mr. Deshpande explained that a plant list was submitted as part of the landscape plan submission for the site plan.
- What are some of the major plants/trees included within the design? Mr. Deshpande explained that there are various native trees included including but not limited to sweetgum, willow oaks, red oaks, among others. Furthermore, native ornamental trees (redbuds, among others) and some non-native trees (gingkoes are proposed) are proposed, but the non-native species are not the majority; the majority of the planting palette is native. In addition, inkberry, milkweed, daisies, phlox, and others are being considered as well as ornamental grasses. The planting palate will be balanced out. The space is expected to appear nice and neat throughout the year, easy to maintain and procure, as well as being cost effective.
- More green space is being provided and less hardscaped areas. People are increasingly recognizing that the biophilic approach to design is important in Arlington. We need to be sure that the actual plants selected can survive in this area. Was a sun/shade study done? Mr. Deshpande clarified that a sun study was done for this area and was analyzed further when choosing planting species. Also, a horticulturist was consulted during this process.

- What is Hazel National Landing? Mr. Andy Cretal from ZOM Living responded that this project has two buildings (building one named “Hazel” and building two named “Azure”). It is a way to differentiate the two buildings by colors.
- There were a couple of times the applicant referred to the site/design as looking nice, organized, and neat. One thing that we should challenge more is what “looks good”. Native plants provide additional life to a space. One suggestion to educate people about the plant species on this site is to install signage explaining the various aspects of the plant species being used. Ms. Riley acknowledged the comment and that it was considered before and will be addressed in more detail within the proposed space.
- Appreciative of the concerns about moving away from the major water feature originally adopted, especially since these features may not be as active during cold weather seasons. What are the issues with the maintenance of interactive fountains? Mr. Deshpande explained that interactive fountains have recirculated water used, but the water needs to be filtered significantly, so it can potentially become potable. A splash pad (as proposed with the new design) will also need to have a high-grade, filtration system. If the splash pad is turned off during the cold weather months, it becomes a plaza space and can be a good area for staging various events.

## **Staff Report**

Staff provided no additional updates to the staff report.

### **11<sup>th</sup> and Danville Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Park Project**

The County Board approved the Fall 2020 Neighborhood Conservation funding round at the April 2021 board meeting. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 provided information about the process at the September meeting and the civic association is in the process of park name selection.

### **15<sup>th</sup> 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 is complete. Shade structure/picnic shelter installation complete. Green roof installation complete. Small shade structure at the tennis courts installed.
- Adult and youth fields - netting posts installed, backstop post installation complete, 6-foot fence posts installed for adult field and youth field, bull pen posts installation complete, dugout installation ongoing, chain link fabric installation in progress, dugouts installed, netting installation ongoing, under drain installation complete for adult field and youth field. Irrigation works in progress for adult and youth field. Topsoil laying in progress. Infield clay filling in progress.
- 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. Above slab blockwork complete up to roof level. Exterior blockwork complete. Roof installation in progress. Water and Sanitary sewer tie-in to manhole in the ROW complete.

- Playground foundation works and play equipment installation in progress.
- MUSCO light pole installation complete, tennis court light poles installed, park lighting installation in progress. Conduits installation for wiring in progress.
- Overlook foundations installation complete. Decking installation complete.
- Sidewalk concreting work in progress. Curb and gutter installation along Four Mile Run in progress.

## **APS Projects**

- **Education Center Reuse - No Updates**
  - Completion of the [building renovation is](#) anticipated in January 2022.
- **Cardinal Elementary School – No Updates**
  - 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.

## **Asphalt Trail Work/Improvements**

Asphalt trail work to begin end of October and November 2021. Coordination with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) – Bike Arlington, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and Colonial Village apartments will take place prior to asphalt work at the following trails:

- Four Mile Run, Lucky Run, Arlington Boulevard, Key Boulevard and Donaldson Run

## **Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements – No Updates**

- 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 October 19, the County Board voted unanimously to approve the minor site plan amendment to remove an additional 6 trees from the site.

## **Crossing Clarendon (Formerly Market Common Plaza)**

- Staff is currently reviewing the submitted plans for the previously County Board approved Minor Site Plan Amendment.
- Staff is recommending an increase in the number of bicycle racks and a reconfiguration of the proposed, children’s play area layout.

## **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.

## **Glencarlyn Pedestrian Bridge Replacement**

Purchase Order (PO) issued on 10/4. The building permit was received. Anticipated completion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022.

### **Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility**

- Project is currently out to bid.
- Construction has started.

### **John Robinson Jr. Town Square**

- The contractor will continue reworking the waterproofing at the retaining walls. Installation at the steel bridges and the stage to continue. Installation of landscaping ongoing.
- 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 (this is part of the continued coordination efforts with Dominion to get the park energized).
- The project is anticipated to be completed 4th quarter 2021.

### **Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovations**

- Awaiting plumbing fixtures.
- Roofing demo to start the week of 7/19/2021.
- Anticipated completion 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 was provided by the contractor. Anticipated project completion by end of November 2021.

### **Rosslyn Highlands Park**

Penzance continues construction of the Rosslyn Highlands Park. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021.

### **Site Plan Review**

- **PenPlace (block bound by Army Navy Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Street South, South Fern Street, and South Eads Street; formerly 550 Army Navy Drive)**
  - 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 beginning later this month with a virtual engagement opportunity anticipated between Thursday, October 28 and Sunday, November 7. A walking tour is scheduled for Thursday, October 28 at 4 p.m. (participants should meet outside The Bartlett residential building lobby located at 520 12<sup>th</sup> Street South).
- A second PMP engagement is envisioned before the end of the calendar year.
- **2025 Clarendon Blvd – Wendy's Site – Site Plan #435**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Joint LRPC/SPRC Meeting will be held on Oct. 21, 2021.
  - 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.
- **1300 and 1305 N. Pierce St. – Marbella Apartments**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> SPRC Meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - The applicant, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), proposes to redevelop the site (“Marbella Apartments”) and construct two new multifamily residential towers with a senior housing component and 100% of the units committed as Affordable Dwelling Units. Additional Project Details include:  
New multifamily residential development consisting of:
    - Phase 1: 12-story tower with 325 residential units (with 132 units dedicated to senior housing) and 163 below-grade parking spaces

- Phase 2: 12-story tower with 236 residential units and 118 below-grade parking spaces

Proposed modifications for:

- Bonus height
- Bonus density
- Density exclusions
- Required residential parking (0.5 spaces per unit)

Site plan improvements and public amenities, including:

- Affordable housing commitment
- Earthcraft Gold certification
- Public Art contribution
- Utility Fund contribution
- Streetscape improvements

### **Thomas Jefferson Upper Field Conversion**

- Purchase Order (PO) received with a pre-construction meeting scheduled for 10/21. The project is anticipated for completion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022.

### **Towers Park Playground Renovations**

- The current playground is in a Resource Protection Area (RPA). The playground will be moved outside the RPA and updated to include areas for both tots and youth to enjoy, as well as ensure better stormwater management.
- The PO was issued on 10/15 and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon.
- Anticipated completion 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022.

### **Urban Forestry Office Updates – No 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.
- 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. Park is open.

### **Commission Member Reports**

*\*Added in Red are items shared at the PRC meeting.*

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *The Fall 55+ Guide is now available. September is National Senior Center Month. The five community centers of Arlington coincidentally were able to open their doors for a variety of classes and events while adhering to the COVID guidelines. Classes, events, and activities will further expand as the restrictions are lessened. Page 4 of the Fall 55+ Guide lists several senior center events and get togethers. In addition, the new Lubber Run Community Center and the Long Bridge Aquatic and Fitness opened.*
  
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
  - *Alcova Heights combined its construction contracts which will speed completion of Phases 1 & 2. Phase 3 playground/diamond field is unfunded.*
  
- Arlington Deer Survey Update (Colt Gregory)
  - *Arlington Co. commissioned and completed a drone study of the County deer population. Next Steps: Conduct detailed assessment of the raw data, conduct public engagement, develop a deer management plan and implementation plan if needed.*
  
  - *What is the position of DPR on this topic? Commissioner Gregory responded that the actions to be taken have not been developed, and DPR is following the procedure of gathering all the facts and assessing the raw data provided (possibly through a consultant), have public engagement on this matter, and develop a deer management plan.*
  
  - *Are other departments involved? Commissioner Gregory responded that other County departments are involved but ultimately DPR will be the lead agency.*
  
  - *Will the PRC provide guidance on this or will DPR be the lead on this? PRC Chair Ross stated that once public engagement begins on this matter, there will be several discussions that will occur, and answers will need to be provided to various neighborhood concerns on the deer population.*
  
  - *Mr. Rivero stated that he is investigating having specific staff address many of these questions at a future PRC meeting in November or December.*
  
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
  - *Phase 2 of stormwater progress is on-going with Cardinal Elementary School; a larger update will be provided for the next meeting.*
  
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Placeholder)
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Sarah Baryluk)
  - *The next LRPC meeting for this sector plan update is on 10/26 and I believe will include discussion of the most recent round of public comments received. I'll be able to provide a better update next month.*
  - *(From PRC Chair Ross): Another LRPC meeting on this will take place on October 26. Overall, the draft proposal for public space looks to be fairly good, given the anticipated loss of the previously planned 10th St. park/open space. The draft supports the retention of Triangle Park as a complement/extension of the Fairfax Drive Public Space. In terms of the Extraordinary Benefits required by the private sector, we should push for a stronger statement that such benefits should include*

*contributions for improvements for both public and privately owned open spaces throughout this section of Clarendon.*

- *PRC members have helped to push for a mid-block connection at the St. Charles site that should allow for easier pedestrian circulation to and from the neighborhood North of Washington. Some type of bridge over this connection, connecting two sections of a building, designed appropriately, would provide a reasonable compromise for the St. Charles owners concerned about the viability of a split set of buildings. There is some confusion about the terminology used for the Fairfax Drive Public Space and how it defines the use of the space in terms of use and sharing between cars, pedestrians, and bicycles. We will want to support the future Fairfax Drive as essentially a non-vehicular, urban park-like open space. This is the reasoning behind proposing a Master Park Planning process for this area. We have assumed that cars would be allowed for limited retail delivery parking and would expect that a path for bicycles would be included. There is a concern that a proposed Ivy St. extension will bisect part of the proposed open space between the West End Plaza and the Fairfax Dr. Public Space. Finally, proposed changes in the Street Map and the use of a Forester-approved street tree list look to be a reasonable idea.*
  
- Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
  - *No Updates*
  
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Field Fund Working Group (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)
  - *No Updates (update from last month still current).*
  
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
  - *A Preliminary Draft Plan is under development with a draft release in a few months. This will be followed by two rounds of Public engagement, and production of a Final Draft.*
  - *The use of bird-friendly materials in the initial design and construction of new building is being promoted to protect against bird strikes. Bringing up the issue in SPRC meetings helps raise awareness. Will be meeting with Amazon/PenPlace representatives on the issue.*
  
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
  - *No Updates*
  
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
  - *No Updates*
  
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker/Howell)
  - *Leaf Blowers - County begins move towards use of electric leaf blowers. That does not include County contractors who have a 5 year contract for Park and School property maintenance. Leaf blowers will be with us until contract turnover. County hopes to set example by its own transition to electric blowers.*
  - *Bamboo - State has working group to regulate Bamboo. Currently regulated as a Grass that must be kept under a height of 12 inches. It is a homeowner responsibility.*

*Arlington could pass an ordinance to that effect. While extremely invasive, Bamboo is not listed as an invasive plant.*

- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (Vacant)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
  - *The PAC received a presentation from Christine Baker, who provided updates on the implementation of the School Zone Speed Limit Project. This initiative ties directly into the County's Vision Zero plans and the draft multimodal toolbox is expected to be released this week. In tandem with the toolbox being released, a community conversation is slated to take place on November 4<sup>th</sup> as well.*
  
- PenPlace Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Process (David Howell)
  - *No Updates*
  
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Bill Ross/Sergio Enriquez)
  - *A meeting was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> to review the latest DPR proposed framework for evaluating sports fields availability and ultimately utilization. A public engagement event to obtain additional feedback is proposed for later this fall.*
  
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
  - Pentagon City PDSP (Shruti Kuppa)
    - *(From PRC Chair Ross): Another public engagement forum took place on October 12, reviewing the latest draft plan. Some of the Open Space issues involved the need for clarification of the possible plans for expanding Virginia Highlands Park by incorporating some of the current, privately-owned Grace Hopper Murray Park and reconfiguring parts of Joyce Street. There was also a useful discussion concerning the proposed Green Ribbon concept and the tradeoff between natural green elements and transportation (pedestrian/biking) hard surfaces. Also, we see continuing discussions about the appropriate type and extent of plantings we should have in urban space settings: e.g., trees vs. perennial pollinators. Subsequent versions of the plan will be forthcoming.*
  
  - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
  - Crystal City Water Park (Bill Ross)
  - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell)
    - *No Updates*
  
  - PenPlace (Shruti Kuppa)
  - Macys (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
    - *Insight Property Group, through their legal counsel, gave a presentation to the Bluemont Civic Association of their working plans to demolish the Macy's building and construct a 16-story building with 555 residential units and a 44,000 square foot grocery store on the first floor. Specifics of the plan are in flux as the plans are still in the preliminary proposal stage on the SPRC review web page. The developer also owns the Haven Apartments on Columbia Pike and is requesting permission to transfer its density rights*

*from these apartments to the Macy's site. The Haven Apartments may also seek historic designation preserving affordable housing.*

- *Some concerns with the project are the building goes right up the edges of the property line, the sidewalks are correspondingly narrow, hampering both accessibility and biophilic planning (there is only 10 feet between plants and the patio). There are no bird safety windows and features. There is a need for a community benefits contribution for green and park space perhaps off site but nearby for occupants of the building.*
  - *Commissioner Riggio stated that more specific details are needed on the bird-friendly building features and native plant species use.*
- Wendy's Site (Bill Ross/Neal Hunter)
- *This proposal, a revision of an approved site in the Courthouse area would convert a previously approved commercial building to a taller residential building. Below are a couple of comments sent in so far (By Bill and David).*
  - *Building Height and Massing: PRC usually doesn't have problems with the proposed addition of stories as long as they don't interfere with other public space amenities such as outdoor seating or plantings. However, given that this is a drastic change from the original approved plan and involves residential units, it's important to consider the impact and requirements involving a few hundred new residents. One thing to consider is the need for additional or improved open space or parks in this area.*
  - *Architecture and Biophilia: We will want to press on bird-friendly solutions given the hilltop location and planned glass dominant designs. We have submitted comments emphasizing the importance of having ground level biophilic space and maybe some roof plaza spaces*
  - *Open Space and Community Benefits: As stated, the Rosslyn/Courthouse Design Study calls for increasing building heights to accommodate other community other benefits to the community, such as "community facilities" We would consider open space as a community facility and thus argue that the future residents and owners of this building will both need and benefit from expanded and improved open space in the Courthouse Area. In line with recent projects, we strongly support a community benefit contribution to open space in line with recent Courthouse and Rosslyn projects. Using our rule of thumb of \$10,000 per unit, at 231 units, a contribution of \$2.3 million would appear to be appropriate.*
  - *Also, the site is directly across Uhle Street from a public space strip that separates Wilson and Clarendon Blvds, and that is directly north of the newly proposed Landmark building It seems like some kind of open space connections could be created to make that area more attractive and pedestrian friendly. The perception of naturalized urban space can be enhanced if the area is viewed more broadly than parcel by parcel and infrastructure independent of all. Ultimately these spaces will connect with the new vision for the courthouse plaza/park across 15th St from the Landmark Block.*
  - *Such a concept can be drawn from the green ribbon idea in the Pentagon City Planning Study, and then using this area as an anchor for expanding that through the Rosslyn-Ballston development corridor. Some segments are already in local visioning, like the pass-thru included in the Ames project, and the park areas in the Clarendon sector updates. Overall, though, it seems advantageous to make it a more conscious and documented theme for the entire corridor.*

- *Transportation: There is a real opportunity to have this very small square as a practical and visual oasis for the many people crossing Wilson and Clarendon at this location. Some type of seating at the Western side of the plaza, screened somewhat by plants, might work well. It will be very important to consider the pedestrian experience at this location. Should we make the crosswalks at this location more prominent and visibly attractive?*
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
  - *No Updates*
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - *No report this month since Sports Commission meets on 10/28. Report will be provided for 11/16 PRC meeting.*
  - *Combating Hate in Sports Working Group: Each member of the group had been tasked with creating a PowerPoint presentation on the policies, procedures, penalties, and reporting requirements for hate and hate speech within one or more sports organizations. Each member presented their findings about the organizations they had researched. For my part, I reported on the organization that administers international football (soccer), “Fédération Internationale de Football Association” (FIFA). Reports were provided on several other sports organizations. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2021.*
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
  - *The Toolbox Community Conversation will be happening on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm. Meeting link and information will be included in the Vision Zero Newsletter next week.*
  - *The Vision Zero Interim Report and ESG meeting is expected to take place sometime in November, meeting details are forthcoming.*

**Other Business (7:45-8:00)**

- Letters to the County Board
  - There are no official letters to be considered at this time.
- PRC Transition Discussion
  - PRC Chair Ross addressed his time as chair ending by December. There will be discussions with the County Board in the next several weeks about how will be the next chair. The County Board will eventually decide who this will be, and it is typically the current vice chair.
  - In the coming PRC meetings, the Commission will be detailing what potential work items/actions for the next year may be considered.
  - Commissioner Harnik asked if there was data about park usage within the County (how many people use each park)? By building this metric, it may be helpful with the successfulness of parks, funding, etc. PRC Chair Ross asked if other communities have undergone such a process or have this data currently. Another question to follow up on is regarding the work from the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) several years ago to see what kind of data was compiled and used for this effort. Caroline Haynes or DPR staff (Irena Lazic) may be good resources for this. Commissioner Harnik identified the Central Park study in New York City as an example of one place where this has been done, but not at a jurisdiction-wide level for all parks. Mr. Rivero also mentioned that DPR’s Parks and Natural Resources

(PNR) division may be a good resource with the maintenance of parks and park usage, especially with park managers overseeing various County parks.

- Commissioner Rasmussen explained that field utilization tracking is important and can complement the data collected for park usage.
- Commissioner Rasmussen also highlighted that Zitkala-Ša Park's grand opening was this past weekend. It was a great experience to see a park renaming initiated by the community and provide a land acknowledgement of this space to original native descendants. Commissioner Riggio also seconded that Zitkala-Ša Park was highly used during the ribbon-cutting day.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.**