



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

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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
Nia Bagley (Planning Commission Liaison)
Jill Barker
Sarah Baryluk
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)
Sergio Enriquez
Dean Foster
Colt Gregory
Peter Harnik
David Howell
Neal Hunter
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair
Mark Lincoln
Kevin Manuel
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)
Adam Rasmussen
Melissa Riggio

Guests:

Brooke Alexander
Anne Wilson

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Diane Probus, Associate Planner, DPR

PRC members not in attendance:

Mark Lincoln

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 also introduced a new PRC member, Kevin Manuel, who was appointed at the County Board's recessed meeting earlier this evening. Commissioner Manuel spoke about his background and interest in the PRC.

The Commission considered its November 16, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC)

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

Public Comment

- **Brooke Alexander** requested for the PRC's support regarding the neighborhood's position on the 10th Street Park (as envisioned within the adopted, Clarendon Sector Plan) which is under review as part of the updated, Clarendon Sector Plan review process. There has been a proposal to remove a planned 50,000 square foot park along 10th Street North. Ms. Alexander hopes that the PRC supports to keep this space intact. There are five civic associations within the development area that will be coming together to write a letter of support for the proposed park. The Zoning Committee of the Planning Commission (ZOCO) will be meeting in January to speak about potentially changing the land use designation from public use to residential and keeping the original use of the park in place.

Agenda Items

Follow-up Discussion on Memorial Plaque Request for Mr. Larry Finch

- PRC Vote on Memorial Plaque Request

Diane Probus, DPR, provided a follow-up presentation regarding the Memorial Plaque Request for Mr. Larry Finch. Ms. Anne Wilson spoke on behalf of this request as well who worked with Mr. Finch and is part of the Donaldson Run Civic Association.

There was no additional PRC discussion on this item.

- Commissioner Gregory provided a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riggio. **The motion passed unanimously, 13-0.**

Tentative Dates for 2022 Park and Recreation Commission Meetings

Mr. Rivero provided a brief presentation on the tentative dates for the 2022 PRC meetings, noting that there will likely be one conflict with the November 2022 County Board recessed meeting date. Furthermore, all meetings are currently scheduled to take place virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Discussion of the 2021 PRC Year End Report and 2022 Plan of Action for the Parks and Recreation Commission

PRC Chair Ross and Vice Chair Kупpa provided a discussion on the 2021 PRC Year End Report and a follow-up discussion on the 2022 Plan of Action for the Commission.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Commissioner Howell clarified that the official title for the "Integrated Forestry and Natural Resource Management Plan" may change and that there may be an official name for this process (further coordination with DPR Parks and Natural Resources staff is needed).

- Vice Chair Kuppa announced that Commissioner Barker will be the new vice chair for next year. The Plan of Action for 2022 was discussed further. Vice Chair Kuppa will be scheduling some time to speak with the various commissioners to discuss individual topics.

Staff Report

Staff provided no additional updates to the staff report.

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

The County Board approved the Fall 2020 Neighborhood Conservation funding round at the April 2021 board meeting. 11th and Danville was one of the projects approved as part of the funding round. The design meetings were coordinated with the civic association and held July 15, 2021, and September 16, 2021. The design was approved by the CCCA and the project has moved into engineering and construction documents. 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. Diane Probus is leading the park naming process.

15th Street Park (Intersection of 15th Street South and South Eads Street)

- After receiving feedback on the adjacent Complete Streets project, DES is amending the plans for the Clark/Bell segment of the 15th Street Complete Streets Project
- DPR staff are coordinating with DES to ensure that the future park is able to come to fruition

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

- Construction is progressing on the park and will continue through the winter. The park should re-open 1st Quarter of 2022.
- Installation of stormwater structures and piping is complete. Bio-retention planters in progress
- Shade structure/picnic shelter installation complete. Green roof installation complete. Small shade structure at the tennis courts installed.
- Adult and youth fields – Fencing and netting complete. Sod installation complete. Irrigation complete.
- Restroom – Restroom is nearly complete. Interior finishes ongoing.
- Playground equipment is complete. Surfacing and perimeter curb/fencing in progress.
- MUSCO light pole installation complete, tennis court light poles installed, park lighting installation in progress. Conduits installation for wiring in progress.
- Overlook is complete.
- Four Mile Run Drive - Curb and gutter, and new angled parking along Four Mile Run is complete. Sidewalk and street trees in progress.
- Remaining work includes Artwork Installation; Miscellaneous sidewalks; Tree Planting; Sod; New Parking Lot.

705 31st Street House Demolition – Survey work is being done and we will get started on construction drawings shortly thereafter. We anticipate the project going out to bid in the 2nd quarter of 2022, with construction starting in the 3rd quarter.

APS Projects

- **Education Center Reuse (1426 N. Quincy St.) – No Updates**

- Completion of the [building renovation is](#) anticipated in time for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Go to the APS website to see the November 2021 construction progress details (above link).
- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.) –**
 - APS is completing school building punch list
 - County Project – [Stormwater Vault](#) construction under school fields. Construction due to begin by early December.

Arlington County Fair Location

- It has been determined that the 2022 Arlington County Fair will be held at Thomas Jefferson Community Center.
- Contributing factors for the site selection include that the Fair has been at this location for 45 years, 60% of the nearly 1,600 public engagement respondents preferred remaining at TJ and, after further review, the Long Bridge site would not be able to accommodate the size and number of rides desired by the Fair Board.
- Measure will be taken to try and mitigate the level of damage that occurred during the 2021 Fair.
- County staff will work with the Fair Board and ride vendor to determine the needs for a field covering for the synthetic turf.

Asphalt Trail Work/Improvements

Asphalt trail work began in November. Coordination has taken place with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) – Bike Arlington, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the affected civic/citizens’ associations. Notification letters will be placed at the homes along Arlington Boulevard trails. See the approximate trail work schedule below:

- *Lucky Run Trail* – running along South Walter Reed Drive going from King Street, Dinwiddie, Wakefield, over to Four Mile Run – new completion dates December 1 through December 3.
- *Donaldson Run Trail* – will have repair work only to the lower portion of the trail at North Vermont Street (trail will be complete in spring 2022) – completed on November 5 (repair patch work only).

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

- Construction began in early December. The park and trail will be closed until the project is completed, approximately 12 – 18 months.
- See [webpage](#) for project updates and details.

Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award

- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award.
- Submit nominations here: [The Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government \(arlingtonva.us\)](#)

Crossing Clarendon (Formerly Market Common Plaza) (2800 Clarendon Blvd) – No Updates

- 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.

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

- The Zachary Taylor hike-bike trail along Donaldson Run Tributary B is closed during construction.
- From November 22-29 updates: Construction completed of the stone wall on the left bank downstream from the outfall. Crews then worked on several in-stream tasks in this same area, completing Step Pools 1-3, and Step Run 1. Other work includes the encasement of a private sanitary connection that crosses the stream. Crews also worked on the in-stream structures above the pedestrian bridge (Step Pool 12-13 and Step Run 19-20) and placed stream bed material between the completed structures. Additionally, a new manhole was installed and completed the storm sewer outfall on the right bank adjacent to these structures.

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

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restroom, repaving of the parking lot, and ADA access.
- Construction has started with exterior sidewalk concreting and parking lot asphaltting and striping completed.
- Interior demolition is in progress.
- Anticipated completion 1st Quarter 2022.

Glencarlyn Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (301 S. Harrison St.)

Purchase Order (PO) issued on October 4. The building permit was received and bridge procurement in progress. Anticipated completion by 2nd Quarter 2022.

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

- Construction has started with bubble demolition and site clearance in progress.
- Anticipated completion 1st Quarter 2022.

Gunston Park Playground Renovation (1401 28th Street South)

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. We anticipate the design process to start in the 1st quarter of 2022, with construction beginning in the 1st quarter of 2023.

John Robinson Jr. Town Square (24th Road South and Shirlington Road)

- The stage material has been ordered and the stage work to continue. Installation of landscaping will continue through December 1, 2021.
- 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). Dominion has secured their permits necessary to conduct the work. Staff is awaiting Verizon's confirmation on completion. Precast benches and concrete walkways around the benches have been installed.
- The project is anticipated to be completed 1st Quarter 2022.

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

- Installation of plumbing fixtures complete.
- Electrical works in progress.

- Roofing demolition complete and awaiting new materials, as well as new materials for exterior wall siding panels.
- Anticipated completion 4th Quarter 2021.

Marcey Road Park (2722 Marcey Rd)

- Purchase order for the work has been issued and a pre-Construction meeting was held on October 18. The notice to proceed has been provided (start date of October 25, 2021).
- The project contractor installed the limits of construction fence and the tree protection fence and mobilized with equipment on site.
- 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)

- DPR staff is reviewing design development updates to park master plan concept following engineer surveying data updates and site utility standards.
- Park project is developing in tandem with DES Street redesign and streetscape work. DPR staff in coordination with DES team to keep projects aligned.
- Additionally, staff is beginning the land use approval process for rezoning and park naming.
- Staff is coordinating with Real Estate Bureau and Zoning staff to ensure all County Board considerations are accounted for. The following approvals are necessary before construction:
 - Abandonment of ROW
 - Vacation of ROW
 - Resubdivision
 - Either rezoning or use permit

Oakland Park (3701 Wilson Blvd.) – No Updates

The irrigation work will be revisited in the spring with an irrigation contractor that is familiar with the installation of solar powered irrigation systems. Spring 2022 completion timeframe anticipated.

Outdoor Courts Assessment and Pickleball

As Arlington’s population continues to grow and sports trends change, the Department of Parks and Recreation reviews community interests and needs. The County recognizes there has been a shift in the use and demand for outdoor athletic courts. This project will help staff better understand how the community uses outdoor athletic courts, including the growing demand for pickleball. The first community engagement is complete, and the feedback results will be posted on the project website in December 2021. The second community engagement will begin in late-January 2022.

Rosslyn Highlands Park (1579 Wilson Blvd.)

The playground at the Queens Court Site was opened in October. The remainder of the park was opened in December. Ribbon cutting to be planned in the next few months. 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.

Short Bridge Park (3920 Potomac Ave.)

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) Transportation Division will begin construction of the trail connection. The trail will link Route 1 to the Four Mile Run Multiuse Trail as planned for in Phase 1 of the Park Master Plan. Construction is scheduled to begin in December and will

last approximately six months, provided no delays due to weather. During this time the contractor will maintain a construction entrance on Potomac Avenue, staging needed equipment and materials at the Short Bridge Park site, and will temporarily detour sidewalk traffic as necessary to complete the work.

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)**
 - 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 has entered the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) phase, beginning with a walking tour on Thursday, October 28 and an SPRC virtual engagement period (SPRC #1) which commenced that day and ended on Sunday, November 7. SPRC #2 occurred on Monday, December 6 with building architecture and public space being the main topics of discussion.
 - A second PMP [engagement](#) also launched on Monday, December 6 and will continue through Monday, December 20 for community feedback. The second PMP engagement provides a recap of the first PMP engagement themes, an updated site design, a breakdown of public space areas, circulation/access points, stormwater features, public space amenity renderings, design guidelines considerations for tree species/plantings, lighting, site furniture, site materials, among other items.
- **2025 Clarendon Blvd – Wendy’s Site – Site Plan #435)**
 - Anticipated to go before the Planning Commission and County Board in early 2022.
 - 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 (located along Potomac Avenue between 29th and 33rd Street South)**
 - 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.”* The online engagement closed on Dec. 3rd and staff is currently reviewing the feedback provided and will provide an update in the near future.

- **1300 and 1305 N. Pierce St. – Marbella Apartments**
 - Anticipated to go before the Planning Commission and County Board, January 2022
 - 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 (3501 2nd Street South)

- Construction started on October 25, with construction fence and erosion/sediment (E/S) controls installation complete.
- Demolition of sidewalks completed. Timber retaining wall around storm structure completed at the north side of the site.
- Storm piping and structures delivered to the site.
- Wall system delivered to the site, along with sleeves for fences.
- Cutting to subgrade from the east site has started with 2/3 of the site completed.
- Anticipated completion 2nd Quarter 2022.

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

- 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.

- A pre-construction meeting was held on November 4. Construction commenced on November 15. Construction fence and tree protection/erosion & sediment controls installation in progress.
- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Urban Forestry Office Updates

- The team has started implementing the preventive pruning program, designed to promote sustainable trees. Benefits include reducing the risk of branch breakage, structural defects, better clearance for vehicles and pedestrians, improved health, appearance. This is a pilot program using one-time funding for maintenance.
- Ballston Pond is under construction. This project will renovate this stormwater pond. Tree removal will likely look significant, and this project has been in planning for a long time. Learn more here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Environment-Projects/Ballston-Pond-Restoration>
- Rosslyn Highlands Park finished construction, and trees are planted. Some trees need some structural pruning but are otherwise in good shape.
- The new foresters, Melissa Gildea, Diego Murcia-Rojas, and Jose Portuhondo started on November 7. They are going through training. Two Tree Maintenance Workers got promoted to Senior Tree Maintenance Workers, who will help coordinate maintenance work in Arlington.
- Trees for planting have been approved for fall planting and the season will begin shortly. Staff recently worked with Tree Stewards to do a reforestation planting at Brandymore Castle, an unusual rock formation, within Madison Manor Park.

Commission Member Reports

**Added in red are comments shared at the PRC meeting.*

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *In recognition of Arlington's 55+ Program pandemic response, the program received the Best Health and Wellness Initiative award from the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society at the society's annual conference in November. Some specific 55+ programs cited in the award were addressing food insecurity with emergency meal deliveries and working to overcome social isolation by providing educational, fitness, wellness, and recreational programs both virtually and outdoors during the pandemic restrictions. The 55+ centers have reopened and some in person classes and programs are able to resume with continued attention to the COVID restrictions. The Winter 2021/2022 issue of the 55+ Guide was distributed via email earlier this month. The Guide is now up to 37 pages of offerings of social fun, wellness, lectures and learning, sports, and fitness. The 55+ weight rooms hours have also returned, and the special pink punch ticket is no longer required (only the required 55+ Gold Pass). The 55+ hours for the weight room at Langston-Brown are: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and at Madison Community Center: 8 a.m. to 11 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *The LRPC met last week to review the proposed plan and map revisions as well as continue discussions of the future for the fire station parcel on 10th St. The county*

offered alternatives for the fire station remaining, and two alternatives for if the fire station was able to be relocated. Discussion generally determined that the alternatives that allow for more park space are preferred, though there wasn't an official conclusion on the exact alternative that the LRPC recommended. The next step of the process will be the official proposal to the Planning Commission, followed by the County Board in February.

- *PRC Chair Ross provided a background on the potential land use scenarios presented at the LRPC for the Clarendon Sector Plan update (currently in review). Chair Ross stated that it may be appropriate to present a PRC letter to the County Board on this subject, detailing the Commission's preferences for the public space that was envisioned for the 10th Street Park space (~50,000 sq. ft. area). Commissioner Baryluk noted that the Verizon building will remain on the site. Therefore, the planned 50,000 square foot space would reduce in potential area (~43,000 sq. ft. at its largest). Scenario 3 provides for various County interests to be provided on the site, albeit with a significantly reduced area for public space (~15-17,000 sq. ft.).*
- *Commissioner Rasmussen asked on the timing of a decision for which scenario will be recommended. Commissioner Baryluk acknowledged that this may be presented as part of the revised draft Clarendon Sector Plan which will be presented to the Planning Commission in the next few months.*
- *Commissioner Howell stated that having zoning decisions made before a plan is approved may not be logical. However, knowing the implications of zoning decisions and the various scenarios is important to consider. This specific space is also detailed as part of the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP). Other solutions may be provided beyond the Clarendon Sector Plan area that may be explored for the potential fire station and park locations.*
- *Commissioner Harnik associated himself with Commissioner Howell's comments. There may be some opportunities beyond this area for additional public spaces to be considered.*
- *Commissioner Hunter is aware of an adjacent land use process beyond the North Irving Street area that may affect how this public space may be delivered. The PSMP focuses a lot on land acquisition for additional public space.*
- **Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)**
 - *Implementation Framework/Roadmap below is an excerpt from the C2E2 October minutes, "Staff received a draft [Community Energy Plan Implementation Framework] Roadmap from the contractor. This draft included comments that were submitted by EC [Energy Committee] and [Climate Change, Energy and Environment Commission] C2E2 members. The strategies were reduced to 42 from 63. Staff looked through the draft and provided comments to the contractor. The contractor is bucketing the strategies into short, medium, and long-term actions. The narrative is also in development. Staff expect an update of the Roadmap from the contractor in mid-November and plan to pass along the draft to the [Climate Change, Energy and Environment] Commission shortly thereafter."*
- **Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)**
- **Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)**
- **Field Fund Working Group (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)**
- **Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)**
 - *The November meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission included a presentation by Matt Mattauszek of CPHD and Ryan Delaney of DPR on the Pentagon City Area Plan. This was the same presentation that PRC received in*

November. The 3rd draft of the plan was released the week following and is open for comment until December 31. FNRC considered and approved advisory letters on the Missing Middle Housing Study and the Deer Management issue. FNRC also discussed and approved, pending some edits, the annual report for 2021 and workplan for 2022.

- **Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)**
 - *Status - 12-13-2021 Preliminary Draft Plan not yet released. Contractor lead American Forests has provided all the draft report materials and those are under review by the County. Public engagement roughly scheduled for March 2022.*
- **Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)**
 - *The Four Mile Run Joint Task Force met on December 2 after a nearly 2-year hiatus. This is an advisory group made up of staff and volunteer representatives from Alexandria and Arlington to review and advise on the shared interests we have for the riparian border territory along Four Mile Run, from Shirley Highway to the Potomac River. Topics included bridge repair/replacement at East Glebe, streambed dredging, Dominion Energy undergrounding high tension lines between Rt 1 and the substation next to the water treatment plant, bridge repair/replacement in Four Mile Run park, and connections between natural areas along the stream. Another meeting is anticipated for spring.*
- **Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)**
 - *Status: 12-13-2021 - Project remains in 30% design phase and needs further Public Engagement. Funding for design was approved in the CIP. Contractor will begin analysis of tailored approaches for each stream section. Project Mgr. reports a new round for Advisory Group meeting and public engagement early 2022.*
- **Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)**
- **Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker/Howell)**
 - *Received brief on Virginia's Invasive Plant Species Working Group. A legislative committee was formed to study the possibility of introducing legislation to curb sale of invasive plants and list new ones.*
 - *The County has successful Fall restoration planting season. County worked with Tree/Parks Stewards in placing over 2000 native plants.*
 - *Learned David Farner will be leaving his position as Deputy Division Chief, Parks and Natural Resources in Arlington and moving to Montgomery County. He will be greatly missed!*
- **Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (Vacant)**
- **Others – George Mason University Project (Colt Gregory)**
 - *Status: 12-16-2021*
 - *Holding construction pre-bid conference Public hearing held to field questions from interested bidders.*
- **Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)**
 - *No Updates*
- **PenPlace Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Process (David Howell)**
 - *The PenPlace Public Space Master Plan online engagement has opened again this month. The first engagement was in June. Public space design revisions have been*

made based on the previous online engagement and the PenPlace SPRC process. The second online engagement provides a look at the revisions and more detail on the myriad features in the 2.5 acre public space on that development project.

- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Vacant/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)
 - *As of December 12, the development of the Macy's site in Ballston is apparently still in the preliminary development proposal stage and is not listed as an active site plan submitted for public comment and SPRC review and approval. Courtney Badger is the county planning staffer assigned to the project and at our request, she has agreed to notify Melissa Riggio, David Howell and myself of the schedule for any notices for comment and SPRC meetings on this project. We are particularly interested in the biophilic, open space (or contribution for open space), bird safety and interconnectivity of the project for pedestrians and bicyclists.*
 - Marbella Apartments (David Howell)
 - PenPlace (Shruti Kuppa)
 - *the PenPlace SPRC kicked off on 12/6 with an overview of building architecture and open space. Comments were provided asking the applicant to focus on the green spaces connecting the buildings to the central public area. There was also enthusiasm for the future park planning process. The recorded meeting can be found on the PenPlace project page for anyone to watch.*
 - Pentagon City Sector Plan Study (Shruti Kuppa)
 - *(The following is from PRC Chair Ross): On Saturday, the County Board approved advertisement of the study for final public review and a hearing scheduled for the Board's February meeting. Bill summarized the commission's letter. The commission may want to weigh in a couple areas of caution that arose from comments at the Saturday meeting. The owner representing the Brookfield properties cautioned on its ability to support the proposed width (up to 60 feet) of the Green Ribbon that might run through its property. Also, the JBG representative (owners of the very large River House property expressed concern about what it considered a very ambitious 20% tree canopy coverage goal for the study area. Finally, there was a discussion on a 15th St. protected bike lane and its possible effects on street widths and with it, width for tree streetscape. These are areas that the commission may want to weigh in on for the next round of public input.*
 - Wendy's Site (Neal Hunter)
 - *SPRC was held on November 18th. Discussion was had on building standards and adherence to expectations. Focus was given towards sustainable design aspects and encouragement was made to have the applicant explicitly state their intention to incorporate bird-friendly glass within their building design.*

The applicant is planning to construct to LEED Gold standards with numerous affordable units incorporated within the building. Continued interest and discussion were had surrounding the community benefits portion of the SPRC. A letter was drafted to encourage the applicant to commit a per-unit monetary amount to county efforts to cultivate green space and parks within the vicinity of the project. Emphasis was placed on past precedent and success with other county partners who have contributed in such a manner.

- *(The following is from PRC Chair Ross): The last SPRC was held for this residential project on November 18. The major issues for the building that will be built on a very constructed space in Court House involve biophilic amenities, bird protection and the design of the small publicly-accessible plaza, the pedestrian experience this prominent crossing location, and the possible level of monetary contribution for public space improvements elsewhere in the Courthouse area. Using established precedents from other communities' policies and precedents from recent Arlington private developments, a contribution of at least \$1 million might be recommended. Bill produced a draft letter that can be reviewed by the commission in preparation for Planning Commission and County Board hearings early next year.*

- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
 - *Notes from the 11/18 meeting:*
 - Field Scheduling Presentation by DPR
Greg Anselene presented the system used to schedule fields in Arlington County. There were very few comments on the system as it appears to work well.
 - New Career Center Site Update
A short discussion of the progress made on the new Career Center site and that APS has selected the fourth option which had been previously specified as their preference.
 - *Combating Hate in Sports Working Group (12/6 Meeting)*
 - *The majority of the meeting was focused on the results on the online survey where the members selected the sports organizations that they felt provided some of the better policies and procedures for combatting hate. The policies, procedure, and guidelines of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the National Hockey League (NHL) were clear leaders in the survey results so their policies and procedures will provide the foundation of the working group deliverables. There was also a discussion of how to get the sports organizations in Arlington County to contribute to our effort so that they feel a sense of ownership in what we produce. It was felt that doing this will result in a better outcome rather than simply mandating policies and procedures.*
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *The Vision Zero team has released their first mid-year action report. The report runs through crash data and safety metrics from the start of the year through July. This report continues to highlight significant problem corridors through the county and identifies a number of improvement projects that have been completed or will be*

completed to help ensure safety of pedestrians and cyclists. They will be having a mid-year progress and external stakeholder meeting on December 14th from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Here is the link:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/transportation/documents/vzac-mid-year-report-fall-2021-final.pdf>

Other Business

- Letters to the County Board
 - Clarendon Sector Plan Update
 - A letter will be provided by the PRC regarding this on-going process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.