

## **Park and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Hybrid Meeting**

In-Person PRC Attendance:

2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 311  
and

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting:

Virtual Meeting Conference Access Links:

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## **AGENDA**

### **Chair's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes (7:00-7:05)**

- Commission consideration of December 13, 2022 minutes

### **Public Comment (7:05-7:15)**

*\* Park and Recreation Commission public comment is open to all with a 3-minute limit per person.*

### **PRC Discussion with County Board Member and PRC Board Liaison, Takis Karantonis regarding the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) Update (7:15-7:40)**

### **Security and Policing in Arlington County Parks [Michael Simmons and John Marlin, DPR] (7:40-8:05)**

### **Brief Update on Deer Assessment Engagement [Alonso Abugattas, DPR] (8:05-8:15)**

### **2023 Plan of Action for the Park and Recreation Commission [Shruti Kuppa, Chair] (8:15-8:25)**

### **Staff Report (8:25-8:30)**

### **Commission Member Reports (8:30-8:40)**

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *55+ participants welcomed the New Year 2023 with a Dancing Through the Decades New Year's Eve Celebration and our seniors are looking forward to new social activities, fitness programs, learning opportunities, arts, travel and more- both virtually and in person-as 2023 unfolds.*
  - *Please see the Winter 55+ Guide for a list and description of available activities and programs.*
  
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
  - **December 15 2022 PRC Report to FNRC**
  - *The December meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission began with a presentation on the Stormwater Utility Program by Aileen Winqvist, Department of Environmental Services.*
  - **Stormwater Utility Program** -- *The revised program is based on amount of hard surfaces on a property instead of assessed property value. Hard surface examples include patios, roofs, driveways and walkways. Impervious cover is considered a better estimate of usage of the stormwater system than the property assessment. As currently proposed the Rate structure is not designed to be an incentive program, but as a cost recovery mechanism based on runoff contributed by each parcel. FNRC remains interested in considering ways to offer up incentives or credits to property owners for reductions in hard surface areas beyond the standard ERU (equivalent residential unit) formula proposed.*
  - *The Executive Director of NOVA Parks, Paul Gilbert reported on Upton Hill and Potomac Overlook NOVA parks and the widening of the W&OD trail within Arlington.*
  - **NOVA Parks and W&OD widening** -- *Mr. Gilbert appreciated the strong volunteer support for both parks and shared plans for the W&OD transportation corridor in Arlington. The W&OD widening is in the design phase. The effort would de-conflict bicycle and foot traffic and improve flow and safety in this transportation corridor. FNRC concerns centered on 1) encroachment to the Four Mile Run RPA buffer required by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance and 2) land disturbing activity that may remove trees and open up the area to invasive plants.*
  - **Letters** -- *FNRC discussed development of a letter on the Stormwater Utility program and another on the emerging design of W&OD corridor in Arlington.*
  - **Public Comment Received** -- *Public Comment was received on the National Park Service plans for the Mount Vernon Trail, views on the Missing Middle, and the 2021 NAIP (National Agricultural Imagery Program) Tree Canopy Study in Arlington.*

- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (Colt Gregory)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
  - *No Updates*
  
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Shruti Kuppa/Sergio Enriquez)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
  - 2500 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (Shruti Kuppa/Sarah Baryluk)
  - The Arva – 2100 Arlington Boulevard (Adam Rasmussen/Shruti Kuppa)
  - Ballston Holiday Inn (Melissa Riggio/Jill Barker)
  - Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site (Sarah Baryluk/Adam Rasmussen)
  - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
  - Crystal Towers 3 (Kevin Manuel/Shruti Kuppa)
  - Fort Henry Gardens (Jill Barker)
  - Joyce Motors Site – 10th and Irving (Sarah Baryluk/Shruti Kuppa)
  - Macy’s (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
    - *On December 17, the County Board approved the plan for redevelopment of the Ballston Macy’s site to contain a 16-story mixed-use building while also approving a residential density transfer that preserves 118 affordable housing units along Columbia Pike. The new building will feature 553 residential units above the ground floor retail uses, including a grocery store replacing the Macy’s and the vacant office space above it. Through related actions, the Board approved 236 of these residential units through a transfer of development rights from the Haven Apartments site at 5100 7th Road South in the Columbia Pike corridor.*
  
- Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
- Wakefield Manor (Jill Barker/Shruti Kuppa)
- YMCA Site – 3400 13<sup>th</sup> Street North (Sarah Baryluk/Adam Rasmussen)
  
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - *Combating Hate in Sports Working Group – Next Steps:*  
*Renamed the Combating Hate in Sports Working Group to the “Youth Pledge”*  
**PROMISE**  
*I Promise to*  
*Respect all*  
*Others, no*  
*Matter their race, background or*  
*Identity*

*Sports are for  
Everyone*

- *Approach for rolling out framework*
  - *Winter 2022/2023*
  - *Meet with relevant staff/officials and each DPR partner league*
  - *Meet with each group individually*
  - *Share framework, pledges and request (per framework) that they have a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) point person*
  - *Spring 2023*
    - *See if partner leagues that operate in the spring can begin incorporating pledge*
    - *Continue to meet with partner leagues with goal of full implementation by fall of 2023*
- *Other Next Steps*
  - *Find DEI specialist for Sports Commission*
  - *Meet with leagues on an ongoing basis on implementation issues*
- *Changed Working Group Composition*
  - *Will now be chaired by the Chair of the Sports Commission*
  - *Other Sports Commission members*
    - *DEI specialist*
    - *Other at large*
  - *Several members from partner leagues*
- *Comments*
  - *The meeting started late and lasted all of forty-five (45) minutes. Given the importance of the work of the “Combating Hate in Sports Working Group”, I am at a loss as to what to make of this. The renaming of the “Combating Hate in Sports Working Group” to PROMISE, causes it to lose any meaning at all and the explanation for this action did not make any sense. The schedule for implementing the framework was terribly thin on details so it remains to be seen if any of the recommendations of the working group will be fully implemented. Finally, the change to the composition of the working group did not mention any of the current members of the working group that are not current Sports Commission members. If none of the outside members of the working group that participated in the research and authoring of the framework are included going forward, I suspect that much institutional knowledge will be lost diluting the framework and the implementation recommendations.*
- *Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)*
  - *No Updates*

**Other Business (8:40-8:50)**

- Letters to the County Board
- Marymount University (Quincy Park Proposal)
- DPR Summer Camp Registration

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m. (Hybrid In-Person/Microsoft Teams virtual meeting; In-person setting: Lubber Run Community Center, 300 N. Park Dr. (Hickory Multipurpose Room #121).**

## Park and Recreation Commission 2023 Meeting Schedule

The Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meets at 7:00 p.m. typically on the **third or fourth Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise specified)**. Meetings are generally held in a Conference Room (see schedule below) at Bozman Government Center (BGC), 2100 Clarendon Boulevard (located above the Courthouse Metro Station), virtually through Microsoft Teams, or as noted below. Free parking is available in the BGC garage after 5 p.m.

*\*The Thursday, February 23, 2023 PRC meeting will be a joint, hybrid meeting with the Sports Commission (SC); Location: Lubber Run Community Center (300 N. Park Dr. – Hickory Multipurpose Room #121) & Microsoft Teams.*

UPCOMING 2023 COMMISSION MEETING DATES	
Meeting Date	Meeting Room
Tuesday, January 17, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 311)
Thursday, February 23, 2023*	<b>Hybrid Meeting (PRC/SC Joint Meeting)</b>
Tuesday, March 28, 2023	Virtual-Only Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 216)
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 216)
Tuesday, June 20, 2023	Virtual-Only Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 216)
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 or Tuesday, August 22, 2023	<b>Location To Be Determined (Field Trip)</b>
Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 216)
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Virtual-Only Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 216)
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Hybrid Meeting (BGC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 216)

Note: “Hybrid meetings” are held within a conference room (see above) and virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Please check online for additional information about the PRC at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/> and within the PRC webpage at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Parks-Recreation-Commission>