

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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

- Commission consideration of May 24, 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.*

11th Street North and North Danville Street Park Follow-Up Discussion and Vote [Diane Probus, DPR] (7:15-7:25)

- PRC Vote for 11th Street Park.

Information Item on Potential Park Naming [JBG Smith] (7:25-7:35)

- Metropolitan Park and PenPlace Public Spaces

Update on Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Efforts [Irena Lazic, DPR] (7:35-8:20)**Staff Report (8:20-8:25)****Commission Member Reports (8:25-8:35)**

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *In partnership with Fairfax City, Fairfax County, Prince William County and the Town of Vienna, Arlington's 55+ program has joined the Virtual Center for Active Adults (VCAA). Through the VCAA website, Arlington seniors will have access to free, live virtual programming on Zoom five days a week, including fitness classes,*

special presentations and interactive games. Upcoming live presentations this month include Introduction to the Library of Virginia with its digital collection website on Virginia Memory, the best place for family historians and genealogists to find their ancestors. Another live presentation will be on Clara Barton and will be conducted by the park ranger for the Clara Barton National Historical Site in Glen Echo, Md. On-demand pre-recorded virtual programs include the Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) program, Guided Meditation, cooking and art demonstrations.

- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
 - *Construction on Phase 1 and 2 have been combined into a single contract and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2023.*
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *The LRPC met to discuss the Courthouse West Special GLUP Study at the end of May. Staff presented their recommendations for the re-GLUPing of this parcel, which was for medium Office-Apartment-Hotel (OAH) with a height limit of 12 stories. Feedback provided by most members of the LRPC for this effort was that staff should consider a high OAH GLUP designation and removing the height limit restriction. Next steps will be a request to advertise from the Planning Commission and County Board, with formal hearings at both bodies later this year.*
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
 - *The April meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (FNRC) included presentations by Ryan Delaney on the upcoming release of the draft Forestry and Natural Resources Plan, topic updates on Tree Watering and Deer Management from Urban Forest Manager, Vincent Verweij and the introduction of the new Parks and Natural Resources Deputy Division Chief - John Marlin. It is estimated that the draft FNRP will be released for review sometime before July 11 and will have six week comment period. It is anticipated that PRC will have presentation at its July 26th meeting.*
 - *The Commission reviewed and approved two advisory letters. The CIP letter echoed themes also expressed in PRC letter. This includes support for inclusion of natural capital in the CIP, funding for habitat restoration and invasive plant removal, Nature Center and land acquisition funding. Regarding the advisory letter on the Missing Middle Housing plan, "the Commission **cannot support the Missing Middle Housing Plan** unless it also includes concrete and believable policies for achieving higher tree canopy coverage on redeveloped properties."*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (David Howell)

- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
 - *Attended a public meeting regarding the Gulf Branch restoration restart. Current schedule calls for final draft design, public comment and bids to be complete in 2023. Project size has been reduced and now stops at Military Road. This will reduce the number of trees planned for removal and increases priority for construction of "Green Street" (rain gardens) on streets with outfalls below Military Rd. Project objectives continue to protect 3 exposed sanitary sewer lines crossing the stream, change stream channel flow to reduce flow speed and use plantings to protect from streamside erosion. Steam water quality testing will be used to test for actual reduction in pollutants into the Potomac River.*
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
 - *Construction at the park is complete and the park had reopening ceremonies on Sat. May 21st. Additional park space will become available upon transfer of the WETA studio property to the County. A letter of intent is in place.*
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *The PAC had a joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Committee. They focused on transportation and access details. Discussion was had Long Bridge bike and pedestrian facilities.*
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Shruti Kuppa/Sergio Enriquez)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell)
 - Macy's (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
 - *The initial SPRC meeting was held on March 24, 2022. The second SPRC meeting is anticipated to be in the summer of 2022. The project involves the demolition of the existing Ballston Macy's department store and the development on that site of a 16-story residential building of 555 residential units with an anchor grocery store on the ground floor. To achieve the density the developer is requesting for this site, the developer proposes to transfer the development rights from its Haven apartments site along Columbia Pike through a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and a Use Permit. The most recent meeting involving this request was on June 15 with the Form Based-Code Advisory Working Group (FBC AWG). The possible establishment of a conservation area to include the Haven*

apartments was also discussed. The next meeting of the FBC AWG will be July 13.

- Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
 - *The LRPC Review to move to Tier II Review has been completed. The County Staff and LRPC submitted an acceptance letter on June 07, 2022, for Melwood to move to Tier II review. The Acceptance Letter is located here: [Melwood Tier II Acceptance Letter](#). Due to two additional GLUP studies that are currently in progress, it is not expected for Melwood to begin until late-2022.*
- Crystal Plaza 5 (Vacant)
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
 - *May 26, 2022 Sports Commission Meeting: This was an abbreviated meeting with a presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) by Erik Beach from DPR. This was largely the same presentation given to the PRC at our prior meeting. The balance of the meeting was reports by commission members.*
 - *June 23, 2022 Sports Commission Meeting: Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group Presentation: Most of the meeting was spent with members of the Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group presenting the implementation framework for the specific youth sports organizations in Arlington County as well as reviewing the pledge for the players in youth sports in Arlington County. The meeting did not have a quorum so no “official” decisions were made on the documents.*
 - *Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group Meeting Notes (06/13/22): This meeting was dedicated to reviewing the work on the implementation framework for the specific youth sports organizations in Arlington County as well as reviewing the pledge for the players in youth sports in Arlington County. Most of the work on the framework and pledge were complete but some adjustments to the language in both was made. The framework and pledge will be presented to the Arlington Sports Commission at their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022.*
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates.*

Other Business (8:35-8:45)

- Letters to the County Board
 - 11th Street Park Naming Process

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams)