

## Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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## AGENDA

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

- Commission consideration of September 27, 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.*

~~Discussion with County Board Member, Takis Karantonis (regarding the draft, Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) & Other Efforts) (7:15-7:55)~~ *This discussion will be considered at the November 15, 2022 PRC meeting at the earliest.*

### Discussion on Potential Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) Study Allowing Stormwater Management Facilities on Public Lands [Aileen Winquist, DES] (7:15-7:35)

### Staff Report (7:35-7:40)

### Commission Member Reports (7:40-7:50)

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *No updates*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)

- *The Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (FNRC) submitted two final letters to the County Board.*
- *The FNRC letter regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Management Plan noted the plan "should include a cross reference to the recommendations in Strategic Direction 1.2.3 of the FNRP to review development standards for currently unregulated impermeable surfaces, lot coverage, setbacks and tree canopy requirements in an effort to retain tree canopy coverage and plantable spaces."*
- *The FNRC also submitted a letter commenting on the now released draft Forestry and Natural Resources Management Plan. Major points below:*
  - *A greater sense of urgency (in protection of existing and securing future green space)*
  - *A shift in tone and emphasis in the recommendations from vague and aspirational to direct, specific, and actionable*
  - *Deeper, creative thinking about land uses, possible incentives, and educational efforts*
  - *More explicit and deeper connections with other County plans*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (David Howell)
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- 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)
  - *The PAC received a presentation on potential continuation of outdoor dining spaces in the County. CPHD provided a presentation on findings from the Arlington County food study. They also focused on upcoming construction projects including the CC2DCA connector. Concerns raised about amount of construction and impacts to ability to navigate the area.*
- 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)
  - Ballston Holiday Inn (Melissa Riggio/Jill Barker)
  - Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site (Sarah Baryluk/Adam Rasmussen)
    - *The first SPRC meeting was held on October 20, 2022. The second one is scheduled for December 2022 and open space/landscaping is on the agenda for that meeting.*
- Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
- Crystal Plaza 5 (Kevin Manuel)

- *Following community and SPRC feedback offered during the August 2022 meeting, developers for the Crystal Plaza Site 5 project presented an update to their plan; incorporating much of the feedback they received.*
  - *Open Green Space on 23rd Street: Original plan was reworked to include further development and design aspects for the open green space which will connect site 5 to the future WeWork property project. The new plan identified a specific area for pet relief, as well as the addition of more floral/fauna aspects and the creation of micro spaces for lawn furniture and seating. The updated plan will ensure these micro spaces are flexible/movable to allow for the space to be used for fitness activities/classes, concerts, and other recreational activities.*
  - *East/West Connector on Crystal Drive: Development team has added additional seating and furniture options as well as a designated pet relief area to their original plan. The new plan will also propose the addition of an art installation at the opening of the connector space on Crystal Drive to increase pedestrian activation/help with wayfinding to pull people into the space.*
- Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell)
- Joyce Motors Site – 10<sup>th</sup> and Irving (Sarah Baryluk/Jill Barker)
  - *The second SPRC meeting was held on October 13. Topics relevant to the PRC that were discussed were the biophilic design of the building and street-level landscaping, and how the Irving St frontage will enhance/contribute to planned/potential open space in the neighborhood. There are no additional SPRC meetings for this site and it will go before Planning Commission and the County Board later this year.*
- Macy's (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
  - *The second SPRC meeting for this project is anticipated to be November 7. Commissioner Foster plans to attend this SPRC meeting as designed rep for the PRC.*
- Melwood Property (750 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - *No updates; the next Sports Commission meeting will occur on Thursday, 10/27.*
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
  - *The External Stakeholder Group (ESG) will hold a meeting to update the public on the CC2DCA study on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. This study is to update on potential plans for the Crystal City multi-modal connector to DCA. Public engagement on this project is ongoing until November 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**Other Business (7:50-8:05)**

- Letters to the County Board
  
- Tier I Review: 2500 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (PRC Participation) ([Link to Project Website](#))
  
- Review of Commissioner Howell's Projects (future PRC Contacts) and Recognition
  - Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update
  - Four Mile Run Joint Task Force
  - Fort Henry Gardens (SPRC – On Hold)
  - Sparrow Pond Restoration Project

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. (Hybrid In-Person/Microsoft Teams virtual meeting; In-person setting: Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 715).**