

## **Park and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

### **AGENDA**

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

- Commission consideration of October 26, 2021 minutes

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

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

#### **Arlington County Deer Study and Next Steps [Alonso Abugattas Jr. and David Farner, DPR] (7:15-7:40)**

#### **Follow-Up Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed Pentagon City Planning Study [Matt Mattauszek, CPHD and Ryan Delaney, DPR] (7:40-8:10)**

#### **PRC Chair's List of PRC Assignments to Projects and Initial Discussion of the 2022 Plan of Action for the Parks and Recreation Commission [Bill Ross, Chair and Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair] (8:10-8:30)**

#### **Staff Report (8:30-8:35)**

#### **Commission Member Reports (8:35-8:45)**

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *Registration opens this Wednesday, November 17, for winter classes and programs.*
  - *The available activities are in the Winter 55+ Guide which now available on-line at the DPR website. In addition to the regular fitness classes, scheduled are a ten-session course on reducing everyday stress in the holiday season, a New Year's Eve celebration and a four-part workshop on art in daily life.*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)

- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
  - *(From November 2021 Staff Reports): Members of the PRC are reviewing the current award webpage and application and will send any edits to the DPR marketing team.*
  - *Call for submissions will be sent starting in November.*
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Sarah Baryluk)
- Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)
  - *No updates*
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
  - *the CCCRC met virtually for the first time since the pandemic started! We used the time to regroup on issues facing Crystal City and were able to have a (new) representative from Amazon join us to answer questions about their new headquarters.*
- Field Fund Working Group (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)
  - *The October FNRC meeting agenda included a presentation on the Missing Middle Housing Study by Richard Tucker and Kellie Brown, of CPHD. This is the same presentation scheduled for the PRC November meeting. The agenda also included a presentation by Brooke Alexander (a member of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists) on initiatives this year to bring information about trees, why they are important, and programs to receive free trees to neighbors and neighborhoods through outdoor events and door-to-door campaigns. Finally, FNRC members discussed the content and approach for two advisory letters—on the Arlington deer study and the MMHS—to be approved at the November meeting.*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
  - *No updates*
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker/Howell)
  - *No updates*
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
  - *No updates (November meeting cancelled).*

- PenPlace Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Process (David Howell)
  - *(Submitted by Commissioner Gregory): Participated in Audubon initiated meeting with PenPlace architecture and landscape representatives to discuss use bird-friendly design and materials in three Towers and Helix buildings. Protections will far exceed those required by Arlington County Green Building incentive program (use to obtain building density). Attended the PenPlace SPRC walkthrough Oct 28th. Made private comments during the public engagement period in support of PRC comments via SPRC participation.*
  
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Bill Ross/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)
  - Macys (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
    - *Planning staff is still working with the developer on the sketch of the preliminary site plan. Staff has informed us that we will be notified when the preliminary site plan submission is ready for comment.*
  
  - Marbella Apartments (David Howell)
  - PenPlace (Shruti Kuppa)
    - *We submitted official online comments on the PenPlace SPRC process. Remarks were focused on our overall support of the open space redesign and an appreciation for the sustainability components of the applicant's design including bird welfare in glass choice, and an emphasis on biophilia.*
  
  - Pentagon City PDSP (Shruti Kuppa)
  - Wendy's Site (Bill Ross/Neal Hunter)
  
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - *Field Utilization Report Presented by DPR*
    - *Peter Lusk from DPR presented the accumulated data covering the utilization of athletic fields in Arlington County. The data demonstrated some interesting aspects of field utilization within the county. Several questions were asked about the detail of the data and any conclusions they provided including plans to try to track actual usage versus scheduled usage. One interesting proposal was made about installing cameras linked to the Internet to track actual usage by individuals and parties, however, privacy concerns currently prevent such an implementation for gathering usage data.*

- *Construction Options for the New Career Center Site*
  - *The four (4) options for the redevelopment of the Career Center/Arlington Tech site were presented. Each option had pluses and minuses and all of them were constraint by specific budgetary limits to develop the site. For example, the option preferred by APS meant that the athletic field space would be severely restricted making it unusable for just about any level of competition leaving it just as a practice space. One of the items that was most concerning to the Sports Commission members was the amount of space allocated for surface level parking. Apparently, the availability of convenient parking space has become a hot topic since APS is having a hard time hiring and retaining both full time staff and substitute teachers and parking availability appears to be a big factor. APS is also planning to add additional surface parking to other sites in Arlington County to try to alleviate this problem.*
  
- *Combating Hate in Sports Working Group*
  - *Presentations and discussion of the various sports organizations, both amateur and professional, continued to try to determine a framework for creating and documenting recommendations, guidelines, policies, and procedures to combat hate and hate speech in sports in Arlington County. The working group leadership also provided an online survey so that the members can select the sports organizations that they feel provide some of the better policies and procedures for combatting hate. The results of the survey will be used as the starting point for creating an initial draft of a deliverable from the working group.*
  
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)

**Other Business (8:45-8:50)**

- Letters to the County Board
  - Pentagon City Planning Study

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams)**