
**MEETING MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL-ONLY
ARLINGTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

October 25, 2022

The **Park and Recreation Commission** convened its meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 25, 2022.**

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)

- PRC Chair, Shruti Kuppa
- PRC Vice Chair, Commissioner Jill Barker
- Commissioner Sarah Baryluk
- Commissioner Sergio Enriquez
- Commissioner Dean Foster
- Commissioner Colt Gregory
- Commissioner Peter Harnik
- Commissioner Neal Hunter
- Commissioner Gretchen Hickey
- Commissioner David Howell
- Commissioner Mark Lincoln
- Commissioner Kevin Manuel
- Commissioner Adam Rasmussen
- Commissioner Melissa Riggio
- At-large Commissioner Gerald Brandt, Arlington Public Schools
- At-large Commissioner Drew Murray, Sports Commission

ABSENT None

STAFF

- Marco Antonio Rivero, DPR, PRC Staff Liaison
- Irena Lasic, DPR
- Nick Rogers, CPHD
- Aileen Winquist, DES

PUBLIC COMMENTERS None

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- [Link to Teams Recording](#)
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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Chair's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

- *Commission consideration of September 27, 2022 minutes. The minutes were adopted as prepared with no objections.*

Public Comment

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

- No public comments were provided at this meeting.

Discussion on Potential Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) Study Allowing Stormwater Management Facilities on Public Lands

Aileen Winquist, DES, and Nick Rogers, CPHD provided a discussion on a potential ACZO zoning study allowing stormwater management facilities on public lands. Reducing flood risk by resiliency is an important action to be considered/address as part of this zoning study. There are existing issues with current zoning standards which preclude the installation of various stormwater management facilities in certain zoning districts (including in public lands). Other issues include but are not limited to setback standards prohibiting many structures (benches, seat walls) within setbacks, taller fence heights along front lot lines which ensure safety. The Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) provides action plan recommendations for facilitating this discussion. As an example of stormwater management projects, staff presented on the Cardinal Elementary School underground storage detention facility. Anticipated completion of this study will be 1st Quarter 2023. October-December 2022 with community engagement opportunities.

- [Presentation Link](#)

Staff Reports

Mr. Rivero provided the staff reports ahead of time to the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC). Mr. Rivero updated the Commission on the NOVA Parks/Washington & Old Dominion Trail improvement efforts. DES staff stated that this item will likely not be considered by the County Board in November. For the time being, this item is on hold as County discussions are ongoing. Mr. Rivero will update the recurring meeting date Microsoft Outlook invitation for the November and December PRC to reflect November 15 and December 13 accordingly.

The meeting minutes reflected an inquiry on DPR Director, Jane Rudolph's potential visit to the PRC. Mr. Rivero will follow up accordingly to see when the DPR Director may visit the Commission.

Commission Member Reports

Additional items discussed during this section included:

- Commissioner Riggio spoke on the Ballston Holiday Inn site plan process in more detail. Two further SPRC meetings will occur on this effort.

Other Business

- Letters to the County Board
 - None have been identified.
- Tier I Review: 2500 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (PRC Participation) ([Link to Project Website](#))
 - Staff highlighted that the first LRPC meeting for this effort is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 9.

- Commissioner Baryluk volunteered to participate as the primary contact, and Commissioner Kuppa would be the backup contact.
- Bailey's Branch Park renovation and Quincy Park Recycling Facility
 - Regarding Bailey's Branch Park, there may be an opportunity for the PRC to review how this park project may improve its relationship with the surrounding community.
 - Additional opportunity for County Board consideration on funding approval in Spring 2023.
 - Commissioner Harnik spoke on the existing Quincy Park recycling facility and how this use may be better served as part of the Buck Property area which is a few blocks north of this site.
 - This effort may need to be tied to another item moving forward (waste management item, a master planning process, etc.). The parking lot is also used heavily by park users playing on the fields, spectators, playground visitors, etc.
 - Quincy Park is the only multi-sport park which changes configuration for various activities during the year (baseball, soccer, volleyball, etc.). It is a flexible space.
 - Potentially send an inquiry on DES on the life of the recycling center to be at the site. Commissioner Harnik will follow up with staff.
- Review of Commissioner Howell's Projects (future PRC Contacts) and Recognition
 - Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update
 - Commissioner Howell recommends that the PRC should be timely and attentive on this process, given there may be substantive changes once the updated version is released. Overall PRC review is needed, but it does not need a regular PRC member specifically. This item may be removed from the list of commission reports covered.
 - Four Mile Run Joint Task Force
 - This effort may be filled later for the PRC.
 - Fort Henry Gardens (SPRC – On Hold)
 - This effort may be filled later for the PRC.
 - Sparrow Pond Restoration Project
 - This effort may be filled later for the PRC.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

No motions and actions (with documented votes) were taken on any items presented at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at **8:57 p.m.**