

Park and Recreation Commission
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Honorable Matt de Ferranti
Chair, Arlington County Board
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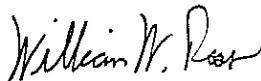
RE: Public Art Master Plan

Dear Chair de Ferranti,

Members of the Park and Recreation Commission have reviewed drafts of the Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) and the commission received a presentation on the latest draft at our May 25th meeting. We would like to offer the following comments.

We are supportive of the vision, principles, and goals presented. We particularly appreciate the references to the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) that align with the principles of the PAMP, particularly the reference to the coordination of public art with urban design principles presented in the PSMP. With the county's move toward activities under the Biophilic Cities Resolution, opportunities to link art and design with the promotion of natural features in our environment will serve the community well. In contemplating the various projects that we at PRC get involved in (county park planning, SPRCs, and PFRCs) we support the integration of functionality (e.g. bench seating, play structures, water features, transit structures etc.) with art in our public spaces.

Sincerely,



William Ross
Chair – Park and Recreation Commission

cc: Members, Arlington County Board
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