



Park and Recreation Commission
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 414
Arlington, Virginia 22201



January 23, 2023

Honorable Christian Dorsey
Chair, Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: Park and Recreation Commission Annual Report for 2022

Dear Chair Dorsey,

The Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) is pleased to submit the 2022 annual report to the County Board. In our letter on January 2022, we outlined several priority areas and ongoing objectives and report the following progress on each of these:

Participated in park, public space and recreation facilities planning processes: PRC members participated in design, park renovation, and park restoration processes across Arlington. In 2022, the commission wrote a letter of support on the Update to Standard Site Plan Conditions to support the SPRC and LPRC process. We also wrote letters with our comments on the PenPlace 4.1 Site Plan, Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines, Clarendon Sector Plan Update - 10th Street Park, and the Crystal Plaza 5 Site Plan Project.

Assist DPR with Planning, Resourcing, Budgeting, the Public Spaces Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (PSMP-IAC), Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Land Acquisition: The commission engaged the County Board Office on the FY 2023 Budget through discussions with staff and letters. We also provided extensive comments on the Proposed, Fiscal Year 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan. Through our participation in the PSMP-IAC, we gave guidance on the implementation of the 2019 PSMP and will continue to meet quarterly with staff and public on the plan's progress.

Apply Design Guidelines, Needs Assessment and Biophilic Principles to County and Private Open Space Projects: In 2022, we further invested in our commitment to Biophilic Principles by continuing commissioner education through presentations. At SPRCs, commissioners focused comments at SPRCs and LPRCs on attainment of suitable community benefits in the form of cash contributions, land donations, or development of publicly accessible private parks and plazas.

Participate in Community Involvement and Engagement: The commission took an active role in responding to community concerns involving park and recreation center planning, usage, and maintenance opportunities.

Enhance coordination with other commissions and committees on areas of overlapping interest: In 2022, the PRC continued its participation and direct engagement in the development of the Forestry and Natural Resources Management Plan (FNRP).

Participate in the Pentagon City Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP), Pen Place and other area and sector planning processes: The Parks and Recreation Commission remains focused on providing input to the rapid development in South Arlington including the Pentagon City PDSP and the Pen Place Site Plan. In 2022, commissioners wrote a letter to the board on the Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines for the PenPlace 4.1 Site Plan.

Adjudicated the Bill Thomas Award: The commission selected The Bon Air Park Extension Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Leaders (Joe Kelly, Carolyn Vincent, Dina Lehmann, Karen Smith, and Tom Golojuch) as the 2021 winners of the Bill Thomas Award.

Attached is a summary of accomplishments in 2022 where the commission participated with the community, deliberated, produced letters, or provided testimony. PRC members appreciate the chance to serve, while working with the Board, staff, fellow residents, and other members of the community. We are grateful for the many talented and dedicated staff with whom we work, both within the Department of Parks and Recreation and in other county departments.

Sincerely,



Shruti Kuppa
Chair – Park and Recreation Commission

cc: Members, Arlington County Board
Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING PROCESSES

- Alcova Heights Park Renovations
- Jennie Dean Park Renovations

PARTICIPATION IN WORK GROUPS, TASK FORCES AND OTHER COMMISSIONS

- Sports Commission
- Forestry & Natural Resources Commission
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council
- Plan Lee Highway Working Group
- PSMP Implementation Advisory Committee
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Senior Adult Advisory Committee
- Arlington Public Schools
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration
- Public Facilities Review Committee
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates

SITE PLAN/LRPC REVIEW PROCESSES

- 2500 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP
- Ballston Holiday Inn
- Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site
- Crystal City Building Heights Study
- Crystal Plaza 5
- Fort Henry Gardens
- Joyce Motors Site – 10th and Irving
- Macy's
- Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update
- PenPlace 4.1 Site Plan, Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines

PARK NAMING/PLAQUE REVIEW

- Park Naming of the Metropolitan Park and PenPlace Public Space Areas (Met Park & Pen Place)
- Park Naming for the Ballston Beaver Pond Area (Ballston Wetland Park)
- Park Naming for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (Arlington Junction Park)