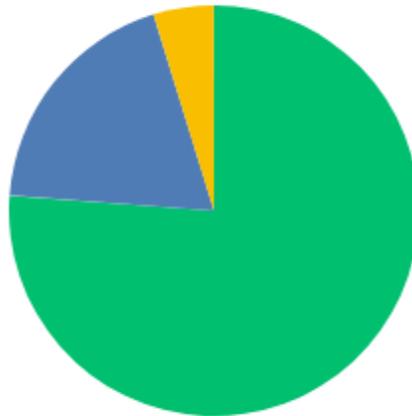


1. Do the revisions to the park concept plan achieve the intent and vision of the approved master plan?



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	YES, THE VISION REMAINS	MOSTLY THE VISION IS THERE	NO, THIS IS NOT THE SAME	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	76.19% 16	19.05% 4	4.76% 1	21	1.29

2. Please provide any additional comments.*

**(Please note: Some comments have been adjusted to hyperlink web links or to redact names).*

Response #	Comment	Date
1	Please minimize light pollution.	4/9/2022 9:20 p.m.
2	On behalf of the Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard business communities, the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) offers its support for the updated design for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive. The BID's strategic plan focuses a lot on the public realm with regards to bold design interventions, adding parks, public squares that will add to the Green Ribbon. We are pleased to see this updated design checks all of these boxes. We are encouraged by so many features of New Park like the Dog relief, biophilic design, and simply casual gathering and seating areas as that has been a request from many of the BIDs stakeholders. We look forward to the next stage in the process.	4/8/2022 9:17 p.m.
3	I think the revisions actually result in a better park. I like the Army Navy Drive Entrance and seating replacing the exercise space in the northern section.	4/6/2022 6:51 p.m.
4	Get rid of lights that aren't necessary, especially the vertical lighting elements. They are just a waste of energy, money, and create more light pollution and climate change.	4/6/2022 1:06 p.m.
5	The vision remains, but much of it is now obsolete. The frequently mowed lawns in the north and south sections of the park will now duplicate the larger frequently mowed Central Green in the recently planned PenPlace public open on the west side of S. Eads Street, directly opposite from the new park. The final design for the PenPlan public open space was made available to the public after the County Board had approved the master plan for this new park. As a result, the master plan for the new park needs to be revised again to reduce its redundancy and to increase its biophilia. Mowed grass does not support pollinators, birds or other wildlife. It is not biophilic. Because of the presence of the large mowed lawn in the PenPlace Central Green and the need for additional biophilia in the area, the redundant south lawn in this new park needs to be removed and the equally redundant north lawn needs to be reduced in size. These changes will permit the repurposing of some of the areas in the new park that are now planned to contain lawns. These repurposing will enable the areas to accommodate plantings of shrubs, ground covers and	4/1/2022 12:13 p.m.

	<p>perennials that support pollinators, birds and other wildlife. There is no reason to retain these two lawns as presently planned. The nearby Central Green in PenPlace will provide the same opportunities for casual uses and active recreation as would these two lawns. Retention of the lawns as presently planned would be an example of an extremely poor Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) park planning process that was too inflexible to respond to changed conditions. The plant list for the new park should include much Common Milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>) within the park and in the tree trenches between all sidewalks and streets. It will be important to protect all plantings near sidewalks and paved pathways with low fences or by elevation above the surface. <i>Asclepias syriaca</i> is the only species of milkweed that thrives in the County's natural areas and that female monarch prefer when laying eggs. For more information about this plant, see Monarch Watch's description of <i>A. syriaca</i>. For information about reproducing monarch's preferences when laying eggs, see pages 5-9 in the publication by V.M. Pocius, et al. Plant Poke Milkweed (<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>) near and under trees, including beneath the existing large cottonwood tree. <i>A. exaltata</i>'s usual habitat is within woodlands and near their edges. Unlike other milkweeds, it should thrive in fully and partially shaded areas if not planted near more aggressive plant species that may displace it. For more information about this plant, see Monarch Watch's description of <i>A. exaltata</i>. Many milkweed species, such as Swamp Milkweed (<i>A. tuberosa</i>) and Purple Milkweed (<i>A. purpurascens</i>), won't last very long because they don't compete well with more aggressive plant species and/or require special conditions (such as moist environments). Female monarchs lay few eggs on other milkweeds, such as Butterfly Milkweed (<i>A. tuberosa</i>) and Whorled Milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>), because they contain little or no toxic cardiac glycosides, which protect monarchs from predation after their caterpillars incorporate them into their bodies. Plantings of these species would not help restore monarch populations for very long (if at all) and would waste County park funds. The planting list should contain Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>) among its shrubs. The plant grows best in moist and wet soils (such as in the new park's rain garden) that have full sun or part shade, but will also tolerate dryer conditions (see the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plant guide for Common Buttonbush). Alonso Abugattas, DPR's natural resources manager, has stated that he considers <i>C. occidentalis</i> to be his "all-time favorite pollinator shrub."</p>	
6	The modifications in response to review of the civil infrastructure are not a surprise. The revisions actually improve	3/29/2022 3:54 p.m.

	<p>the overall park design, because the fitness area was not a priority, and out of character with the predominant themes. Other minor changes are acceptable. My only question/concern is the color temperature and direction of the new light pillars. They are better than what they replace, but their design should prevent light leakage above horizontal, and use color/intensity combinations below 3000K. Good job with the changes.</p>	
7	<p>My primary concern with the plan is 11th Street. Particularly, how active this laneway will be with vehicles. I do believe the parking garages for the two main apartment buildings at the site use that road for in and out.</p>	<p>3/29/2022 2:08 p.m.</p>
8	<p>Love it!</p>	<p>3/28/2022 4:14 p.m.</p>
9	<p>Plan looks good, thoughtful design and great presentation. Several comments for your consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please review the provisioning of shade: from June through September, shade is quite important for folks in the parks. It gets really hot in the sun and this park location may not have indoor respite nearby. Are the seating areas are amenable to shade or does the plan allow for chairs can be moved into the shade of the trees? 2. The exercise areas seem little used in our parks. I appreciate the public benefit in staying healthy and fit, but these facilities really don't get high utilization, and so the delivered benefit is small. How about just putting in an adult tree swing? It would be fun, and so would get high use and casually create a fitness benefit for many people, rather than the fitness area, which while it might provide more serious fitness benefit, would benefit far fewer people. 3. Last please consider using small local nurseries for provisioning and maintaining the park. I know this may mean having to issue and manage more contracts than using some of the larger nurseries but small environmentally beneficial businesses will be increasingly important in our community as climate change creeps up on us. Would like to strengthen these folks when we have opportunities such as these parks. <p>Thanks, *****.</p>	<p>3/27/2022 5:57 p.m.</p>
10	<p>I am really disappointed in the loss of trees and plantings, especially at the southern edge of the park. That is a big loss and you should look for ways to make up for it, either by adding</p>	<p>3/27/2022 9:38 a.m.</p>

	<p>them back or at least putting in analogues. I think the loss of the trellis is also too bad, as it added a distinctive element to the park that the new light pylons don't make up for in scale. The new art feature, which I'd like to hear more about, could be a good addition, though the misting pylons at Long Bridge are not a favorite among many kids. I can't tell from the presentation, but if the mist had multiple sprayers pointed at one area forming a misty entrance experience, rather than multi-directional, that could be very cool (literally and figuratively). Please review whether this park aligns with Green Ribbon guidelines and if there is potential to add in elements of that as more decisions are made, given it is in some ways the terminus as things currently stand.</p>	
11	<p>Congrats on reaching this part of the approval and implementation.</p>	<p>3/26/2022 5:33 p.m.</p>
12	<p>I'm pleased that the fitness stations were removed. It's such a small park that that type of infrastructure is often unused and just takes up space. The lights concept is great—please don't replicate what was in the middle of Hayes St. by the Pentagon City mall, though. Those lights were hideous.</p>	<p>3/26/2022 2:08 p.m.</p>
13	<p>The trellis should be resorted. In summer, the sun is very strong; for people to use the seating, some type of covering is needed. A trellis covered by flowering vines would be "green" and provide the necessary shade. The new vertical lighting feels gimmicky--not in character with a "substantial" park or the stone-lined entryway. The removal of the grass border along the street means there is the concrete of the street that runs into the concrete of the sidewalk--which is what most of Pentagon City is--paved over in concrete. As much of this side should be covered in green as possible since there is so little "living green" matter in Pentagon City today--which is only becoming worse over time. Unclear what the ground surface is in the exercise area--it should not be gravel so it is accessible by people with regular shoes (that otherwise would be damaged by gravel)</p>	<p>3/26/2022 12:51 p.m.</p>
14	<p>Looks great.</p>	<p>3/26/2022 10:39 a.m.</p>
15	<p>Gorgeous park - but the name needs work.</p>	<p>3/25/2022 11:35 p.m.</p>