

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting:

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AGENDA

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

- Commission consideration of January 17 and February 23 minutes

Public Comment (7:05-7:15)

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

PRC Discussion on Marymount University (7:15-7:35)

Staff Report (7:35-7:40)

Commission Member Reports (7:40-7:50)

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *So, remember those carefree days of yore when you were sent off to live and learn with other little munchkins at summer camp?*
 - *Well, this summer for the week of June 5-9, you can relive time (or experience camp for the first time) at Arlington 55+ Camp and participate in recreational and learning activities tailor made just for adults ages 55 and over.*
 - *You can sign up or learn more by phone 703-228-4747 or email 55plus@arlingtonva.us*
 - *Three options are available: Arts & Culture, Adventure & Athletics' and/or the All Week Package which includes the Field Day at Lubber Run on Friday, June 9 with games, prizes and lunch sponsored by the Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs (AASP). Register by May 5, 2023.*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2022 (Melissa Riggio/**Vacant**)

- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
 - **The Green Infrastructure Center's** Karen Firehock, provided a presentation of the Center's Study of Arlington's Tree Canopy. Using both LIDAR and Imaging data set analyses show Arlington with 33% tree canopy cover. This is a loss of 8% since 2016. (Study excluded the airport and DoD properties. The study was sponsored by the Arlington County Civic Association and slides are available for review: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6061269755f3b36e45f7ba0c/t/63efbc9b7a109b2b82e357bb/1676655774968/Presentation_TreeCanopyStudy_Arlington_02_13_23_webinar.pdf
 - **Vincent Verweij Urban Forest Manager**, discussed Dead and Downed Tree policy of the County. Unless trees provide a danger of falling on nearby trails, dead trees are cut down to a height of 15 feet and left standing to create vertical habitat. Arlington has updated its master of recommended trees for a variety of light, moisture and other conditions. <https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/forestry/master-list.pdf>
 - **Letters** -- FNRC discussed and approved a letter regarding the County Operating Budget. Major points: "The FNRC strongly recommends making permanent the one-time increases in FY 2024 for tree maintenance and for invasive species control, adding funding to restore full Nature Center hours, creating a specific program to increase the biodiversity and ecological value of our crucial parks and natural spaces, and living up to the County's commitment to acquire new land for parks."
 - **Forestry and Natural Resources Management Plan:** Staff reported that final drafting and internal review of the FNRP continues. Release of the next draft is expected sometime late spring with public engagement slated for June.
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (Colt Gregory)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates*
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Shruti Kuppa/Sergio Enriquez)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - 2500 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (Shruti Kuppa/Sarah Baryluk)
 - The Arva – 2100 Arlington Boulevard (Adam Rasmussen/Shruti Kuppa)
 - Ballston Holiday Inn (Melissa Riggio/Jill Barker)
 - Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site (Sarah Baryluk/Adam Rasmussen)
 - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)

- Crystal Towers 3 (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Fort Henry Gardens (Jill Barker)
 - Macy's (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
 - Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study (Vacant)
 - Red Roof Inn – 1501 Arlington Blvd. (Vacant)
 - Sunrise South Glebe – 716 S. Glebe Rd. (Vacant)
 - Wakefield Manor (Jill Barker/Shruti Kuppa)
 - Wells Fargo/Verizon Site (Adam Rasmussen/Shruti Kuppa)
 - YMCA Site – 3400 13th Street North (Sarah Baryluk/Adam Rasmussen)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
 - Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *April is Vision Zero engagement month. There will be an open house on April 26th from 4 to 7pm at Arlington Mill Community Center. There will also be a series of engagement events throughout the month that will occur in partnership with Walk Arlington. The 2022 annual report will be released in April.*
 - *A focus group is being convened of high school students and parents and they are looking for additional members. Please reach out if there is any interest.*

Other Business (7:50-8:00)

- Letters to the County Board
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2022 Logistics

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. (Hybrid In-Person/Microsoft Teams virtual meeting; In-person setting: Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, 2nd Floor, Room 216 (Cherry Conference Room))