



**PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 414
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021

****Due to the Countywide precautions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams.***

Commission Members Present:

Bill Ross, Chair
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)
Jill Barker
Sergio Enriquez
Steve Finn
David Howell
Neal Hunter
Cindy Krech
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair
Drew Murray (Ex Officio, Sports Commission Liaison)

Guests:

Duke Banks
Bernard Berne
Jesse Boeding
Nicholas Cummings
Amol Deshpande
John Huntley
Kari Klaus
Kathleen McSweeney
Lauren Riley
Angela Spadoni
John Winner

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Angela Adams, Cultural Affairs Specialist, AED
Elizabeth Carriger, Cultural Affairs Specialist, AED
Max Ewart, Associate Planner, DPR
Bridget Obikoya, Principal Planner, DES
Kate Paine, Commercial Development Specialist, AED
Diane Probus, Associate Planner, DPR

PRC members not in attendance:

Sarah Baryluk
Dean Foster
Colt Gregory
Mark Lincoln

Julie Mullen

Chairman's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

PRC Chair, Bill Ross provided a brief introduction and PRC Staff Liaison, Marco Rivero reviewed details associated with Microsoft Teams. Mr. Rivero also specified that this would be a recorded meeting of the PRC.

The Commission considered its April 27, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

Public Comment

- **Bernard Berne** provided comments on the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive project. Three parks are being developed in the same area including the New Park, PenPlace, and Met Park. There is an excess of pavement for each, large mowed lawn, dog area incorporated, etc. All areas have plazas and it does not have much in biophilic measures. The project should reduce the size/width of these paths. Wooden planking paths, add more meadows, add more trees, and it should be different from Met Park.
- **Duke Banks** commented on the Friends of Long Branch Nature Center and introduced Steve Young who was present to answer questions on the Gulf Branch Nature Center. Mr. Banks requested that Arlington civic associations write letters to support nature centers. Over 20 civic associations have done so already, and more are expected. The amount requested in the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is modest at \$1.5 million. This is less than what was anticipated for Lee Center in 2016.

Agenda Items

Presentation of Arlington County Civic Federation Equity Paper

Jesse Boeding, Arlington County Civic Federation, provided a presentation on the Civic Federation's White Paper on Equity in Arlington County Open Public Spaces. Ms. Boeding was joined by Duke Banks, John Huntley, and Kari Klaus. Presenters requested that the PRC consider providing a letter to the County Board addressing the points presented.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Acreage and square footage of schools and school areas; school yards may be considered public spaces when they are not being used for instructional purposes. Mr. Huntley stated that the reason APS square footage was not included is because the primary need is for instructional use and the spaces are not available during the day to the community. It was not a top priority to include it in this work now, but maybe in the future.
- What were the methodologies for residential density and limitations when gathering data? Mr. Huntley clarified that information started with population census data. Arlington County open data has information on every property within the County. Much of the information is similar to what is used for school generation factors. Ms. Klaus also stated that one of the limitations was understanding what open public spaces (OPS) were and the definitions provided within the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP). The inequities

on what is usable open space may be more prevalent. Defining “usable open space” was difficult regarding what is provided (strips between tennis court, among other areas). Ms. Boeding concluded that no matter how the numbers were calculated, there is a lack of usable open space based on the analysis provided.

- The resident analysis is impressive especially related to residential areas. How may these inequities be remediated? This may help when learning what can go right and wrong, as well as working with communities to find out where these public space needs are. What are the next steps for data analysis? Ms. Klaus detailed that there is a list of ways that can address next steps which was shared with the County Board and can be shared with the PRC as well. These may include coordinating park planning, purchasing property for future open space, accessibility to future open space, valuing parking land/economic value, connecting equity evaluation with a per capita analysis, among others.
- There are neighborhoods that are changing, infill development, issues with housing density Countywide, and looking at raw numbers could help characterize how much this is a significant change moving forward. Creating open space as part of development is important. The cost of building on structure starts to diminish based on what is created. Infrastructure creation should be seen as an ally for creating public space. There are a lot of parks with biophilic opportunities but contain wasted space. Finer tuning on park design and landscaping can create opportunities for casual space and other needed park amenities within the parks are currently open. Ms. Klaus clarified that the on-going Pentagon City planning study is talking about infill activity. How this will change the inequities is information that is pending. How much more density added will require for additional open space, this will allow for more information on data and equity.
- PRC Chair Ross identified that there may be a way for the PRC to support the efforts of this group moving forward.

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Update

Marco Rivero and Max Ewart, DPR, provided an update and presentation on the draft New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive PMP and Design Guidelines.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Would staff like a letter from PRC? When is it needed? Mr. Rivero stated that a PRC letter would be needed in time for the June 12, 2021 County Board meeting.
- What are the widths of the sidewalk in the interior of the park? Mr. Rivero understands concern about the amount of hardscape and pointed out the paths are for park circulation and ease of access; they add to the experience of the site. The details will be designed further during the design development phase of the park.
- Regarding lighting, light fixture designs would minimize light pollution. In the graphics the lights appear to be sending light upward. Mr. Rivero stated that lighting fixtures are being designed further for park use and will minimize effects of light pollution.
- The design team should look at changing the material used along the edge of the main circulation path, likely with pervious pavers. Has staff considered looking at having the bioretention facility drain slowly so that it can be a water feature in the park? Mr. Rivero clarified that there will be a misting element in the park as a planned water feature. However, the proposed bioretention facility is currently not designed to accommodate a still water area.
- Are the sizes and the widths of paths contingent on the number of people expected to use the park and, if so, is there a connection between nearby population and the size of

walkways? Mr. Rivero detailed that this park will serve as an additional experience for recreation and anticipates pedestrians using the park for commuting to other areas. There are off peak paths which are suited for people wanting to walk slower and enjoy the park.

- Is the area densely populated? Mr. Rivero clarified that it is.
- What is a dog spot? Mr. Rivero clarified that they are small relief areas for dogs, there will be one concentrated space adjacent to 11th Street South (close to the residential building entrances) to separate this activity from people-oriented spaces. These features have been implemented in other projects throughout the County.

Follow-up Discussion on Lyon Park Citizens' Association Memorial Plaque Request for County Board Member, Erik Gutshall (at Zitkála-Šá Park)

- **PRC Vote on Memorial Plaque Request**

Diane Probus, DPR, provided a brief presentation on the proposed LPCA memorial plaque request for County Board Member, Erik Gutshall at Zitkála-Šá Park. Diane is also joined by Kathleen McSweeney who will be speaking representing the Lyon Park Citizens Association.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- There was a motion to approve the request by Commissioner Howell, which was seconded by Vice Chair Kupp.
- The final vote to recommend approval of the proposed memorial plaque request was **8-0** in favor of the request.

Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) Update

Angela Adams and Elizabeth Carriger, AED-Public Art, provided an update on the proposed PAMP process. The first Public Art Master Plan was originally approved 17 years ago. There is the potential of a fall 2021 review by the County Board.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- There are many projects and artistic installations within the County that would require documenting and further private development funding. There are inadequacies when funding for and providing public art in new site plan development areas.
- It is a very good plan and a wonderful job covering the Potomac waterfront. Some emphasis should be given when considering the location of art projects. Natural analogs very much fit with public art. Artwork that is reflective of nature would be worth considering, especially within larger, dense urban areas. Make natural features and natural designs eligible for public art in dense areas for future development.
- PRC Chair Ross stated that the PRC can provide continued support for the process.

Discussion on Potomac Yards Land Bay C-East Site Plan

Lauren Riley, Walsh Colucci Lubeley and Walsh, Angela Spadoni, BKL Architecture, and Amol Deshpande, LSG Landscape Architecture, provided a brief presentation on the Potomac Yards Land Bay-C East site plan project and the associated public space areas.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- The idea of having a water feature is desirable, and if other things can be added to the

design that would be helpful. Continue to work with staff regarding water features that are shut down because of public health concerns, were there considerations regarding that? Mr. Deshpande detailed that there were extensive conversations with County staff about this topic. Ground cover, shrubs and other planted features will be provided creating a natural buffer. There will be signage discouraging people from coming into the water. The water depth is 6" or lower in certain areas, so it is very shallow. Cautioning people from not getting into the water with specific signage is recommended.

- Natural looking benches within the park are also a nice added feature.
- Is the water feature a flowing, fountain-like feature? If so, is it planned to be turned off seasonally? Mr. Deshpande clarified that it will be filtered water and will be put back to the top and cascading. The design should minimize annual plantings and promote more seasonal, natural varieties.
- The site materials and the changes to the landscaping materials are helpful and advantageous to the use of the site. There is still concern about the water feature design, that may be able to incorporate more curvilinear features, not a straight lined, shallower area. There is good use of the rooftops. The upper levels and use of bird safe glass is also something that should be considered. Ms. Spadoni stated that it is a challenge to address. However, the building design will not be using bird-friendly glass on the top areas but instead, the introduction of masonry breaking up the glass would be helpful.
- If this water feature is turned off seasonally that may be a lot of wasted space that will not be used during the winter months. Mr. Deshpande clarified that there will be ways to animate the space during the winter months with lighting and other opportunities.
- PRC Chair Ross stated that the PRC will likely put together a letter on this project.

Discussion on Parklet Guidance

Bridget Obikoya, DES, also joined by Kate Paine, DES provided a presentation and update on the proposed parklet installation recommendations to amend the Arlington County Code. Request for advertise for this item is in June, and the County Board review is proposed for July.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Parklets are a way of expanding the public realm in Arlington. There is one in Rosslyn today as part of the pilot. Where may there be interest in other areas of the County for future installations? Ms. Obikoya stated that the National Landing area has indicated several areas. Rosslyn also has other identified several locations (but none for this year), but they would be for future installations. Ms. Paine also expressed that there may be interest from private developers in public right-of-way areas in front of their properties. The three main BIDs will likely have continued interest.
- Is the applicant the one who removes the parklet itself in certain circumstances? Is there any removal for seasonal conditions? Ms. Obikoya stated that the County is not requiring removal seasonally only in cases of emergencies; there was discussion about snowstorms, but the parklet would likely remain in place since it would be consumed by the snow.
- Any data or interest regarding children sitting close to the street and any consideration for parklets that have plantings as opposed to not? Ms. Obikoya clarified that the parklet should meet residential and commercial international building code (IBC), which has stringent guidelines for railings, and the IBC provides clear guidance for safety measures. Extra protection around the parklet would provide for a safe environment. Plants in parklets are not being required, and this is recommended to not hamper further creativity for the design of the space. There is a landscape architect on staff with a green mindset who will be reviewing these requests. However, this recommendation may be

reconsidered in the future if it is deemed to be of greater interest.

- These spaces are important for greater community interest and use especially for providing public WIFI where available. Ms. Obikoya said this was a great consideration.
- Construction and maintenance on the parklets, who does this fall under? Ms. Obikoya clarified that this would all fall on the applicant. Stormwater runoff: as part of the approval process are certain locations not eligible because of potential blockage for stormwater drainage? Ms. Obikoya stated that the way the parklet is installed, with elevated areas should provide enough space which will not hamper stormwater flow through various sites. Debris clogging up spaces is something staff can look at further. Are there other considerations for parklet installations and safety measures? Ms. Obikoya stated that the parklet would be allowed in areas where streets are in speeds of less than 25 mph and would be installed in highly activated spaces.
- PRC Chair Ross reiterated that this is an encouraging effort, and the PRC would put together a letter regarding this process.

Staff Report

No additional updates were provided.

11th and Danville NC Park Project – The County Board approved the Fall 2020 Neighborhood Conservation funding round at the April 2021 board meeting. 11th and Danville was one of the projects approved as part of the funding round. The first design meeting will be held in June 2020 online via the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association meeting.

15th Street Park – No Updates

- Staff has begun early internal discussions regarding easements for future parks, both temporary and permanent, related to a future site plan and street redesign.
- Staff is developing an engagement schedule that is targeted to be launched in the second half of 2021.

4MRV – Jennie Dean Park

Construction is progressing on the park and will continue through the year. Construction is anticipated to last 9-10 months and the park should re-open 4th Quarter of 2021. The existing buildings and park flood lights were demolished last month, and underground utility work is continuing this month.

APS Projects

- **Dorothy Hamm Middle School (formerly H-B Woodlawn Secondary School and location of the former Stratford Program, now Eunice Shriver Program) - No Updates**
 - APS is finishing the three-story addition and the renovations to the existing school.
 - The athletic field swales have been installed. The field is fully programmed.
 - The interpretive panels along the history trail were installed.
 - For additional details on the status of the project see [Dorothy Hamm MS](#) where APS posts construction updates.
- **Education Center Reuse**
 - Completion of the [building renovations](#) is anticipated in January 2022.
- **Cardinal Elementary School (Formerly Reed School Site)**

- See detailed APS progress reports on the [webpage](#)
- The school will be completed for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- New parking lot at the library in progress but can be used.
- [Cardinal Elementary School Stormwater Vault - Projects & Planning \(arlingtonva.us\)](#)
- County work on the installation of the inlet and outlet structures for the underground stormwater detention system is 70% complete.
- A [community meeting](#) will be held on May 26 at 6:30pm on the stormwater detention system.

Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements

- A contract award for this project will be considered on the consent agenda at the June 12 County Board meeting.
- Construction will begin this summer.
- DPR will soon initiate a public engagement for gathering ideas for a new name for the park.

Benjamin Banneker Park Improvements

- Parking lot and playground pathway asphalt completed in May. Project anticipated completion end of May.

The Crossing Clarendon (Market Common Clarendon) Public Space

- The applicant updated their proposal and provided an update to the PRC at its April 27 meeting. The latest updates on the proposal are now posted on the project [website](#). At its June 12 meeting, the County Board will be considering a site plan amendment providing for the proposed changes.

Crystal City Water Park – No Updates

At the March 20 County Board Meeting, the application was approved unanimously. The project is now in the post-approval phase awaiting design development/final landscape plan review prior to permitting.

Fort Scott Park Restroom and Parking Lot Renovation

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restroom, repaving of the parking lot, and ADA access.
- Planning to start construction 3rd Quarter 2021

Glencarlyn Park Bridge Replacement

- Kickoff meeting held on 4/4/21. Starting work on construction drawings. Currently working on 60% Core Team review set.

Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility

- Consultant architects (MTFA) are working on construction documents for a replacement structure for the Bubble, which is expected to have a metal frame with canvas cover.
- Restrooms are included and will be renovated to meet permitting requirements
- Currently working on bid documents with Purchasing.
- Project construction anticipated to start 3rd Quarter 2021.

John Robinson Jr. Town Square

Sidewalk concrete ongoing, grading site in preparation for plaza concrete. Soil preparation for planting in progress. Sculpture footer and steel bridge on hold until permit for statement of

special inspection is complete. Anticipated project completion by end of June.

Long Bridge Park Aquatic Center

- **Pools 50 M and Leisure** Leisure pool equipment and sleeves (anchors for equipment) are being installed. Netting at the play structure is being installed. Small spray equipment and remaining play features are being installed at the 0-depth entry. Filtration and UV equipment has been started. Deck equipment (lifeguard chairs, reels for lane dividers, ADA lift chairs, springboards) are being built. Cleaning of the slide in Leisure pool continues this week. Springboards have been installed.
- **Exterior Building** Punchlist work on the façade/soffits are being completed including curtain wall systems. Asphalt path needs to be milled and overlaid from cuts made for piping installation.
- **Interior Building** Trim at stairs and wood panels about 95% completed. Communications and IT equipment installation to start this month. WIFI installation to start week of June 1, 2021. Main entrance vestibule storefront installation about 99% completed. Rubber flooring installation for fitness room completed this week. Wood flooring in group fitness room has been completed, the vented cove base and finish work remain. Front desk stone countertop installed. Facing and additional trim work remain. Flooring in office areas and community rooms completed. Lighting controls and programming are ongoing and being finalized.
- **Site Work** Artwork coordination for lighting installation and programming. Lighting controls for the artwork to start late May. River stone installation around stormwater management ponds continues and is about 85% completed.

Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovation

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restrooms
- Construction to begin Monday, May 17th.

Marcey Road Park

- Renovation of the tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, parking lot, site circulation, site furnishings, stormwater management, and landscaping.
- Currently in permitting
- Construction anticipated to start 3rd Quarter 2021

Mosaic Park

- Plaza trench drain filled with concrete.
- Interior park signage released and in production.
- Anticipated completion date for work by end of May.

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former “Teardrop Parcels”)

The public engagement process for the 0.9-acre public space known as the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (formerly known as the “Teardrop Parcels”) generated over 430 comments for three online engagement opportunities. Staff will be providing an update to the project including the proposed, draft Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines to the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) and Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (FNRC) on May 25 and 27 respectively. The County Board will be considering this item at its June 12 or 15 regular agenda.

Oakland Park

Coordination efforts amongst the contractor and Dominion Energy to get electrical service to the controller for the irrigation to the park. Anticipated completion of this project by end of June.

Reeves Site Irrigation

Water Sewer and Streets running waterlines is complete. The contractor completed the installation of the backflow preventer with other remaining work to continue. Project completion anticipated by this month.

Rosslyn Highlands Park – No Updates

Penzance continues construction of the Rosslyn Highlands Park, Fire Station #10 and 1555 Wilson Blvd site. The Fire Station is anticipated to be completed summer 2021. The park is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021.

Rosslyn Highlands Park Playground

- Construction is underway on the playground.
- Playground equipment is mostly installed with some additional pieces arriving this month.
- Planting is mostly complete.
- Anticipate completion by the end of 2021 although the contractor is ahead of schedule, and it could be earlier.

Site Plan Review

- **Crystal Plaza Block M – 2000/2001 S. Bell St. (Crystal Plaza 1)**
 - The County Board approved the site plan (5-0) at its Saturday, May 15 meeting. This includes the creation of a pedestrian passageway (which will contain a public access easement) and monetary contribution for Crystal City-related public spaces & planning.
- **PenPlace (block bound by Army Navy Drive, 12th Street South, South Fern Street, and South Eads Street; formerly 550 Army Navy Drive)**
 - The proposal includes approximately 3.3 million square feet divided across four buildings.
 - Three 22-story office buildings with ground floor retail
 - One destination- and amenity-focused building called “The Helix,” a unique biophilic double helix structure with plantings native to the Mid-Atlantic region.
 - In addition, the proposal includes a 2.5-acre public space, detached retail pavilions, and underground vehicular access. Specific details of the public space will be evaluated through a Park Master Plan (PMP) process occurring concurrently with the site plan review.
 - The first LRPC meeting occurred on Monday, April 19 where the discussion focused on use mix, height, and block layout questions and comments. The applicant provided a brief presentation on the proposed 2.5-acre public space that will be provided as part of this site plan project. The second LRPC meeting occurred on Wednesday, May 12 where a follow-up discussion occurred on the previous items including an update on the Pentagon City Planning Study. Additionally, the first online engagement opportunity for the amended, park master plan was launched on May 12 and will be active until May 26.
- **Potomac Yard Land Bay C – East**
 - Two residential towers, with ground-level retail
 - Building heights range from 11 to 14 stories proposed
 - 488 Total Residential units
 - Allow for conversion of previously approved office GFA to residential GFA

- Separate Land Bay C into “East” and “West” final site plans.
- Modifications requested for reduced residential and hotel parking ratio and other modifications as needed.
- Anticipated to go before the County Board and Planning Commission in June.
- **RCA Site (1901 N. Moore St.)**
 - Rezone from C-O and S-3A to C-O Rosslyn w/ 10.0 FAR
 - Construct 26 story mixed use building with 423 residential units and ground floor retail.
 - Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:
 - Removal of the existing skywalk and loop roads surrounding the site
 - Community benefits package for additional density
 - Utility fund contribution
 - Streetscape improvements
 - Public art contribution
 - Affordable housing contribution
 - LEED certification
 - Open Space contribution
 - Anticipated to go before the County Board and Planning Commission in June.

South Glebe Dominion Energy Substation

- On April 17, the County Board approved Dominion’s request for an encroachment under County-owned property and a license agreement in perpetuity from Dominion to allow Four Mile Run Trail to remain within a 581 square foot area of Dominion’s property.

Temporary Uses

In collaboration with 2 community groups in the Aurora Highlands and Rosslyn neighborhoods, DPR will be working on developing 2 temporary spaces: a temporary dog park in Gateway Park and a temporary dog run in Virginia Highlands Park. As these improvements were not planned for in the County’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) or the Operating Budget, this partnership will provide private funding of these temporary amenities.

- The interim dog park at Gateway Park is built and open to visitors.
- Construction for the Virginia Highlands Interim Dog Run is currently under construction. Lighting the interim dog run will be evaluated after it has been operational for at least 1-year, further site evaluations will be performed, and additional public input has been gathered.
- The recently adopted, scaled-down one-year CIP, identifies \$500,000 to upgrade a portion of the right-of-way at S. Clark and Bell Street in Crystal City for temporary use as a public space. Staff will be developing a public engagement approach when the funding becomes available. The PSMP (Action 1.10) calls for enhancing public spaces with temporary uses and ‘pop-up’ programming, and these projects are in line with that recommendation.

Urban Forestry Office Updates:

- Tree maintenance staff are continuing to work on incoming tree maintenance requests. April and early May brought with it a serious increase in requests and windstorms, and work to address those, along with older requests, is ongoing.
- Park projects being reviewed or monitored for tree canopy: Jennie Dean, Glencarlyn Bridge Replacement, Rosslyn Highlands, and Long Bridge Aquatic Center
- Site plans with high impact or opportunity being reviewed are the Crystal City Water Park, 2450 Crystal Drive (Century Center), and Metropolitan Park 6/7/8

- Donaldson Run Stream Restoration is moving forward with a planting plan and is close to 90% complete.
- The stormwater vault project at Walter Reed school is being reviewed to reduce impact to trees.
- As part of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, staff is working with the National Landing BID, to plant cherry trees on the Hayes Street median, near the Pentagon City Fashion Mall.
- Staff is working with the Missing Middle team, in concert with stormwater staff to find solutions to integrate green space and tree canopy in concepts
- The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) is working on regional tree canopy recommendations. Staff provided examples of high tree canopy projects in different zoning types, for inclusion.
- A project removing invasive species, and planting over 500 trees along the Boundary Channel, near the Pentagon, was completed
- A Frequently Asked Questions page was created for Forestry. You can find it here: <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/trees/arlington-county-urban-forestry-frequently-asked-questions/>

Zitkala-Ša Park

Grading around the site taking place. Basketball footers complete, grading the subgrade for the basketball court. Flat drains installed at the basketball court. Trees removed on site, replacement trees to be installed. Irrigation work to continue where trees were removed and graded for new trees. Pre-treatment area around the urban bio-retention area complete. Project completion anticipated by mid-June.

Commission Member Reports

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
- Alcovia Heights (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
 - *APS and Arlington County have signed off on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cardinal Elementary at the Reed school site.*
 - *No additional updates on The Heights School in Rosslyn.*
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award (Neal Hunter/Dean Foster)
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Steve Finn)
- Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Field Fund Working Group (Steve Finn)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)
 - *No updates, last month's report is the most current (the FNRC will be meeting on Thursday, 5/27).*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Update (Colt Gregory)
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (Vacant)

- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *The PAC received a presentation from Kristen Lohse on Arlington County's plan on updating and solving some issues that persist with the existing trail finding signage across the county. Looking to simplify the signage, condensing them down into one sign in most cases and focusing on points of interest and landmarks. There were numerous suggestions focusing on how to use these signs to direct people towards nearby parks and green space that can be enjoyed as people utilize existing trails and paths through the county. Thoughts on developing an interactive, phone-based map that highlights trails, parks, and green space options through the area were also suggested.*
 - *A presentation was given on creating more parklets within the County. Currently there is only one parklet in existence in Arlington which is located down in Rosslyn. The aim is to find other opportunities to convert existing parking spaces into small, interactive parklets throughout the county that encourage the public to enjoy the space. The addition of these parklets are something that aligns and advances the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) and is something that they are hoping to present to the PRC in the near future as well.*
- Plan Lee Highway (Cindy Krech/Julie Mullen)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Bill Ross/Sergio Enriquez)
 - *The committee has stepped up its discussion and meeting schedule. The two recent items for presentation and discussion were review of a public survey on scheduling of county playing fields, and staff plans for reviewing the possibilities and challenges of establishing off trail biking facilities in Arlington. The latter will include a review of how other communities have made provisions and*
 - *an inventory of natural trails in Arlington and their condition.*
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
 - *Career Center Site – The APS proposal has changed considerably from a year ago, owing to financing constraints. For the interest of PRC, a large field/green space will be built along 7th Street South. A full-size gym, probably without much seating, will be in the building. There will be no aquatic center, given the limits on footprints and the status of the school as a choice school. There is an above ground parking facility proposed along 9th St. next to a proposed new elementary school. An inquiry was made concerning the possibility of a rooftop field on the garage. APS said they could look at that. Overall, this looks like a good proposal with the field larger than that previously proposed. As the design proceeds, we will want to focus on the biophilic design opportunities for the schools.*
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - 1901 N. Moore St. – RCA Building (Dean Foster)
 - 2000/2001 S. Bell St. – Crystal Plaza 1 (Colt Gregory)
 - *The 2000/2001 S. Bell St. (Crystal Plaza 1) was presented by the applicant (JGB Smith) and County staff to the County Board May 15th.*
 - *Most participants who spoke on behalf of the project were pleased with the cooperation received from JBG Smith. PRC supported the final design of the which included LEED Gold, Bird friendly materials, a much-improved Pedestrian Passageway and underground connection.*

- *The Passageway will overlap with the space designated for Future Park #8 in the Sector Plan. Recommend that PRC continue to monitor this space as new development plans are submitted for Block M.*
 - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell/Bill Ross)
 - PenPlace Phase I (Shruti Kuppa)
 - *On May 12th the LPRC met for a second time on the PenPlace project. The committee used the time to continue to ask questions about use mix & density, building heights, and the overall street network. One major outcome of the meeting was an understanding that we may want an additional LPRC regroup especially considering that this project is part of the Park Master Planning engagement that is undergoing. Once the LPRC wraps, this project will move to an SPRC for more granular discussions including parks and open space considerations.*
 - Pershing Drive Special GLUP Study (Sergio Enriquez)
 - Potomac Yard Land Bay C – East (David Howell)
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Steve Finn/Mark Lincoln)
 - *No updates (the Sports Commission will be meeting on Thursday, 5/27).*

Other Business

- Letters by the PRC
 - No additional discussion on this topic.
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Discussion
 - Initial discussion was provided by PRC Chair Ross on the current, three-year CIP proposed and the various components listed, including but not limited to maintenance capital, park master plans (PMPs), synthetic turf program, trail modernization among other items.
 - There is an issue of no funding proposed for future park land acquisition and open space within the proposed three-year CIP.
 - One concern raised is how are proposed energy goals going to be met? Furthermore, goals for tree canopy especially related to the ongoing natural resources plan update need to be addressed. This effort should look at relationships to the various County plans: PSMP, Forestry and Natural Resources Plan, Community Energy Plan, among others.
 - Equity and park and recreational resources are important to consider, and programming issues may be concerning for this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.