

Environment and Energy Conservation Commission
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Summary of September 28, 2015 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Azalea Conference Room

Members Present: Scott Dicke, Sarah Meservey, Christine Ng, Patrick Kenney, Gabriel Thoumi, Mike Hanna, Noor Khalidi, Alex Sanders, Claire O'Dea, Kari Klaus, Greg Miller, John Seymour, Irwin Kim

Members Absent:

Guests: Erik Rasmussen, Christine Smith

Staff Present: Adam Segel-Moss (DES), Erik Beach (CPHD)

1. Public comment

Erik Rasmussen spoke about the relocation of Fire Station #8 on behalf of the Old Dominion Civic Association. There are a large number of residents that are very concerned about the possible and the preferred alternative. Mr. Rasmussen noted that a Task Force is being formed. He asked that the Commission stay focused on the issue. Mr. Rasmussen also noted issues with the headwaters of Donaldson Run. Specifically, orange goo flowing from the site. Adam will connect this information with the stormwater staff to inspect.

Concern was also noted about an Office of Emergency Management (OEM) facility that could be placed on the site and the associated parking spaces that would be needed. Mr. Rasmussen again asked that the Commission remain engaged.

2. Long Bridge Park Game (Erik Beach, PRCP)

Erik Beach gave an update on the Long Bridge Park and planning for a possible Phase 2. Mr. Beach noted background including site location, surrounding geography, and transit connections. The County did a land swap to acquire the site. A committee was formed to decide what would be placed at this site. This process included 150+ meetings and numerous design iterations. In 2004 a Park Master Plan was developed and created a schematic design for the area. In 2005 a second land exchange occurred and placed the easternmost monumental property in County ownership. In 2011 the County was able to obtain the property and finalized a Master Plan for the site that included connections to Gravely Point. In November 2011 the first phase of the park was opened.

In April 2015 the Arlington County Board provided a direction to the County Manager to engage the community in reviewing plans for Phase 2 of the 2013 Long Bridge Master Plan. Phase 2 includes the aquatics, health and fitness facility; with 10 acres of parkland; continuation of the esplanade; and additional environmental remediation.

Community input is being gathered through open meetings, a County-wide survey and focus groups and conversations with neighborhoods, County commissions such as E2C2, and user groups. Community feedback will be reviewed by County staff led by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Environmental Services in conjunction with the County Board Appointed Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee.

County Manager recommendations will be presented to the County Board in January 2016.
Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee Meeting Documents

Erik passed out information on a game that will help gather Commission input. It contains cards for project elements for the Phase 2 aquatics center. Each item has a cost associated. Each member can spend a total of \$100 to build the facility or as little as zero. Zero would indicate that the person is not interested in the aquatics center.

Christine asked what the demand is for the aquatics project. Erik noted that schools have new pools, but they have limited availability to evening and weekends. There is no daytime availability and therefore demand is high. There are 4,000 on waitlist for aquatic classes. This is the largest wait for any of the County activity classes.

The Commission members played the game and provided input to Mr. Beach.

3. Meeting Summary Review – August 2015

Approved as amended.

4. Old/New Business

Kari Klaus discussed sending a letter to the Board to ask for definition of different space types (natural, open space, green space, park space, etc.). Commission members noted that Claire would be the best person to discuss and coordinate with.

Alex noted that the public spaces master plan will begin in October.

John Seymour noted that the Wilson School project came in \$20 MM over budget (Approx. \$100 MM); the budget was \$80 MM. Alex noted that often sustainability issues are the first to get chopped and asked that the Commission stay vigilant about what is important. They need to finalize a plan by November to reach the construction. Mr. Seymour also noted that a couple meetings on Williamsburg lighting occurred. Generally, neighbors are on one side and sports reps on the other with little middle ground being found. October 21st is the first design on lighting. Sky glow, glare, spill, and others will be evaluated to mitigate.

Noor noted that the Solid Waste Committee will meet in October.