

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

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

- Commission consideration of April 27, 2021 minutes

Public Comment (7:05-7:15)

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

Presentation of Arlington County Civic Federation Equity Paper [Duke Banks and Jesse Boeding, Arlington County Civic Federation] (7:15-7:40)

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Update [Marco Rivero and Max Ewart, DPR] (7:40-8:00)

Follow-up Discussion on Lyon Park Citizens' Association Memorial Plaque Request for County Board Member, Erik Gutshall (at Zitkála-Šá Park) [Diane Probus, DPR] (8:00-8:10)

- PRC Vote on Memorial Plaque Request

Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) Update [Elizabeth Carriger and Angela Adams, AED] (8:10-8:25)

Discussion on Potomac Yards Land Bay C-East Site Plan [Nicholas Cummings, Walsh, Colucci, Lubely and Walsh] (8:25-8:40)

Discussion on Parklet Guidance [Bridget Obikoya, DES] (8:40-9:00)

Staff Report (9:00-9:05)

Commission Member Reports (9:05-9:15)

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
- Alcova 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 JGB 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 (9:15-9:30)

- Letters to the County Board
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Discussion

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams)