

## **Park and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, June 22, 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 May 25, 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.*

#### **Discussion on the Proposed FY 2022-FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) [Erik Beach, DPR] (7:15-7:45)**

#### **Arlington County and Vicinity Boathouse Update [Paul Holland, Arlington Boathouse Foundation] (7:45-8:00)**

#### **Discussion with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) [Alan Rowsome, Executive Director, NVCT] (8:00-8:25)**

#### **Pershing Drive Special General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Study Update [Margaret Tulloch Rhodes, CPHD] (8:25-8:35)**

#### **Staff Report (8:35-8:40)**

#### **Commission Member Reports (8:40-8:50)**

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *The formal opening of the new Lubber Run Community Center (LRCC) will be on Friday, July 9, from 5 pm to 8 pm with a ribbon cutting and block party to follow. The party will feature indoor and outdoor activities for all ages, including 55+ programming and facility tours. Free parking is available on site in the new parking garage and all are invited. LRCC is located at the intersection of North Park Street and North George Mason Drive. Prior to the formal opening, the service desk will*

*be open from 8 am to 5 pm beginning Monday, June 21 to accept forms for in-person kids summer camp, facility rentals, fee reductions and program and class registrations. Full indoor programming for the senior center and preschool will return in the fall.*

- Alcova Heights (Colt Gregory)
  - *No updates.*
  
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- 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)
  - *New Park at Eads Street and Army-Navy Drive. Max Ewart and Marco Rivero presented on the “New Park”, aka Teardrop Park or Eads Street Park, yet to be formally named. This was the same presentation received by PRC. Comments included tree canopy calculations, lighting, and the condition of the signature Cottonwood tree.*
  - *Public Art Master Plan. Elizabeth Carriger presented on the draft PAMP, which was the same presentation as heard by PRC. Comments included questions/suggestions about natural art, ephemeral art, and equity in location and variety of art.*
  - *Tree Canopy Fund Outreach. Phil Klingelhofer and Kate Donohue spoke about ways to improve and expand the outreach for the TCP, which has more capacity than applicants.*
  - *Legislative priorities for 2022. Phil Klingelhofer led discussion on topics to include in a FNRC letter to respond to the CB call for legislative agenda items. This will be discussed at the June meeting.*
  
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
  - *No Updates.*
  
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
  - *No Updates.*
  
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Update (Colt Gregory)
  - *No Updates.*
  
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker)

- *Equity briefing --NJRAG received the briefing from Gabrielle Cantor, Chair of the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Arlington NAACP #7047, Planning for Equitable Access to Natural Resources. Presentation and discussion covered Environmental equity, activities in Arlington and techniques. Noted equity should be incorporated into our plans and programs along with measures of progress. Discussed equity in the tree canopy fund.*
- *FNRP Update -- Examining the association of the emerging FNRP and the existing Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP).*
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (Vacant)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
  - *The PAC had a joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) this month. No updates to share otherwise.*
- Plan Lee Highway (Cindy Krech/Julie Mullen)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Bill Ross/Sergio Enriquez)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
  - 1901 N. Moore St. – RCA Building (Dean Foster)
    - *As noted in the PRC's letter to the County Board, dated June 1, the PRC was generally supportive of the proposal for redevelopment of the site and the developer is providing a 2.2-million-dollar contribution towards planning and development of the adjacent Gateway Park and other open space. However, the lack of bird friendly glass, particularly at the sky window and along the northern façade of the building which is near an active bird habitat and the migratory flyway is concerning. Unfortunately, although the PRC rep presented these concerns to the planning commission on June 2 and to the County Board at their public hearing on June 12, the site plan as presented was approved by the County Board on June 12. On a positive note, some board members expressed interest at the June 12 meeting and subsequently at the June 15 public hearing on the Potomac Yard, Land Bay C-East project (which also had bird safety concerns) in gathering information for a study, perhaps County-wide on the bird safety issue.*
  - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
  - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell/Bill Ross)
  - PenPlace Phase I (Shruti Kuppa)
  - 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)

- *At its 5/27/21 meeting the commission received a presentation on the proposed CIP. Some of the discussion revolved around funds for synthetic turf replacement and installation. The commission also received a review of analysis and public surveys of assumptions for sports field use under PSMP implementation. Questions involved forming an equity framework around field use decisions and the advisability of having the private sports leagues consulted on use assumptions. On the proposed plans for the new Career Center, concern was expressed about the loss of a T-Ball field at the Patrick Henry School site. A large multi-use sports field is proposed for this location. Finally, Shirley Brothwell led the discussion on a proposed working group that will focus on racism issues in sports. The issue was triggered by the Wakefield-Marshall football game incident earlier this year. (Commissioner Lincoln has agreed to represent the PRC on this group).*

**Other Business (8:50-8:55)**

- Letters to the County Board

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams)**