



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

Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 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  
Nia Bagley (Planning Commission Liaison)  
Sarah Baryluk  
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)  
Jill Barker  
Sergio Enriquez  
Steve Finn  
Dean Foster  
Peter Harnik  
David Howell  
Neal Hunter  
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair  
Mark Lincoln  
Colt Gregory

**Guests:**

Bernard Berne  
Paul Holland  
Erik Meyers  
Alan Rowsome

**County Staff:**

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison  
Erik Beach, Parks Planning Division Chief, DPR  
Brittany Canny, Management and Budget Specialist, DPR  
Walter Gonzalez, Associate Planner, DPR  
Margaret Tulloch Rhodes, Principal Planner, CPHD

**PRC members not in attendance:**

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.

PRC Chair Ross updated the Commission regarding former Commissioner Cindy Krech's tenure on the Commission ending in June. Furthermore, PRC Chair Ross presented new PRC Commissioner Peter Harnik to the Commission and introductions were made by the PRC members during this time.

The Commission considered its May 25, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

## **Public Comment**

- **Bernard Berne** provided comments about the proposed FY 2022-FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) involving the Arlington County and Vicinity Boathouse project. Dr. Berne stated that there was no comprehensive land use study or planning of the facility area in the Upper Rosslyn site. The facility was not dedicated for any purposes, and it could be a natural space, a bicycle facility, or as an ancillary facility use of the Boathouse; however, this was not fully determined. Regarding the Lower Rosslyn site (owned by the National Park Service (NPS)), there would need to be removal of invasive species. Dr. Berne also stated that Gravelly Point was not evaluated at much and should be considered further. It is a question of equity at the site and should not be considered within the CIP at this time.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Discussion on the Proposed FY 2022-FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Park Development Division Director, Erik Beach, accompanied by Brittany Canny, DPR, provided a presentation on the proposed FY 2022-FY 2024 CIP and considerations for DPR.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Regarding the public engagement process for the Boathouse project, is one possibility of the process that things do not look as feasible or fiscally responsible than what was originally proposed? Mr. Beach clarified that any outcome is possible, the fiscally challenging piece may be whether the project is done or not depending on the County's economic considerations. The engagement proposed will likely involve impact to existing tree canopy, potential size of the facilities, site connectivity, among other site factors. There will be a broad engagement with multiple engagement opportunities provided during the process.
- What is the current outlook for the first phase of Jennie Dean Park? Mr. Beach clarified that a lot of the current work involves utilities (stormwater, electric, and telecommunications among others). Staff is looking at the end of the year or early 2022 for completion of the first phase.
- Regarding the two bridges lost at Lubber Run Park and Glencarlyn Park during the July 2020 storm, which of the two bridges in each park will be replaced first? Mr. Beach stated that one of the bridges at Glencarlyn Park (spanning the stream from the dog park car lot and the bike trail) will be replaced. The Lubber Run bridge replacements will require further study by DPR. There are concerns about the previous bridge locations and that part of the evaluation and design may be used to identify new locations entirely, that is less prone to future flood damage.
- Related to addressing a future CIP, the concept of natural capital should be assessed. The

County is only spending approximately \$100,000 on invasive plant removal within the parks in the County. This work is extremely valuable and should be treated as valuable assets within the parks. Using capital funding to maintain trees and other natural features would be something to assess further.

- PRC Chair Ross clarified that a letter was drafted on the proposed CIP and the Commission may reiterate a few points as the process continues.

## **Arlington County and Vicinity Boathouse Update**

Arlington Boathouse Foundation (ABF) Vice President and former PRC Commissioner, Paul Holland accompanied by President, Erik Meyers provided a presentation and discussion of the Arlington County and Vicinity Boathouse project. The presenters focused on discussing the potential cost of the facility, who will use the facility/equity considerations, impact of financial resources, and transportation impacts. The Boathouse would be for community and Arlington Public Schools (APS) users. No gasoline powered boats would be stored onsite. The programming at the site could also provide potential opportunities on environmental education. There is the opportunity to plan an energy efficient boathouse (at least LEED Gold or similar): capturing rainwater, restoring/maintaining native plants, among others. A plant survey is being pursued for this site, and ABF is speaking with Arlington Master Naturalists to get this work done as well. In terms of transportation, there are highways, trails, and Metrorail/bus access. The Upper Rosslyn site may have some Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible parking, emergency parking and access. Funds for land acquisition was always an important priority. This is an opportunity to increase the acreage of usable public space. Mr. Meyers also detailed the review history of the site including but not limited to the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) which was over 60 pages, a public scoping analysis done in 2014 (over 400 pages), Boathouse study from 2002 (over 100 pages). There was a fair amount of public comment and review over several years. This site has the best opportunity for current and future residents to enjoy (youth and adults) and access the riverfront equitably.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- The equity aspects of parks and the easy access of facilities for casual-use recreation is important. No gasoline powered boats would be allowed at the facility/site. How would this be dealt with logistically? Mr. Holland explained that alternative launch locations for motorized boats will be discussed further for this project, and there are ways to work around this.
- The issue with invasive species at the site is important and having the Boathouse project be an opportunity to preserve native species and remove invasive species is an important consideration.
- Can people have kayaks or canoes on the site? Mr. Meyers explained that this is something that is still worth considering and will be discussed further as part of the operations and management agreement between the NPS and the County. This would be a great point to bring up in the planning for the facility. This would also serve as a great educational opportunity for the site as well.
- Gravelly Point has been called out as a great place, but there has been issues with the safety, riverbeds, and other issues that has made this facility unviable for small craft users. Access to Theodore Roosevelt Island (TRI) is not easy, how will this expand the current pathway further and provide opportunities for more natural space exploration for Arlingtonians? Mr. Holland detailed that one thing that has been discussed with the NPS is the possibility of creating a visitor's center for TRI at the Upper Rosslyn site. The Potomac Heritage Trail is a great resource that is underutilized, and there may be others to emphasize. Mr. Meyers expanded further by stating that the potential of the Upper

Rosslyn site location to be a gateway to the various trails, TRI, and other potential natural amenities. This should be a great opportunity to experience the river, trails, and other natural sites.

- The development of this area for this purpose is good for leveraging the interest of incorporating all of the natural resources at this site. If there is an idea of developer contributions potentially being used for the Boathouse, there should be assurance that the monetary contributions would go not only for the development of the structures/buildings but also for the natural areas surrounding them.

### **Discussion with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT)**

PRC Vice Chair, Shruti Kuppa introduced Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, Alan Rowsome, who provided a discussion on the NVCT, their background, and operations. Vice Chair Kuppa stated that the partnership with NVCT is valuable to the County and may provide many opportunities moving forward. Mr. Rowsome introduced himself to the PRC and provided a history of NVCT's work with the County for over 27 years (NVCT is based out of Annandale, Virginia). About one-third of NVCT members/supporters are from Arlington. Mr. Rowsome provided a presentation about the NVCT, its roles and relationship with the County.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- How is the NVCT different from the Nature Conservancy, where they fund raise and acquire and protect land, how does that work with your charter? Mr. Rowsome explained that the NVCT is different from the Nature Conservancy where the NVCT can focus on work at a very granular/local level as opposed to a larger organization like the Nature Conservancy. The NVCT has partnered to buy large properties in other jurisdictions (ex: river farm property along the Potomac River which is approximately 27 acres), this could be possible with Arlington County as well. The NVCT can facilitate/assist when more specific acquisition opportunities become possible (which larger organizations cannot do efficiently).
- What is the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) expectation with the County? Mr. Rowsome clarified that the County and NVCT work with staff on Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) implementation, among other items. Protecting new properties when they become available is an opportunity to explore further. Draft conservation easements are done by properties, and around 30-40% of those processes actually move forward. The NVCT works to facilitate that process. A small subsection of the population is ready to move forward for conservation easements. This needs to be improved with the opportunities that may be provided through this partnership.

### **Pershing Drive Special General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Study Update**

Principal Planner, CPHD, Margaret Tulloch Rhodes, provided an update on the Pershing Drive Special GLUP study. Walter Gonzalez, DPR, was also in attendance.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Avoiding the super block aspects of the site, transition to the neighborhood, tree planting, biophilia and sustainability were important, especially pollinator plantings along Arlington Boulevard. Was there specification on the proposed square footage of the proposed public space area? The shape of the public space is something to discuss, it is currently proposed as a rectangular, ample space (it's not a fragmented or thin/linear

space).

- Do we know what the existing hardscape vs public space gains for this area are? Ms. Rhodes affirmed that there are opportunities for larger public space area. There is a green area along North Pershing Drive and North Wayne Street, but they are smaller in area and scope. The proposed plan provides for increased public space in quality and quantity. The idea of a pleasant square/rectangular space that is functional is important for this study and the language within the study can be double-checked to specify this, and staff may calculate what the net increase of public space/green space may be for this area.
- Within the “sustainability” description within the study, please include sustainability for wildlife as well. Especially as it is considering glass facades which are provided with a lot of new developments through the County. Adding topography to the site may also add a lot of interest to the site and provide more spots for people to use the public space for casual use purposes. Ms. Rhodes highlighted that there is language regarding berming and that micro placemaking and wildlife sustainability considerations will be reviewed further.
- PRC Chair Ross stated that there will likely be a letter from the PRC for this project moving forward and will be shared prior to the County Board meeting in July.

## **Staff Report**

No additional updates were provided.

**11<sup>th</sup> and Danville NC Park Project** – The County Board approved the Fall 2020 Neighborhood Conservation funding round at the April 2021 board meeting. 11<sup>th</sup> and Danville was one of the projects approved as part of the funding round. The first design meeting will be coordinated with the civic association and held in July 2021 online via the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association meeting.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Street Park**

- DPR staff is currently reviewing 90% plan set for the DES 15th Street realignment project.
- Staff continues to work on developing the engagement plan and schedule to kick-off the project in the latter part of the year.

### **4MRV – Jennie Dean Park**

Construction is progressing on the park and will continue through the year. Construction is anticipated to last 12-14 months and the park should re-open 1st Quarter of 2022. 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 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 - No Updates**
  - Completion of the [building renovation is](#) anticipated in January 2022.

- **Cardinal Elementary School**
  - See detailed APS progress reports on the [webpage](#)
  - The school will be completed for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
  - [Cardinal Elementary School Stormwater Vault - Projects & Planning \(arlingtonva.us\)](#)
  - County work on Phase I (the installation of the inlet and outlet structures for the underground stormwater detention system) will be completed June/July.
  - In June, 90% design plans will be completed.
  - A public meeting will be scheduled for July to update the community.

#### **Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements**

- Board consideration of the construction contract award for this project is tentatively scheduled for the July meeting.

#### **Benjamin Banneker Park Improvements**

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

#### **The Crossing Clarendon (Market Common Clarendon) Public Space**

- The Crossing Clarendon Project was included on the consent agenda at the June CB hearing and was approved without comment.

#### **Crystal City Water Park – No Updates**

- The applicant has provided staff with landscape plans for the CB approved Crystal City Water Park. Staff is coordinating to provide comments to the applicant.

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021

#### **Glencarlyn Park Bridge Replacement**

- Kickoff meeting held on 4/4/21. Starting work on construction drawings. Core Team review has been completed. We are currently working on construction documents for permitting.

#### **Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility**

- Project is currently out to bid.
- Project construction anticipated to start 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- The County is applying for a use permit for a public park within the site which is currently zoned C-2. The request will be considered by the County Board at their July meeting.
- The project is anticipated to be completed in September.

#### **Long Bridge Park Aquatic Center**

- The new LBAFC website will launch on June 23 and will include center, membership and aquatic pass information.
- **Pools 50 M and Leisure** Leisure Pool cleaning and prepping for caulk at tile. Expansion Joints on pool deck caulked. 50 M pool training on pool systems this week, one of three training sessions.
- **Interior Building** Communication and IT equipment installation continues with TV's Projectors, and the IT credenzas have been installed. AV equipment rack systems in the IT and group fitness areas continue to be installed. WIFI installation to start week of June 21, 2021. Front desk finished. Fitness desk on the mezzanine completed. Flooring in Office areas and community rooms completed. Testing and Balancing of Mech equipment continue throughout all sections of the building. Fitness Equipment delivered/installed and completed this week. Workstations delivery June 15-18. Close-out and finalization for the building of the Special Inspections with Inspection Services Department (ISD) completed.
- **Site Work** Artwork coordination for lighting installation and programming. Lighting controls for the artwork to start late June. Silt and erosion sediment control measures are installed and being maintained. Flexi-pave installed at two of the three fitness equipment areas this week. Formwork set for Concrete at the Capital Bike Share station on the NW side of the site.

#### **Long Bridge Park**

- Long Bridge Park will be open as a viewing location for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Park-goers will be encouraged to wear a face mask and socially distance if they have not been vaccinated and will be advised that alcohol or fireworks are not permitted in the park. Additionally, no spike shoes or chairs and no food will be allowed on the synthetic turf fields.

#### **Lubber Run Community Center & Park Renovation**

- A special event will be held on Fri., July 9 from 5-8 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the Lubber Run Community Center and Park. The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 p.m., followed by a block party on N Park Dr, as well as indoor and outdoor programming.

#### **Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovation**

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restrooms
- Construction started on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Interior demolition complete.

#### **Marcey Road Park**

- Renovation of the tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, parking lot, site circulation, site furnishings, stormwater management, and landscaping.
- Currently working with Purchasing to go out to bid.
- Construction anticipated to start 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021

#### **Mosaic Park**

- Interior park signage released and in production.
- Water feature opened to the community end of May.

#### **New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former "Teardrop Parcels")**

The County Board at its Tuesday, June 15 recessed meeting adopted the Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines for the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive project. This project will progress through design development and a subsequent park naming process (which

will be informed by potential park name feedback provided during the community engagement process for the New Park).

### **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**

Project complete.

### **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 installed.
- Planting is complete.
- Remaining items include; Playground Safety Surfacing, fencing, signage.
- Anticipate completion by the end of 2021 although the contractor is ahead of schedule, and it could be earlier.

### **Site Plan Review**

- **PenPlace (block bound by Army Navy Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 was active until June 2. Over 160+ comments were provided, and they included reactions to the proposed park layout, amenities, circulation, tree canopy, plantings, and other associated features. A second PMP engagement is envisioned for the summer.
- **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.
- Went before the Planning Commission on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
- The County Board approved the site plan on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- **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
  - Went before the Planning Commission on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
  - The County Board approved the site plan on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **Temporary Uses**

In collaboration with 2 community groups in the Aurora Highlands and Rosslyn neighborhoods, DPR developed 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.
- The interim dog run at Virginia Highlands Park is built and open to visitors. 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:**

- Historic Preservation and Local Historic Districts are reaching out to Urban Forestry at a higher volume for tree inspections. Several dead trees have recently been approved for removal.
- The tree crew continue to receive increased requests and are working on addressing them. Right now, incoming are exceeding completed, which does not allow us to catch up. We are hoping for a reprieve, and the new fiscal year funding may help.
- Small storms have hit us in the last month, usually in the evening, with heavy, short, rain events, and heavy winds. These storms often cause 20+ tree failures for our crews.
- Staff continues to work on LDA2.0, to best include tree conservation in the Chesapeake Bay preservation ordinance guidance manual, in context of reducing stormwater quantity loads.

- Metropolitan Park 6/7/8 – Staff is reviewing this park for its tree planting palette, and soil volumes. A lively discussion occurred on the value of structural soils, and this park may be an experimental site for a newer structural soil product, in places where trees have enough healthy soil to thrive.
- Crystal City Water Park – Staff is still working with the applicant to ensure appropriate soil volumes and tree protection methods are used for this project. The planting plan is currently under development.
- Grant Park – This plan will be presented to the Urban Forestry office in the upcoming days. Currently, the design does not show an improvement over what is already there, from a tree perspective.
- The ART Bus lot in Shirlington is being designed. A large treed area will be included in the plan.
- The stormwater detention facility at Walter Reed school is being reviewed for tree impact. Impact remains low, but as of right now, approximately 3-4 small to medium trees may be impacted.
- Our mini Arbor Day event at Carlin Springs Elementary went very well, with a short poem reading, and tree planting. We are excited that we were still able to hold this, to look towards the future with this tree.
- Tree Planting is very busy. Staff is marking out the remainder of the trees for planting this week and next. Davey will have four crews planting in the initial weeks of June.
- Christina deMariano has accepted a position at Fairfax County, as part of the Forest Health division. We are excited to see Christina progress in the field of forestry and look forward to working with her in her new position.
- The Tree Canopy Fund is working on setting up a plan for the expanded tree maintenance language, approved by the board on May 15, in coordination with forestry and DES staff.
- A guidance document for planting trees near trails is being created, to minimize conflicts between trails and trees.
- Staff is researching the potential for AI-analyzed tree canopy, as a planning tool.
- 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 court fencing and asphaltting complete. Sod installed for the athletic field. 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 end-June.

### **Commission Member Reports**

- 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.*

- Alcovia 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 --NRJAG 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).*
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- 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 --NRJAG 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**

- Letters by the PRC
  - PRC Chair Ross expressed the Commission's intent to provide a letter for the Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) update.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.**