



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

Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 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)  
Jill Barker  
Sarah Baryluk  
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)  
Sergio Enriquez  
Dean Foster  
Colt Gregory  
Peter Harnik  
David Howell  
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair  
Mark Lincoln  
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)  
Adam Rasmussen  
Melissa Riggio

**Guests:**

Bill Berlin (provided written public comment)

**County Staff:**

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison  
Alonso Abugattas Jr., Management Analyst, DPR  
Ryan Delaney, Principal Planner, DPR  
David Farner, Assistant Parks and Natural Resources Division Chief, DPR  
Matt Mattauszek, Development Master Planner, CPHD

**PRC members not in attendance:**

Neal Hunter

**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 October 26, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

## Public Comment

- **William Berlin** submitted a written public comment on October 29, 2021, with regards to Westover Park restrooms. The following text contains Mr. Berlin's public comment:
  - *"Parks are used all year, and restrooms are useful for those many of us who walk or bicycle year-round. I am an older guy, and ... I need to, uh, make a stop... frequently, particularly when walking. In affluent North Arlington, there are many home-building projects, tear-down and rebuild or big expansions, with port-a-potty. I have often been grateful. But these are not reliably located. I use restroom facilities at several parks. Westover Park is particularly convenient for my walks. Could restroom be open all year? Sports fields and picnic shelters get a fair amount of use even during the "restrooms closed" months. I am not the only one who would be grateful to use them. I can understand that unheated facilities might need to be winterized and shut down to prevent freeze damage. But last winter, I many times walked by restroom in Westover Park sometimes in some agony; the restroom was locked for the season but a heat pump was running keeping it above freezing. Save a tree - keep the restroom open, please."*

Staff will follow up with Parks and Natural Resources staff (park managers and maintenance staff) on a response to Mr. Berlin's comments.

## Agenda Items

### **Arlington County Deer Study and Next Steps**

Alonso Abugattas Jr. and David Farner, DPR, provided a presentation on the Arlington County Deer Study and next steps. Staff explained the process for conducting the drone surveys with contractor, Steward Green, LLC who have experience in performing this work. Steward Green, LLC was unable to secure approval to fly over federal lands. Staff also explained the overall survey results by area. Some of the numbers of deer found within County properties are also reflective of what can be found in adjacent federal properties. An example being the deer survey results within Fort C.F. Smith Park are also reflective of what can be found at the adjacent George Washington Memorial Parkway. Arlington County Police Department also coordinated with the contracted survey team to work with any other federal agencies during the fly over periods. Next steps were discussed further, including conducting a Deer Management Assessment with a consultant team (consultant team to be determined).

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Ross commented that deer surveys near the George Washington Memorial Parkway are difficult to acquire but glad to get nearby numbers. Regarding Arlington National Cemetery, has staff worked with or consulted with the head arborist at the Cemetery to see what numbers they may have? Mr. Abugattas responded that it is very difficult to judge how many deer there are by asking people. It is a difficult process to come up with an accurate estimate for where deer are. NOVA Parks had their own guesses which were not that accurate. These numbers are difficult to ground proof.
- The deer that were accounted for is good information. What is benchmarking in this context? Mr. Farner explained that the benchmarking is based off communities that are close to Arlington, not necessarily proximity, but more so urban areas, like within Rock

Creek Park in Washington D.C. especially with what has been done with deer management. This also includes what steps were taken to address these concerns and how they conducted engagement processes.

- Do the deer eat the invasive plants? Mr. Abugattas clarified that deer do not like to feed on invasive species/plants, so they tend to spread. Deer are also influential in that spread.
- The deer problem is a Countywide problem, what role does PRC have in the deer situation, and what can the PRC bring within the conversation? Mr. Farner explained that staff is not coming into this problem with any specific methods in mind at this point, but the County will explore all possibilities for a good path forward.
- Fencing can be an option to consider moving forward. Is this an option being considered? Mr. Farner stated that staff is looking at any option at this point moving forward (this may consist of anything between taking no action to sharpshooter programs).
- Please speak to the scope of work on the assessment moving forward, likely assessment and recommendations based on benefits and difficulties for implementation (this could be ranked). This can be part of deciding on the actions moving forward that the County implements. Whatever is decided will be the new normal for how the County manages deer moving forward, and on-going costs would need to be considered. Mr. Farner stated that staff is looking at other deer management plans that have been done nearby including those for Rock Creek Park and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, among others.
- PRC Chair Ross noted that data and methodology are important to have a background especially as a Commission and the overall public. Regarding public engagement, the PRC is asked to be involved in these efforts, whether that be individually but also as a Commission. The PRC is an advisory commission, and this assessment and next steps may rise to the level of the County Board for their consideration as well.
- What are the costs of doing this survey and will there be one done in the future? Mr. Farner stated that the County anticipates additional surveys would be done. Mr. Abugattas added that there may be a chance to provide an additional survey possibly within the GW Parkway, but that is still speculative given the close coordination with the previous survey. The previous survey cost approximately \$48,000 to produce.

### **Follow-Up Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed Pentagon City Planning Study**

Matt Mattauszek, CPHD and Ryan Delaney, DPR, provided a follow-up presentation and discussion on the proposed, Pentagon City Planning Study. Staff will be addressing any follow-up information and community comment provided during the Fall 2021 engagement, the draft plan updates, and next steps. Subsequent draft plans (second version in mid-October) included expanded sections on equity, biophilia, sustainability, and transportation, as well as study process/timeline and supporting comment response matrix. New planning principles: “Places for People” and “Places for Nature” were included. A third version of the draft plan for a late November release will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Housing Commission and will be considered for a Request for Advertisement (RTA) to the County Board in December.

There is an overall requirement of 20% or more tree canopy including street trees in the streetscape as part of this plan. Increased detail and additional examples of how the “Green Ribbon” is envisioned is provided as part of the updated draft plan including supporting cross-sectional exhibits and design menu. Other additions include new Arlington Public Schools (APS) siting efforts for a new elementary school and assessment for an additional fire station within the 22202/22204 zip code communities. Action steps are also provided (short-term (1-3 yrs.), mid-term (4-9 yrs.), and long-term (10 or more yrs.)). Planned final consideration of the Pentagon City Plan is proposed for February 2022.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Tree canopy recommendations for the site at 20% or more may not be ideal. Mr. Delaney explained that the 20% is a minimum and the goal would be for more (for any individual site including those in private properties). The draft plan is considering 40% or more for public spaces. Mr. Mattauszek clarified that the “site” is defined by two areas, those encompassing other private development areas within the site and those within public spaces/streetscapes which could bring the numbers higher.
- This study provides a great opportunity to provide greater tree canopy numbers and goals within the study area. If there is any way possible to increase the tree canopy that would be appreciated.
- What should the PRC know and be asked to weigh in on for this study? This plan and future studies should not use the terms open space, parks, public space interchangeably. This provides some confusion within terminology used. Mr. Mattauszek acknowledged that staff will review the terminology used within the plan, but there are spaces that are fully public, private with a public component, or fully private in nature. The range of opportunities should be emphasized, and the study should be clear with what private developments may do and what may be lined up for future considerations for Virginia Highlands Park. Mr. Delaney and Mr. Rivero highlighted that any term used should be consistent with adopted, PSMP terminology, and this is being coordinated with the plan document as it is being drafted/finalized. Mr. Mattauszek added that there will be new public space gained for Virginia Highlands Park (approximately one acre or more) as envisioned within this plan and may be achieved through the redevelopment/density requests associated with the adjacent River House property.
- Are public comments still being received for the second version of this plan? Mr. Mattauszek clarified that comments are not being received for this iteration. However, staff will accept any additional comments that may be addressed as part of the third version of the plan.
- Can you provide a quick explanation of the Costco block and why that is not part of the study area? Mr. Mattauszek explained that back in the 1970s the Pentagon City PDSP was formulated with nearby commonly-owned properties, without the Costco property included (which was under different ownership and uses). In the 1990s, the Pentagon Centre PDSP was formulated for the Costco block (separate from the Pentagon City PDSP). This is one of the reasons why the proposed Pentagon City Planning Study does not address the Costco site, which currently has its own proposed vision.
- PRC Chair Ross noted that the southeast corner of the Costco site has an envisioned public space to be developed within the current surface parking lot area of the site. The land lease for this space is several decades long.
- PRC Chair Ross stated that the Commission can put together a letter on this effort moving forward for the RTA and any other subsequent actions. Mr. Mattauszek clarified that the third version of the plan should be available by early next week for community review.

### **PRC Chair’s List of PRC Assignments to Projects and Initial Discussion of the 2022 Plan of Action for the Parks and Recreation Commission**

PRC Chair Ross and Vice Chair Kuppa provided an initial discussion on the PRC Chair’s list of PRC assignments to projects and 2022 Plan of Action for the Commission. After PRC Chair Ross steps down at the end of the year, Vice Chair Kuppa may be stepping in as Chair (to be confirmed by the County Board).

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Commissioner Rasmussen asked what the difference was between the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and working group? PRC Chair Ross explained that the Committee is the review body that provides recommendations to the County Board, and the working group was related to work on how processes can improve within the NCAC. Vice Chair Kuppa stated that the working group's report can be found online, and changes/implementation measures are still pending.
- PRC Chair Ross explained that the Plan of Action (POA) for 2022 will be provided by the beginning of next year and an example of the 2021 POA will be shared to the Commission as an example for what was previously considered. This also includes monitoring any activities associated with County budgets and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- PRC Vice Chair Kuppa also mentioned that a replacement vice chair is something that the Commission will be looking for the coming year.
- Commissioner Harnik expressed that the Commission identify topics of interest and that they should be addressed first on agendas moving forward.

## **Staff Report**

Staff provided no additional updates to the staff report.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Street North and North Danville Street Neighborhood Conservation (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 has been coordinated with the civic association and was held July 15, 2021 online via the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association meeting. A second design meeting was held on September 16, 2021, approved by the CCCA and the project has moving into engineering and construction documents. The civic association is interested in selecting a new park name. County staff provided information about the process at the September meeting and the civic association is in the process of park name selection. Diane Probus is leading the park naming process.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Street Park – No Updates (Intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street South and South Eads Street)**

- DPR staff is currently reviewing 90% plan set for the DES 15th Street realignment project.
- Staff continues to work on developing the engagement plan accordingly.

### **4MRV – Jennie Dean Park (3630 27<sup>th</sup> Street South)**

- 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.
- Installation of stormwater structures and piping is complete. Bio-retention planters in progress
- Shade structure/picnic shelter installation complete. Green roof installation complete. Small shade structure at the tennis courts installed.
- Adult and youth fields – Fencing and netting complete. Dugout installation complete. Irrigation mostly complete. Topsoil complete. Sod installation in progress.
- Restroom - Placement of concrete footings for the restroom facility complete. Below ground blockwork complete. Underground electrical and plumbing works complete. Ground slab concrete complete. Door frames installed. Electrical and plumbing works ongoing. Above slab blockwork complete up to roof level. Exterior blockwork complete. Roof installation in progress. Water and Sanitary sewer tie-in to manhole in the ROW complete.

- Playground equipment is complete. Surfacing and perimeter curb/fencing in progress.
- MUSCO light pole installation complete, tennis court light poles installed, park lighting installation in progress. Conduits installation for wiring in progress.
- Overlook is complete.
- Four Mile Run Drive - Curb and gutter, and new angled parking along Four Mile Run is complete. Sidewalk and street trees in progress.

## APS Projects

- **Education Center Reuse (1426 N. Quincy St.) – No Updates**
  - Completion of the [building renovation is](#) anticipated in time for the 2022 – 2023 school year.
- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.) –**
  - APS is completing school building punch list
  - County Project – Stormwater Vault on School Grounds
    - Site mobilization to begin County stormwater project will occur following resolution of power for the dewatering pumps

## Asphalt Trail Work/Improvements

Asphalt trail work began at the beginning of this month (tree trimming will take place first). Coordination has taken place with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) – Bike Arlington, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the affected civic/citizens’ associations. Notification letters will be placed at the homes along Arlington Boulevard trails. See the approximate trail work schedule below:

- *Bluemont Trail* – upper trail that runs parallel to the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail – completed on November 3.
- *Route 50 Trail (Arlington Blvd. Trail)* – going from South Irving Street over to house 3506 Arlington Blvd. – completed on November 5.
- *Lucky Run Trail* – running along South Walter Reed Drive going from King Street, Dinwiddie, Wakefield, over to Four Mile Run – 5-7 days (approx. November 15 to November 19).
- *Donaldson Run Trail* – will have repair work only to the lower portion of the trail at North Vermont Street (trail will be complete in spring 2022) – completed on November 5 (repair patch work only).

## Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements (4747 Fairfax Dr.) –

- Preparations are underway to begin construction at the beginning of December. The park and trail will be closed until the project is completed.
- Invasive treatment to start late November. See [webpage](#) for project details.

## Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award

- Members of the PRC are reviewing the current award webpage and application and will send any edits to the DPR marketing team.
- Call for submissions will be sent starting in November.

## Bluemont Junction Trail Milling and Paving (from the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail to North George Mason Drive and Wilson Boulevard)

- Construction starts the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November.
- About 22 trail signs have been relocated to be compliance with the current signage standard.
- About 6 ADA ramps connecting to the main trail have been updated according to the current standard.

**Crossing Clarendon (Formerly Market Common Plaza) (2800 Clarendon Blvd) – No Updates**

- Staff is currently reviewing the submitted plans for the previously County Board approved Minor Site Plan Amendment.
- Staff is recommending an increase in the number of bicycle racks and a reconfiguration of the proposed, children’s play area layout.

**Donaldson Run Stream Restoration Work Tributary B (DES Project) (Donaldson Run Watershed in North Arlington near Zachary Taylor Nature Area, 2900 Military Rd.)**

- The Zachary Taylor hike-bike trail along Donaldson Run Tributary B is closed during construction.
- From October 2021 updates: work will include in-stream work building step pools downstream of the water main repair and initiation of work to install storm sewer pipe and extend the outfall from North Upton Street. The conflict with the water main has been resolved. To protect both the water main and the sanitary sewer, the contractor will extend the outfall from North Upton Street slightly downstream.

**Fort Scott Park Restroom and Parking Lot Renovation (2800 Fort Scott Dr.)**

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restroom, repaving of the parking lot, and ADA access.
- Construction has started with exterior sidewalk concreting and parking lot asphaltting and striping completed.
- Interior demolition is in progress.
- Anticipated completion 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022.

**Glencarlyn Pedestrian Bridge Replacement (301 S. Harrison St.)**

Purchase Order (PO) issued on October 4. The building permit was received and bridge procurement in progress. Anticipated completion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022.

**Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility (1401 28<sup>th</sup> Street South)**

- Construction has started with bubble demolition and site clearance in progress.
- Anticipated completion 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022.

**John Robinson Jr. Town Square (24<sup>th</sup> Road South and Shirlington Road) – No Updates**

- The contractor will continue reworking the waterproofing at the retaining walls. Installation at the steel bridges and the stage to continue. Installation of landscaping ongoing.
- The Dominion overhead lines have been pulled from the poles; staff is awaiting Verizon to pull their overhead lines. Once the lines are pulled from overhead, they will be routed through the underground duct bank (this is part of the continued coordination efforts with Dominion to get the park energized).
- The project is anticipated to be completed 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021.

**Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovations (6225 12<sup>th</sup> Road North)**

- Installation of plumbing fixtures complete.
- Electrical works in progress.

- Roofing demolition complete and awaiting new materials, as well as new materials for exterior wall siding panels.
- Anticipated completion 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021.

#### **Marcey Road Park (2722 Marcey Rd)**

- Renovation of the tennis courts, basketball court, picnic shelter, parking lot, site circulation, site furnishings, stormwater management, and landscaping.
- Construction letters has been sent to area civic associations and Arlington County Tennis Association. Parking at the site will be restricted for construction. Construction start date was October 25.

#### **New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former “Teardrop Parcels” off Army Navy Drive, South Eads Street, and 12<sup>th</sup> Street South) – No Updates**

- As part of design development, DPR staff is coordinating with DES staff to complete the South Eads Street redesign and the streetscape.
- Additionally, staff is beginning the land use approval process for rezoning and park naming.

#### **Oakland Park (3701 Wilson Blvd.)**

The irrigation work will be revisited in the spring with an irrigation contractor that is familiar with the installation of solar powered irrigation systems. Spring 2022 completion timeframe anticipated.

#### **Outdoor Courts Assessment and Pickleball**

As Arlington’s population continues to grow and sports trends change, the Department of Parks and Recreation reviews community interests and needs. The County recognizes there has been a shift in the use and demand for outdoor athletic courts. This project will help staff better understand how the community uses outdoor athletic courts, including the growing demand for pickleball. The first community engagement will begin in late October/early November and will help the County learn more about the outdoor court utilization in Arlington: where people play, what sports they play and the amenities they look for. The second community engagement will help the County refine criteria and location so that it can develop a successful plan for a permanent, single use pickleball facility.

#### **Rosslyn Highlands Park (1579 Wilson Blvd.)**

The playground at the Queens Court Site was opened in October. Penzance continues construction of the main Rosslyn Highlands Park. The new Fire Station #10 (at the 1500 block of Wilson Blvd) is open, and the temporary fire station at The Heights School site is now being demolished. The Park is anticipated for completion by 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021.

#### **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 LRPC process concluded on July 13 after convening three meetings. The process has entered the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) phase, beginning with a walking tour on Thursday, October 28 and an SPRC virtual engagement period (SPRC #1) which commenced that day and ended on Sunday, November 7. Staff and the applicant team are currently reviewing the comments received to date in preparation for a second SPRC meeting (virtual, live meeting) anticipated for December.
- A second PMP engagement is also envisioned for December. Staff and the applicant team are currently coordinating logistics and draft materials regarding this virtual engagement.
  
- **2025 Clarendon Blvd – Wendy’s Site – Site Plan #435**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> SPRC Meeting will be held on Nov. 18, 2021.
  - The applicant, Greystar, proposes to develop the site (“Wendy’s Site”) with a 16-story mixed-use building, consisting of ground floor retail and residential dwelling units above. The project includes a 104,789 sq. ft. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) from Site Plan #417 (“Wakefield Manor”). The Applicant also proposes a public pedestrian plaza at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road, Wilson Boulevard, and Clarendon Boulevard of approximately 1,497 square feet.
  - “New” Site Plan (C-O-2.5 district):
    - 16-story residential building, with ground level retail
    - 231 total residential units
    - 4,000 sq. ft. of retail GFA
    - 0.32 parking spaces per dwelling unit
  - Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:
    - New public plaza
    - Utility fund contribution
    - Streetscape improvements
    - Public art contribution
    - Affordable housing contribution
    - LEED Gold certification
  
- **Potomac Yards Landbay C-East (located along Potomac Avenue between 29<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street South)**
  - This project was approved by the County Board on June 15, 2021, the applicant has submitted a zoning admin change to replace the water fountain. As part of the site plan conditions language for #57 - North Park Plaza – Fountain/Water Feature, *“Further, if the developer does not implement the fountain, then the developer agrees to participate in one (1) community meeting, facilitated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, to obtain community feedback on any proposed alternative design prior to submitting revised Final Landscape and Civil Engineering Plans.”* An online engagement opportunity to gather feedback on the proposed plaza redesign is expected to launch next week.
  
- **1300 and 1305 N. Pierce St. – Marbella Apartments**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> SPRC Meeting will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
  - The applicant, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), proposes to redevelop the site (“Marbella Apartments”) and construct two new multifamily residential towers with a senior housing component and 100% of the units committed as Affordable Dwelling Units. Additional Project Details include:

New multifamily residential development consisting of:

- Phase 1: 12-story tower with 325 residential units (with 132 units dedicated to senior housing) and 163 below-grade parking spaces
- Phase 2: 12-story tower with 236 residential units and 118 below-grade parking spaces

Proposed modifications for:

- Bonus height
- Bonus density
- Density exclusions
- Required residential parking (0.5 spaces per unit)

Site plan improvements and public amenities, including:

- Affordable housing commitment
- Earthcraft Gold certification
- Public Art contribution
- Utility Fund contribution
- Streetscape improvements

### **Thomas Jefferson Upper Field Conversion (3501 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South)**

- Construction started on October 25, with construction fence and erosion/sediment (E/S) controls installation complete.
- Demolition of sidewalks completed. Timber retaining wall around storm structure started at the north side of the site.
- Anticipated completion 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022.

### **Towers Park Playground Renovations (801 S. Scott St.)**

- The current playground is in a Resource Protection Area (RPA). The playground will be moved outside the RPA and updated to include areas for both tots and youth to enjoy, as well as ensure better stormwater management.
- A pre-construction meeting was held on November 4 with a construction start date of November 15.
- Anticipated completion 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022.

### **Urban Forestry Office Updates**

- The forestry unit is filling its vacancies, with Melissa Gildea and Diego Murcia-Rojas promoted to Urban Forester, and Jose Portuhondo joining us from New York City on Nov. 7. We are excited to be at a more complete staff level, as we also fill the positions left by Diego and Melissa.
- The Pentagon City study is advancing, with a significant component on biophilic design and tree canopy targets. Opportunities to comment are still available until October 31 here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Land-Use/Pentagon-City-Planning-Study>
- Pen Place – Staff is reviewing resubmissions of this large site plan. Provide feedback at the following link: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Site-Plan/Pen-Place-2021>
- Trees for the fall planting will be inspected at the plant broker's nursery the second week in November. We expect planting to start shortly afterwards.
- The tree crew is continuing to work on responding to requests from windstorms and regular tree inspections following from those events, as they prepare for snow season.

### **Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) Awards 2021**

The VRPS recognized Arlington County with the following awards:

- Best New Renovation – Madison Manor Park
- Best Health and Wellness Initiative – 55+ Program
- Best New Facility – Mosaic Park
- Snapshot Moment – Rise Above

### **Zitkala- Ša Park (3011 7<sup>th</sup> Street North)**

- Renovated park opened on September 28, 2021.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 23 and was attended by Zitkala Sa's great-granddaughter and her children. A video of the ribbon cutting ceremony can be viewed [here](#).

### **Commission Member Reports**

*\*Added in Red are items shared at the PRC meeting.*

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *Registration opens this Wednesday, November 17, for winter classes and programs.*
  - *The available activities are in the Winter 55+ Guide which now available on-line at the DPR website. In addition to the regular fitness classes, scheduled are a ten-session course on reducing everyday stress in the holiday season, a New Year's Eve celebration and a four-part workshop on art in daily life.*
- Alcovia Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
  - *Phase 1 and 2 will be done at the same time.*
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
  - *(From November 2021 Staff Reports): Members of the PRC are reviewing the current award webpage and application and will send any edits to the DPR marketing team.*
  - *Call for submissions will be sent starting in November.*
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Sarah Baryluk)
- Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)
  - *No updates*
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
  - *the CCCRC met virtually for the first time since the pandemic started! We used the time to regroup on issues facing Crystal City and were able to have a (new) representative from Amazon join us to answer questions about their new headquarters.*
- Field Fund Working Group (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - *Further information will be provided on additional recreational spaces that are needed beyond APS needs.*
  - *Commissioner Harnik stated that the Commission should weigh in on any potential projects that would propose additional parking within public space areas.*
  - *Commissioner Lincoln detailed that there is an equity issue related to the comprehensive high school that is being proposed within the Career Center site. Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned that it looks like this area will likely be a choice school.*

- *Commissioner Howell stated with regards to Cardinal Elementary School and what has occurred there and other County-owned sites, there should be cost estimates provided for potential loss of public space amenities that would need to be provided elsewhere (because of a new parking structure, etc.) which may make certain options more expensive than others.*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)
  - *The October FNRC meeting agenda included a presentation on the Missing Middle Housing Study by Richard Tucker and Kellie Brown, of CPHD. This is the same presentation scheduled for the PRC November meeting. The agenda also included a presentation by Brooke Alexander (a member of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists) on initiatives this year to bring information about trees, why they are important, and programs to receive free trees to neighbors and neighborhoods through outdoor events and door-to-door campaigns. Finally, FNRC members discussed the content and approach for two advisory letters—on the Arlington deer study and the MMHS—to be approved at the November 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)
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker/Howell)
  - *No updates*
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
  - *No updates (November meeting cancelled).*
- PenPlace Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Process (David Howell)
  - *(Submitted by Commissioner Gregory): Participated in Audubon initiated meeting with PenPlace architecture and landscape representatives to discuss use bird-friendly design and materials in three Towers and Helix buildings. Protections will far exceed those required by Arlington County Green Building incentive program (use to obtain building density). Attended the PenPlace SPRC walkthrough Oct 28th. Made private comments during the public engagement period in support of PRC comments via SPRC participation.*
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- 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)
  - Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
  - Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell)
  - Macys (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
    - *Planning staff is still working with the developer on the sketch of the preliminary site plan. Staff has informed us that we will be notified when the preliminary site plan submission is ready for comment.*

- Marbella Apartments (David Howell)
- PenPlace (Shruti Kuppa)
  - *We submitted official online comments on the PenPlace SPRC process. Remarks were focused on our overall support of the open space redesign and an appreciation for the sustainability components of the applicant's design including bird welfare in glass choice, and an emphasis on biophilia.*
  
- Pentagon City PDSP (Shruti Kuppa)
- Wendy's Site (Bill Ross/Neal Hunter)
  
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - *Field Utilization Report Presented by DPR*
    - *Peter Lusk from DPR presented the accumulated data covering the utilization of athletic fields in Arlington County. The data demonstrated some interesting aspects of field utilization within the county. Several questions were asked about the detail of the data and any conclusions they provided including plans to try to track actual usage versus scheduled usage. One interesting proposal was made about installing cameras linked to the Internet to track actual usage by individuals and parties, however, privacy concerns currently prevent such an implementation for gathering usage data.*
  
  - *Construction Options for the New Career Center Site*
    - *The four (4) options for the redevelopment of the Career Center/Arlington Tech site were presented. Each option had pluses and minuses and all of them were constraint by specific budgetary limits to develop the site. For example, the option preferred by APS meant that the athletic field space would be severely restricted making it unusable for just about any level of competition leaving it just as a practice space. One of the items that was most concerning to the Sports Commission members was the amount of space allocated for surface level parking. Apparently, the availability of convenient parking space has become a hot topic since APS is having a hard time hiring and retaining both full time staff and substitute teachers and parking availability appears to be a big factor. APS is also planning to add additional surface parking to other sites in Arlington County to try to alleviate this problem.*
  
  - *Combating Hate in Sports Working Group*
    - *Presentations and discussion of the various sports organizations, both amateur and professional, continued to try to determine a framework for creating and documenting recommendations, guidelines, policies, and procedures to combat hate and hate speech in sports in Arlington County. The working group leadership also provided an online survey so that the members can select the sports organizations that they feel provide some of the better policies and procedures for combatting hate. The results of the survey will be used as the starting point for creating an initial draft of a deliverable from the working group.*
  
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)

**Other Business**

- Letters to the County Board
  - Pentagon City Planning Study
    - A letter will be provided for the Request to Advertise (RTA) County Board item.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.**