



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

Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022

****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:

Shruti Kuppa, Chair
Nia Bagley (Planning Commission Liaison)
Jill Barker, Vice Chair
Sergio Enriquez
Dean Foster
Colt Gregory
Peter Harnik
David Howell
Neal Hunter
Mark Lincoln
Kevin Manuel
Drew Murray (Sports Commission Liaison)
Adam Rasmussen
Melissa Riggio

Guests:

None

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Matt Mattauszek, Development Master Planner, CPHD

PRC members not in attendance:

Sarah Baryluk

Chairman's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

PRC Chair, Shruti Kuppa 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 December 14, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Agenda Items

Follow-Up Presentation and Discussion on the Updated, Pentagon City Planning Study

Matt Mattauszek, CPHD provided a follow-up presentation and discussion on the updated, Pentagon City Planning Study. This item was most recently discussed with the PRC at its November 16, 2021, meeting. Mr. Mattauszek walked through updates to the fourth draft of the proposed sector plan (the fourth draft will be produced by later this month; tentatively by January 26).

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Kuppa stated that this plan has been reviewed by the PRC for a third time and that a fourth draft of the sector plan will be available later this month. Mr. Mattauszek confirmed this information. PRC Chair Kuppa also detailed that the Commission sent a letter to the County Board on streetscape improvements, density recommendations, and other related items.
- The general overviews and updates on the proposed sector plan do not get into specific parks or public spaces. Are there more concrete information/maps providing details regarding where potential new parks and public spaces may be created? Which of the Commission's comments have been accepted, rejected, modified, what issues are still under review? Mr. Mattauszek clarified with a presentation exhibit what potential public spaces may be created through private redevelopment. The proposed sector plan envisions having a park master plan (PMP) process concurrently with any new site plan development process (much like what is being done at the PenPlace site). Public access easements and public park easements would be provided for the various new public spaces provided and new segments of the proposed "green ribbon". Furthermore, there were new changes to the narrative, definitions, descriptions with the proposed sector plan draft based on the PRC's comments. There will be a comment/response matrix that will be provided alongside the release of the updated sector plan draft.
- What is the status on the Costco site? There should not be any omissions of nearby sites as it relates to the development of this plan. There should be some harmonious development provided amongst both plans. Mr. Mattauszek said in the near term this may be possible but eventually the Pentagon Centre PDSP will have its own timelines and development considerations.
- The balance of proposed density and how public spaces are delivered is important. An example is that a developer should provide the necessary accommodations for pets within their development and not put the burden on nearby public spaces. It seems that this would be helpful to not put the maintenance and development burden on the County and the surrounding communities. This may speak to a broader discussion on associated zoning policies and other planning considerations moving forward.
- Vice Chair Barker spoke on the proposed 20% tree canopy standard and further clarity regarding the proposed sector plan. Mr. Mattauszek clarified that the River House property provided different conditions to the rest of the more urban sector plan area. In the case of River House, the minimum 20% tree canopy standard would be applied in large potential infill areas, like the large surface parking lots within the development area. Additional tree canopy coverage can be provided vertically on terraces as well as building rooftops.

2022 Plan of Action for the Park and Recreation Commission

PRC Chair Kuppa provided a brief overview of the 2022 Plan of Action for the PRC.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- PRC Chair Kuppa detailed a list of items that will be reviewed or considered of interest for 2022. Examples include commitment to promoting land acquisition within the County, continued coordination of the Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award, continued engagement with community development proposals, participating in the County's various committees, sector plan processes, as well as coordinating with other Commissions. The goal is to provide a draft to the PRC members by this week and have it reviewed by February. Additional topics may include: the Pentagon City Sector Plan, PenPlace 4.1 site plan and Park Master Planning processes, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) development, and work with the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP)-Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC).
- The Parks and Recreation system should be front and center, and the PRC should review accordingly. The Commission needs to put the Department of Parks and Recreation on first (regarding any potential agenda topics); providing an opportunity for DPR to describe what works well, how are people using public spaces, what parks are being minimally used, as well as explaining any potential land sale or acquisition opportunities. This should start with the existing parks and expand from there. PRC Chair Kuppa will take this under consideration as part of the on-going Plan of Action process.
- There should be discussions on the viability of the various recreational facilities and other related public spaces, as well as keeping track with the PSMP implementation measures. The use of sports facilities and fields is an example (types equipment, lighting, turf used, and fees implemented). The public aspects of development need to be reviewed carefully. Regarding equity, there should be a diverse approach on how public spaces are used. PRC Chair Kuppa will consider this and any other information needed moving forward.
- There are critical natural resource protection areas that need to be reviewed by the PRC.
- The PRC should be proactive in participating in the various Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) meetings, etc., because it will help inform private development and the public space considerations for these projects.
- PRC Vice Chair Barker detailed regional parks should be reviewed; the County may not be taking a more proactive review of these facilities. Mr. Rivero clarified that further coordination with partners at NOVA Parks is appropriate when new facilities or proposals come forward.
- Existing data on parks would be helpful when reviewing any potential opportunities.
- The County should have more opportunities to review potential land acquisition efforts within the context of public space development. What is the process for evaluating potential land opportunities and PRC's review of that? Potential use of condemnation for public space development should still be on the table for consideration.
- A possible briefing on the status of things within the PSMP would be helpful, including the top 30 or so recommendations for actions moving forward. The workplan should also mirror many of the items listed within the PRC's charter. PRC Chair Kuppa also detailed that draft agendas will be shared accordingly with Commission members so they can be prepared for discussing them. Chair Kuppa will send a large draft to the Commission and this will be finalized by the next PRC meeting.

Staff Report

Staff provided no additional updates to the staff report. However, Mr. Rivero will review if there is access to providing a large park service map to commission members, prior to the next Commission meeting.

11th 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. The design meetings were coordinated with the civic association and held July 15, 2021, and September 16, 2021. The design was approved by the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association (CCCA) and the project has moved into engineering and construction documents.

- The County will lead a public engagement to solicit park name ideas. Staff will bring the most preferred park names to PRC for consideration in early 2022.

15th Street Park (Intersection of 15th Street South and South Eads Street) – No Updates

- After receiving feedback on the adjacent Complete Streets project, DES is amending the plans for the Clark/Bell segment of the 15th Street Complete Streets Project
- DPR staff are coordinating with DES to ensure that the future park can come to fruition

4MRV – Jennie Dean Park (3630 27th Street South)

- Construction is progressing on the park and will continue through the winter. 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. Sod installation complete. Irrigation complete.
- Restroom – Restroom is nearly complete. Interior finishes ongoing.
- Playground equipment is complete. Perimeter 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.
- Remaining work includes: Bio-retention planters; Artwork Installation; Miscellaneous sidewalks; Tree Planting; Sod.

705 31st Street House Demolition – Core Team is currently reviewing plans, prior to submittal to permitting. We anticipate the project going out to bid in the 2nd quarter of 2022, with construction starting in the 3rd quarter.

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. Go to the APS website to see the November 2021 construction progress details (above link).
- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.)**
County Project – [Stormwater Vault](#)

- In January the contractor will begin setting up the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) around the site.
- The dewatering contractor will begin work in early January (to remove water from the construction area). This work will take about 3 weeks.
- On February 23, at 7pm, a construction update meeting will be held. In February check the webpage for details on joining the meeting.
- **The Heights Building (1601 Wilson Blvd.)**
 - The restoration of the temporary fire station #10 is completed and the fences have been removed.

Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements (4747 Fairfax Dr.) – No Updates

- Construction began in early December. The park and trail will be closed until the project is completed, approximately 12 – 18 months.
- See [webpage](#) for project updates and details.

Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award

- No nominations have been received for the 2021 Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award. PRC Members are encouraged to submit nominations.
- Submit nominations here by Feb. 4: [The Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government \(arlingtonva.us\)](#)

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 December 17-24 updates: Crew 1 will work in-stream on step run 5 and step pool 5. They will also begin work on the right bank stone wall. Crew 2 will work on step pool 15 through step run 22. They will continue installing the deck mat access road below the pedestrian bridge. A tree crew will undertake tree removal below the pedestrian bridge.

Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update

- The preliminary draft is nearing completion, and staff expect to receive the internal review draft from the consultant team late January 2022.
- FNRP Team will initiate internal/interdepartmental review of the preliminary draft this winter.

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.
- Interior demolition in progress.
- Interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) work ongoing.
- Anticipated completion 1st Quarter 2022.

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

Currently under construction. Anticipated completion by 2nd Quarter 2022.

Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility (1401 28th Street South)

- The contractor is in the process of installing the new structure.
- Anticipated completion 1st Quarter 2022.

Gunston Park Playground Renovation (1401 28th Street South)

This Parks Maintenance Capital project will design and construct demolition, site work, new playground, picnic shelter, grading and drainage, site circulation, site furnishings, landscaping, and storm water management. No new amenities are planned for this project. Design process has started. Construction anticipated to begin in the 1st quarter of 2023.

John Robinson Jr. Town Square (24th Road South and Shirlington Road)

- The stage material has been ordered and the stage work to continue. Installation of landscaping will continue through December 1, 2021.
- The Dominion and Verizon overhead lines have been pulled from the Shirlington Road poles; Dominion has secured their permits necessary to conduct the work.
- The stage material has been ordered and the stage work to continue.
- 90% of landscape planting installed. The balance of the landscaping to be completed in the Spring 2022.
- The sculpture foundation concrete has been poured, awaiting cure results and the FREED sculpture is expected to be delivered and installed 1st Quarter 2022.
- The project is anticipated to be completed 1st Quarter 2022.

Madison Manor Park Restroom Renovations (6225 12th Road North)

- Electrical works in progress.
- Roofing demolition and roof panel installation complete.
- Materials for exterior wall siding panels on site. Work in progress.
- Door and hardware installation complete.
- Interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) works ongoing
- Anticipated completion 1st Quarter 2022.

Marcey Road Park (2722 Marcey Rd)

- Purchase order for the work has been issued and a pre-Construction meeting was held on October 18. The notice to proceed has been provided (start date of October 25, 2021).
- The project contractor installed the limits of construction and tree protection fences.
- Site demolition ongoing, as well as area clearing where the retaining wall will be installed.
- Anticipated completion 4th Quarter 2022.

MLK Tribute

- For the second year in a row, [Arlington's annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) will be held virtually. Now in its 53rd year, the event features music, dance, spoken word and more to honor Dr. King's life and legacy. The 2022 tribute will be streamed [online](#) on Sun., Jan. 16 at 5 p.m.

Natural Resources Management Unit

- Jennifer Soles will be Acting Deputy Division Chief while a replacement for David Farner is found.
- A new Division Chief, Michael Simmons formerly from Alexandria, will be starting January 18th.

- A deer assessment RFP to interpret results from the deer drone survey and to make recommendations on future actions is being worked on internally and will hopefully go out later this month.
- The Urban Forestry Unit is back up being fully staffed with some new hires.

Natural Surface Trails Inventory and Assessment

- At the [May 2021 PSMP-IAC meeting](#), DPR presented an initial approach to natural surface trail planning and policy that included a trail inventory and assessment project focused on the sustainability of Arlington's natural surface trails.
- A PO has been issued for the inventory and assessment; staff anticipates the contractor will mobilize for fieldwork in late January 2022. Fieldwork will continue through leafout in the spring, and DPR staff anticipates beginning public engagement for the trail planning process once field data is compiled and analyzed.

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former "Teardrop Parcels" off Army Navy Drive, South Eads Street, and 12th Street South)

- Pending design 30% submission by PM and review team for mid-late January.
- Continued coordination with park master plan concept, current design and utility considerations.
- Park project is developing in tandem with DES Street redesign and streetscape work. DPR staff in coordination with DES team to keep projects aligned.
- Additionally, staff is beginning the land use approval process for rezoning and park naming.
- Staff is coordinating with Real Estate Bureau and Zoning staff to ensure all County Board considerations are accounted for. The following approvals are necessary before construction:
 - Abandonment of ROW
 - Vacation of ROW
 - Resubdivision
 - Either rezoning or use permit

Oakland Park (3701 Wilson Blvd.) – No Updates

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 – No Updates

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 is complete, and the feedback results will be posted on the project website in December 2021. The second community engagement will begin in late-January 2022.

Rosslyn Highlands Park (1579 Wilson Blvd.)

The playground at the Queens Court Site was opened in October. The remainder of the park was opened in December. Ribbon cutting to be planned in the next few months. 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.

Short Bridge Park (3920 Potomac Ave.)

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) Transportation Division will begin construction of the trail connection. The trail will link Route 1 to the Four Mile Run Multiuse Trail as planned for in Phase 1 of the Park Master Plan. Construction began in December and will last approximately six months, provided no delays due to weather. During this time the contractor will maintain a construction entrance on Potomac Avenue, staging needed equipment and materials at the Short Bridge Park site, and will temporarily detour sidewalk traffic as necessary to complete the work.

Site Plan Review

- **PenPlace (block bound by Army Navy Drive, 12th 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. SPRC #2 occurred on Monday, December 6 with building architecture and public space being the main topics of discussion. A third SPRC is scheduled for Monday, January 24.
 - The second PMP engagement launched from December 6 through December 27 for community feedback with 67 responses provided. The second PMP engagement provided a recap of the first PMP engagement themes, an updated site design, a breakdown of public space areas, circulation/access points, stormwater features, public space amenity renderings, design guidelines considerations for tree species/plantings, lighting, site furniture, site materials, among other items. This information will be used to begin drafting the PMP and Design Guidelines document which will be reviewed the County Board alongside the site plan.
- **2025 Clarendon Blvd – Wendy's Site – Site Plan #435**
 - Anticipated to go before the Planning Commission and County Board in March 2022.
 - 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

- **1300 and 1305 N. Pierce St. – Marbella Apartments**
 - Anticipated to go before the Planning Commission and County Board, January 2022
 - 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 2nd 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 completed at the north side of the site.
- Cutting to subgrade from the east site has started with 2/3 of the site completed.
- The School Board met on December 16, 2021 and approved the easement for the project.
- The storm piping on the north side running east and west along with six structures for tie in of 6" lines that lead out into the field has been installed and backfilled. Tie for outfall into existing storm structure completed.
- The shade structure permit has been submitted and staff is waiting on special inspections form to be filled out by the structural engineer. The structure has not changed but the footing requirements need to be verified.
- Anticipated completion 2nd 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. Construction commenced on November 15. Construction fence and tree protection/erosion & sediment controls installation complete.
- No other work besides submittal has taken place at the park at this time.

- Anticipated completion 3rd Quarter 2022.

Urban Forestry Office Updates

- Staff met with our tree maintenance contractor to kick off the preventive pruning pilot program. We anticipate pruning and some removals to start next week. Fairlington is the first area we are addressing, and all of Fairlington's presidents have been made aware of this program.
- The tree crew are close to having addressed most of the highest risk issues in their queue. Lower risk requests remain, as we have seen the highest amount of tree maintenance requests this year.
- Staff got briefed on a component of the housing plan, to conserve multi-family homes, and how tree conservation can be best integrated in this component.
- Staff reviewed the final landscape plan for **Amazon's HQ2/Pen Place** site with Natural resources staff. The current designs do not have anymore "project killers", and technical issues will be worked out if the County Board approves the project as currently designed.
- New site plans include 4600 Fairfax Dr and the Americana Hotel. Fairfax drive has opportunities for conservation. The Americana Hotel is in very preliminary review and looks like a planting opportunity.
- The renovation of Ballston Pond is underway. Trees are being removed to rebuild the pond.
- Staff worked to record 82 new trees at Bluemont Park, inspect planted trees at John Robinson Park, Rosslyn Highlands park is substantially completed, and Jennie Dean Park is getting its first trees.
- Staff met with DES staff to discuss the new proposed **Arlington National Cemetery trail**. The comments that staff provided were taken into consideration and the trail was shifted to maximized tree protection of the mature canopy.

Commission Member Reports

**Added in red are comments shared at the PRC meeting.*

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *Once again, the inclement weather has caused many of the community center programs to be cancelled. Also, the continued use of centers with the COVID-19 testing lines has added to displacement of programs. Hopefully, the weather and the pandemic will subside in the coming weeks so we can return to a more normal round of programs and activities. In the meantime, virtual programming continues to be a viable although not perfect, alternative to in-person classes and group activities.*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
 - *No change from previous report. Phase 1 and Phase 2 will now be constructed at the same time. Phase 3 - Ball Diamond, Playground and Pedestrian Bridge remain unfunded. Status 1/13/2021 - No change.*
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
 - *Nominations are to be received by February 4. To date, no submissions have been made. The selection committee by the guidelines should have two members from the PRC, at least one member from another interested commission and a DPR staff member.*

- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *No Updates*
 - *Mr. Rivero will follow up with staff on any meeting updates for this process moving forward.*
- Community Energy Plan (Jill Barker)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *Materials were posted by the County in late December for public review and comment. The materials presented three massing scenarios for evaluation against the study objectives, and the public comment form asked for input on which massing scenario best met the study objectives. All three massing scenarios included a public space on the southwestern corner of the parcel, and the principal difference between the massing scenarios was the total allowed height of the building. I believe next steps will be another LRPC meeting on this topic, though that has not officially been scheduled.*
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Field Fund Working Group (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)
 - *The December meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission had a full and assorted agenda. 1) Vincent Verweij, DPR Urban Forestry Manager, presented an overview of the most recent activity of the State Tree Conservation Workgroup. 2) David Howell led a discussion of a report by the Environmental Affairs Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation that resulted from a public collaborative initiative in 2021 on preserving tree canopy. 3) Steve Sockwell reported on the County Manager's budget roundtable of December 3. 4) Commissioners discussed and approved, contingent on minor additions, a letter on the Pentagon City Planning Study draft. 5) Commissioners discussed and approved, contingent on minor edits, the FNRC 2021 report and 2022 workplan letter for the County Board. The meeting recording is available on the Commission webpage.*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
 - *Status 1-17-2021 Preliminary Draft Plan not yet released. Contractor lead, American Forests, has provided all the draft report materials and those are under review by the County. Public engagement remains roughly scheduled for March 2022.*
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
 - *Contractor Wetland Studies Solutions is developing solutions for each stream segment in the project. Public engagement process is expected to resume in the Spring.*
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Construction (Colt Gregory)
 - *Scheduled for completion mid-March. The big items that are left to do are finishing the 3 bio retention planters, miscellaneous sidewalks and the history walk, installation of the artwork, signage, and planting. Contractors should be able to wrap most things up in February absent bad weather. Most planting are on hold. Some of the trees may be planted in winter but the smaller shrubs, perennials and groundcovers can't be installed until March.*

- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gregory/Barker/Howell)
 - *Received brief on the Site Planning Process from Community Planning, Housing and Development - Aaron Shriber. It is interesting to note that C2E2 Commission created a general template for its SPRC members to use in SPRC meetings. The template covers general areas of concern to the Commission such as all electric heating and cooling, LEED score and a move towards zero carbon buildings.*
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *Concerns about snow clear up on sidewalks and areas adjacent to parks in the County. Some concerns about the length of time it took DPR to remove snow from sidewalks after snow falls. Discussion given to topics for the year for the Commission, suggestion made to host a joint meeting at some point during the year.*
- PenPlace Park Master Plan (PMP) and Design Guidelines Process (David Howell)
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (**Vacant**/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)
 - Macy's (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
 - *As noted at last month's PRC meeting, the development of the Macy's site in Ballston is apparently still in the preliminary development proposal stage and is not listed as an active site plan for SPRC review and public comment. Courtney Badger is the County planning staffer for the project. She confirmed that she will notify David Howell, Melissa Riggio and myself of the schedule for any notices for comment and SPRC review.*
 - Marbella Apartments (David Howell)
 - PenPlace (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Pentagon City PDSP (Shruti Kuppa)
 - Wendy's Site (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates*
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
 - *DPR Flag Football Team Parity Presentation and Discussion: The challenges of "Travel/Tournament" teams playing in the recreational flag football league was presented by DPR. The "Travel/Tournament" teams are typically formed before they join the league and join as a group. They are closed to other players. They dominate play and some recreational teams are now refusing to play these teams and deliberately forfeiting scheduled games in order to avoid a blowout score situation. Several members of the commission suggested implementing a draft to promote team equity, however, some parents have pushed back on this because the players want to play with their "friends". The commission suggested that DPR practice some "tough love" and force the parents to accept the draft or find somewhere else to play.*
 - *Gymnastics Hiring Discussion: Apparently, a group of parents sent a letter to the County Manager on the hiring practices for gymnastics coaches in Arlington County. The County is having difficulty with the Human Resources (HR) aspects of hiring*

coaches and their classification as County employees. Currently, the ratio of coaches to athletes is one coach for every twenty gymnasts. The typical standard is one coach for every eight gymnasts. This has become a safety issue because there are not enough coaches to properly supervise the gymnasts when they are performing potentially dangerous activities. Many of the commissioners believe that the bottleneck is that the Arlington County HR is not doing their job, and something needs to be done to alleviate the blockage.

- *Combating Hate in Sports Working Group (01/10/22 Meeting):* Most of the meeting was focused on working on the text of the documents that will become part of the deliverables from the working group. This work will likely continue for the next few months as the working group prepares and refines the content for publication. In addition, there was a discussion about what the working group should be providing in the form of education and training to prepare the adults involved with the participants in youth sports to be able to handle difficult situations that might arise in competition especially when competing outside of Arlington County.
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *Last meeting held on December 14th to discuss action plan. No new meetings are on the schedule at this time.*

Other Business (8:10-8:15)

- Letters to the County Board
 - Pentagon City Planning Study
 - An updated, PRC letter will likely be provided after the February 2 Planning Commission's review of the plan. Commissioners Manuel, Harnik, and Vice Chair Barker volunteered to edit the letter. PRC Chair Kuppa will follow up on who will author the updated letter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.