

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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

- Commission consideration of June 28, 2022 minutes

Public Comment (7:05-7:15)

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

**Follow-up Discussion on Naming for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive
[Max Ewart, DPR] (7:15-7:25)**

- PRC Vote on Park Name Recommendation

Information Item on Potential Park Renaming [Diane Probus and Max Ewart, DPR] (7:25-7:35)

- Beaver Pond Park to Ballston Wetlands

**Information Item on the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update [Ryan Delaney, DPR]
(7:25-7:55)****Discussion on Biophilic Arlington [PRC Commissioner, David Howell and FNRC Commissioner,
Caroline Haynes] (7:55-8:40)****Staff Report (8:40-8:45)****Commission Member Reports (8:45-8:55)**

- 55+ (Dean Foster)

- *The 55+ Program is working on a week-long fall camp for seniors. The details are still being worked out and will be posted in the upcoming fall 55+ Guide. The Guide will be available online on August 10 and registration for fall camp, classes and programs will begin on August 17.*
- *The Senior Sports and Fitness Committee reported that for coming out of CO-VID, we had decent enrollment for the classes and trips offered in the summer Guide and more will be available in the fall session. It was noted that in the Parade Sunday magazine supplement in the July 23d Washington Post, the feature article was about the popularity of Pickleball which in Arlington is expanding so rapidly there are waiting lists for use of the Pickelball courts and more Pickelball courts and multiuse courts are projected to be constructed in the just adopted Arlington County 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2023-2032.*
- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Updates*
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk)
 - *Planning Commission reviewed the request to advertise (RTA) for the Courthouse West GLUP re-designation from county staff. The proposal from staff was to advertise a new GLUP designation of office-apartment-hotel medium (OAH medium) with a height limit of 12 stories. Planning Commission recommended to the County Board an RTA for a land use designation of OAH-medium but allowing the maximum density feasible under the corresponding zoning designation of C-O-2.5. County Board heard the RTA in the July 16th meeting. Formal public hearings on the topic at both the Planning Commission and County Board will occur in September.*
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Updates*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (David Howell)
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Updates*
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates*
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)

- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Shruti Kuppa/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)
 - *The initial SPRC meeting was held on March 24, 2022. A second SPRC meeting is anticipated for late summer or early fall as noted in the DPR staff report for the July 26 meeting of the PRC. As this time, the Form Based Code Advisory Working Group and the applicant are working on the necessary Neighborhoods Form Based Code (N-FBC) amendment and Transfer of Development Rights Use Permit at the Haven Apartments on Columbia Pike to enable the TDR and the regulations for the N-FBC site to be met.*
- Melwood Property (750 23rd Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
- Crystal Plaza 5 (Kevin Manuel)
 - *Crystal Plaza 5 Site Plan meeting was held on Monday 7/11*
 - *Concerning two proposed/planned green spaces in CC (Site #10 & #11)- corner of Crystal and 23rd Street.*
 - *Initial proposed plan*
 - *Park #10 – An active plaza with chairs, trees, and casual use space surrounded by retail uses (approximately 13,000 square feet)*
 - *Park #11 – Landscaped plaza with tables and chairs for outdoor dining (approximately 3,300 square feet)*
 - *New proposal from developers*
 - *Park #11, initially designated to be on the corner, is being shifted to the side of the building, perpendicular to Crystal Drive. While this changes the context of the park and makes it less visible, we would be getting a larger space (closer to 7,000 square feet). The County is asking for the developer to fund and maintain this space. (shifting space from corner of intersection to side of new building creating open alley/green space between new building and entrance to CC underground/shops.*
 - *For Park #10, the County will be doing a post-approval park master planning process once the development project is approved. The applicant would be required to provide an interim park space, the design for which would be determined during the Site Plan Review Committee process, which begins on July 11.*
 - *Park #11*
 - *New proposal would add 3300 additional square feet.*
 - *Designs are in process, but JBG would fund and maintain the park, with county input.*

- *Issues raised over how welcoming the park would be if moved to new location, might be lost behind dining spaces.*
 - *Some members of the public spoke that it appears to be more of an east/west thruway versus a park. *JBG indicated willingness to work on design to ensure it is welcoming and would ensure dining options did not prevent public right of way.*
 - *Grade Change would be needed due to grade change along 23rd street, which would require stairs be placed within the space.*
 - **Park #10**
 - *Would serve only as an interim design since the WeWork space redesign would occur in a later phase and change the initial design.*
 - *Interim design would include open lawn space, chairs, and other seating.*
 - *Public comment raised concerns of current design not being biophilic enough and weather this would become an unofficial dog park with the lack of design. *JBG reiterated that design is interim and would change once WeWork project phase began.*
 - *Other concerns raised were over design of second building and the setback retail space that is not directly facing/on 23rd street.*
 - **North South Connector-which would run between the two buildings on the site/plaza**
 - *Connector would be 13-foot wide, curb less and employ continuous sidewalk. *This is due to the need for trucks to access building loading docks and resident parking.*
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
 - Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
 - *No Updates*
 - Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
 - *No Updates*

Other Business (8:55-9:10)

- Letters to the County Board
 - PRC Park Name Recommendation for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive
- 2023 General Assembly Legislative Session (PRC Priorities)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m. (Site Tour of Jennie Dean Park at 3630 27th Street South, Arlington, Virginia 22206)