

## DECEMBER 13, 2022 – PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORTS

### **11<sup>th</sup> Street Park Renovation (2751 11<sup>th</sup> Street North) Arlington Neighborhoods (formerly NC) – No Updates**

- 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's LDA permit has been approved. The project has gone out to bid.
- The County Board approved the proposed park name, “11<sup>th</sup> Street Park” at its July 16 meeting.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> and Eads Park Renovation (501 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South) – No Updates**

The purpose of the project is to provide minor park improvements that will complement the character of the neighborhood and provide a place for visitors to gather and rest. The Park improvements will enhance the visibility and aesthetics of the site, and this space will continue to offer visitors a casual use experience. This project is funded via the adopted FY2022 CIP through TIF funds, and the budget is approximately \$500,000 for design and construction. The first engagement is targeted for early 2023.

### **Alcohol Policy Update**

- Request to Advertise (RTA) public notice regarding the proposed code change will go to the December County Board meeting. Board hearing anticipated in January 2023
- Public engagement on the proposed change to the County Code to allow alcohol sales at special events at Long Bridge and Penrose Square Parks closed on Sunday, November 6.

### **Alcova Heights Park Renovations – Phase 1 and 2 (901 S. George Mason Dr.)**

- Site grading works in progress.
- Stair construction work on north and south side complete except for the precast steps installation.
- Concreting of pads for site amenities complete.
- Shelter installation complete.
- Concrete pad placed for existing gazebos on north side.
- Asphalt base course and final course installed up to the new park entrance on the north and south side.
- Volleyball court underdrain installed and connected to the existing storm manhole, #57 stone filling complete and sand installation complete.
- New catch basins installed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street South.
- New curb and gutter and ADA ramp installed on the south side.
- New ADA ramp installed on the north side. New sidewalk installation on 8<sup>th</sup> Street South to be scheduled depending on weather and concrete availability.
- Stair construction work on south side in progress.
- Grading of basketball court in complete. Asphalt base course and surface course installation complete.
- Demolition of existing restroom complete.
- Restroom foundation works complete. Existing walls demolished due to structural stability issues. New wall construction in progress. Underground plumbing works complete,

electrical works in progress. Roofing works in progress. Interior masonry partition wall construction in progress.

- New seat wall and pathway around basketball court installed.
- MUSCO (sport) light poles installed.
- Site planting started and in progress.
- Installation of new curb and gutter and sidewalk on 8<sup>th</sup> Street South in progress.
- Anticipated Completion 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023.

#### **APS Projects – No Updates**

- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.)**  
County Project – [Stormwater Vault](#)
  - Work is proceeding on the stormwater vault. The two athletic fields should be restored at the APS site in spring 2023.
- **Wakefield High School Field Replacement (4901 S. Chesterfield Rd.)**  
Work expected to start after the football season. Field is under construction and should be complete by the end of the month.

#### **Bailey's Branch Park Renovation (990 S. Columbus Street) combined Arlington Neighborhoods and CIP project – No Updates**

This project will use combined funding from the Arlington Neighborhoods and CIP programs for funding. The project has a focus on the natural elements of the park, such as invasive species control and planting native trees and understory with a focus on pollinator planting. Additional program elements will include a playground renovation, a contemplative area, ADA access and turf renovation. This project was approved by the ANP in the Spring 2022 funding round and will go to the County Board in Spring 2023 for funding approval. CIP funding has been procured. A boundary and topographic survey are currently being processed.

#### **Ballston Wetland Park Improvements (4747 Fairfax Dr.)**

- The project is progressing well. It is estimated to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.
- See [Ballston Pond Restoration](#)
  - Culvert cleaning is complete
  - Partial trees around the site have been planted.
  - Backfilling and grading at the forebay are complete minus the access ramp and a small area for a pump.
  - Complete wetland plantings.
  - The contractor will return to the site this month.

#### **Barcroft Park Synthetic Field #5 Replacement (4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr.)**

- The field replacement is now complete and open to the community.

#### **Barcroft Park Master Finance Development Plan**

- As part of the redevelopment of the Barcroft apartments, the owner has proposed a [Master Finance Development Plan](#) that also identifies potential future park spaces
- DPR Staff are working interdepartmentally to determine ownership of these spaces
  - There will be a county led public engagement for the design of future park spaces within the site

**Bell Street Interim Public Space (located north of the Crystal City Metro Station in ROW and JBG property, no address available) – No Updates**

The purpose of this project is to provide simple, temporary amenities that will be in place until the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) begins their Route 1 improvement plans. The Route 1 construction is anticipated to begin in 2025 and will impact the entire Bell Street project area, which is the reason the improvements are temporary. Given that the Bell Street improvements are temporary, this project aims to use site furnishings that are intended for removal and may be re-used in other public spaces. There are no plans to replace the Bell Street temporary improvements once the Route 1 work is complete. This project is funded via the adopted FY2022 CIP through TIF funds.

**Dominion Glebe Substation Renovation (3225 S Eads Street) – No Updates**

- Dominion is replacing the existing overhead transmission line with a new underground line and renovating the existing substation infrastructure. The site is located along Four Mile Run Trail and the stream.
- For additional project updates, please see the Dominion Energy [website](#) for this project.

**Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update**

- Staff are currently editing the draft text in response to public comment and anticipate bringing the final draft forward for review in early 2023.

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

- Inspections scheduled this week.
- Anticipated completion 4th Quarter 2022.

**Gateway Park**

- Staff have submitted a SOW for an open RFP for the future Gateway Park redevelopment.
  - The SOW is being reviewed by the County Attorney's Office

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

- Interior restroom work in progress.
- Building exterior fabric installation complete.
- Building mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) works ongoing.
- Building insulation installation in progress.
- Coordinating with Dominion Energy in expediting the power supply requirements. Dominion submitted permit requirements and Purchase Order (PO) issued for design and construction. Contractor received Current Transformer (CT) cabinet and meter base.
- Anticipated Completion Date: 1st Qtr. 2023.

**Gunston Park Playground Renovation (1401 28<sup>th</sup> Street South) – No Updates**

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 and will continue through 2022. Construction anticipated to begin in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.

**Hillside Park (1601 N. Pierce St.) Arlington Neighborhoods (formerly Neighborhood Conservation (NC)) – No Updates**

This project focuses on the natural elements of the park, such as invasive species control, planting native trees and understory with a focus on pollinator planting, replacing picnic tables and adding new site furnishings, and adding boulders and a sculptural element such as a tree carving to add natural play interest in the southern part of the park. This project was approved by the NCAC in 2021 and the County Board approved the NC package in February 2022. A topographic survey and tree inventory has been conducted. Invasive plant removal for calendar year 2022 has been completed. Erosion control measures such as boulders and coir logs, in addition to leaf compost and wood chip mulch were installed in July, August and September in order to prepare the site for tree planting in late Fall 2022. A mulch trail along the desire path, cleanup of the existing stone swale and picnic pads were completed in October 2022.

#### **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**

- 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.
- Project is currently in permitting.
- DPR Staff are coordinating with the County’s Real Estate Bureau (REB) and CPHD staff to bring the approvals to the County Board in December
  - November 2022 – Request to advertise for GLUP amendment
  - January 2023 – Planning Commission for CPHD approvals, Transportation Commission for DES approvals
  - Targeting January 2023 County Board meeting
- The following approvals are necessary before construction:
  - Abandonment of ROW
  - Vacation of ROW
  - Resubdivision
  - Rezoning
  - GLUP Amendment
  - Park Naming – Arlington Junction Park

#### **NOVA Parks Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail Expansion (various sections of the Washington & Old Dominion Trail)**

This item is still on hold, and there are on-going County discussions. Therefore, the County Board will not be considering this at its December meetings.

#### **Site Plan Review**

- **2250 Crystal Drive/223 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South – Crystal Plaza 5 – Site Plan #464**
  - CPHD led development project that will include two parks identified in the Crystal City Sector Plan: Park #10 (23<sup>rd</sup> Street Plaza) and Park #11 (east-west public space area).
  - The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met on April 11 to discuss the proposals consistency with the Crystal City Sector Plan (CCSP).
  - The initial Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) online engagement opportunity was launched on May 5 and ran till May 16. An onsite walking tour was also convened on Thursday, May 12. First, virtual SPRC meeting occurred on July 11, 2022, and the second SPRC meeting occurred on September 15, 2022.
  - The SPRC raised concerns related to lack of biophilia in Park #11 and worries about a de facto dog park for Park #10. During the SPRC #2 meeting, the project team provided

- updated renderings responding to comments from SPRC #1 including installation of dog relief areas, more biophilic planted areas, among other inclusions.
- CPHD staff received a resubmission of the site plan materials which address many of the questions provided during the SPRC process.
- PRC reviewed the proposed public space designs for Parks #10 and #11 at its November 15 meeting and provided detailed comments which will be incorporated into a Commission letter.
- This project is expected for County Board review in January 2023 at the earliest.
- **701 N. Glebe Road - Ballston Macy's - Site Plan #193**
  - Planning Commission and County Board – December 2022
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> SPRC was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - 1<sup>st</sup> SPRC was held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Walking Tour was held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred February 7<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - The applicant, Insight Property Group, proposes the demolition of the existing Ballston Macy's department store and vacant office space above the store and the development of a residential building with a grocery store anchor on the ground floor. To facilitate the density proposed with this project, Insight is proposing to transfer development rights from "The Haven" site along Columbia Pike through a Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Use Permit process. Additional Project Details include:
    - Residential building:
      - 16 Stories
      - 555 Units
      - Construction of two levels of underground parking and one level of above grade parking
    - Proposed modifications for:
      - Required residential parking (.4 spaces per unit)
      - Density Exclusions
      - Bonus Density achievement through LEED Gold Certification
      - Transfer of Development Rights of 235 units from Haven residential site along Columbia Pike
- **1616 Fort Myer Drive - Xerox Site - Site Plan #85 - No Updates**
  - The applicant proposes to construct a 31-story, 290-foot-tall residential building with 647,746 square feet of residential gross floor area with a 9.95 Floor Area Ratio. To accomplish this development the applicant proposes: (1) a rezoning from C-O to C-O-Rosslyn, and (2) a major site plan amendment to SP #85, with requested modifications to the zoning ordinance regarding parking requirements, requested exclusions of certain areas from counting as Gross Floor Area, additional density.
  - Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:
    - Underground Utility fund contribution;
    - Affordable housing contribution or on-site affordable units;
    - Streetscape improvements;
    - On-site Public art or contribution to public art in Rosslyn;
    - Proposed LEED Gold certification.
- **10<sup>th</sup> St. N. & N. Irving St. - Joyce Motors Site**
  - Tentatively anticipated for Planning Commission/County Board – February 2023

- 2<sup>nd</sup> SPRC was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 1<sup>st</sup> SPRC was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Online Feedback Opportunity occurred June 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- The applicant proposes redeveloping the site into a multifamily residential building totaling 5.92 FAR (approximately 190,079 sq. ft.), which includes preservation and reconstruction of the Joyce Motors façade. The proposed building would contain up to 241 residential units, a maximum of 186,254 square feet of residential GFA, and a maximum of 3,825 square feet of ground floor retail GFA.
- The proposed building would be 110 feet in height (exclusive of elevator overruns and mechanical equipment) and would be served by 140 below-grade parking spaces; at a ratio of approximately 0.58 spaces per unit (140 spaces) and one space per 957 square feet of retail (four spaces).
- **4600 Fairfax Drive (Ballston Holiday Inn) - No Updates**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> SPRC was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred July 25<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - The applicant, 4600 Fairfax Partners LLC, proposes a site plan to rezone two (2) single family home parcels from “R-5” to “RA8-18,” and redevelop the entire site with two (2) multifamily residential buildings

Project Details:

- The applicant proposes rezoning two (2) single family home parcels from “R-5” to “RA8-18,” and redeveloping the entire site with two (2) multifamily residential buildings:
- North Building: a seven (7) story multifamily building consisting of 477 units and 428,533 square feet of residential GFA.
- South Building: a five (5) story “townhome-style” building consisting of 85,388 square feet of residential GFA and 29 units.
- Parking: Surface and structured parking would total 416 spaces, at 0.87 spaces per unit.
- Zoning Modifications: include additional density for LEED Gold (0.25 FAR-level); reductions in parking and loading spaces; density exclusion
- **3200 Wilson Boulevard (Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site) - No Updates**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> SPRC was held on October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred September 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - The applicant, Bingham Center Holdings LLC, proposes to redevelop the site (consisting of two office buildings, the Silver Diner restaurant, an auto repair facility, outdoor beer garden, and surface parking) with hotel and multi-family residential buildings including ground floor retail.

Additional project details include:

**Residential Building**

- 11-stories
- 290 units

**Hotel Building**

- 10-stories
- 229 rooms

**Proposed Modifications**

- Setbacks and Bulk-Plan Angle requirements

- Parking and Loading
  - Density Exclusions
  - Bonus Density
- **1400 Richmond Highway (Americana Hotel)**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> SPRC was held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred October 17<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Long Range Planning Commission (LRPC) Meeting was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - The applicant, JBG Smith, proposes the demolition of the former Americana Hotel building and the development of a 19-story residential building with ground floor retail. The proposal consists of a 636-unit building with approximately 529,132 square feet of total gross floor area (8.61 FAR).
    - Additional project details include:
      - Rezoning from RA-H-3.2, Multiple-Family Dwelling and Hotel District to C-O Crystal City, Mixed Use Crystal City District
      - Located within the Crystal City Coordinated Redevelopment District (GLUP Note 1)
      - 636 new units
      - 3,801 sf of ground floor retail GFA
      - 392 total parking spaces (including 188 on-site residential and visitor parking spaces and 204 off-site parking spaces at the [Bartlett Apartments](#))
    - Proposed modifications for:
      - Reduced residential and retail parking ratios
      - Reduced loading space
      - Bonus density
      - Density exclusions
- **2201 Arlington Boulevard (ARVA)**
  - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - The applicant proposes to demolish the existing motel and construct a mixed-use building with approximately 251 dwelling units and approximately 2,900 square feet of ground floor retail, with a maximum height of eight (8) stories. To accomplish this development the applicant proposes:
    - A change in the General Land Use Plan designation for the site from "Service Commercial" and "Low-Medium Residential" to "Low Office-Apartment-Hotel";
    - A proposed rezoning from "C-2" and "RA6-15" to "C-O-1.5"; and
  - A Site plan, with requested modifications to the zoning ordinance regarding parking requirements, and for additional density through a combination of achieving LEED Gold certification for the site and other provisions as permitted by the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., provisions for public open space, affordable housing, etc.).

Additional project details include:

- A public open space;
- Underground Utility fund contribution;
- Affordable housing contribution or on-site affordable units;
- Streetscape improvements;
- On-site Public art or contribution to public art in the neighborhood;
- Proposed LEED Gold certification.

- **2025 Fairfax Drive (Wakefield Manor)**
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between December 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- In Person Walking tour was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- The applicant, FORTIS Companies, submitted a major site plan amendment to SPLN22-00001 (SP #417). The applicant proposes the removal of a single-story structure, a significant tree identified in the Fort Myer Heights North Plan, and two surface parking areas for the development of a 12-story residential building located at the southeast corner of the site. The proposal consists of a new 166-unit building with approximately 142,182 square feet of new residential gross floor area (1.76 FAR). The total site plan density is 3.89 FAR, inclusive of the existing Wakefield Manor and Courthouse Manor properties (0.84 FAR) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) to [Site Plan #435 \(Wendy's Site\)](#) (1.29 FAR).

Additional project details include:

- The site is zoned RA8-18, Multiple-Family Dwelling District
- Located within the Fort Myer Heights North Special District (GLUP Note 22)
- 166 new units (84 existing units at Wakefield Manor and Courthouse Manor, for a total of 250 units)
- 120 parking spaces (0.48 spaces/unit)

Proposed modifications for:

- Reduced residential parking ratio
- Bonus density
- Density exclusions

- **1600 S. Eads St. (Crystal Towers 3)**

- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between November 28<sup>th</sup> - December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- In Person Walking tour was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- The applicant, Dweck Properties, proposes to construct a new residential building and new retail building at 1600 S. Eads Street within the Crystal Towers apartment complex.

Additional project details include:

Residential Building:

- 10-stories
- 209 units
- Expansion of underground parking for a total parking ratio of .3 spaces per unit.

Retail Building:

- 1-story
- 27,901 sq. Ft. of retail gross floor area

Proposed Modifications:

- Required residential parking (.3 spaces per unit)
- Density Exclusions
- Additional Density achievement through LEED Gold Certification
- Loading dock reduction

- **3400 13<sup>th</sup> St. N. - YMCA**

- Online Engagement Opportunity is currently going from December 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- The applicant, including the Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Washington (YMCA) and Republic Michaels, proposes to redevelop the site and construct a new standalone YMCA facility and a seven-story multifamily residential building. Additional project details include:
  - Request to amend the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) to change the GLUP designation from "Service Commercial" to "Low" Office-Apartment-Hotel
  - Request to rezone the site from C-2, Service Commercial-Community Business District, to C-O-1.5, Mixed Use District

- New 7-story multifamily building, with:
  - 340,151 sf
  - 374 units
  - 295 parking spaces
  - LEED Gold at and Green Building Incentive Program (GBIP) commitments to achieve 0.35 bonus density for the residential building
- New YMCA recreation center facility with:
  - 87,850 sf
  - Indoor swimming pools, pickleball courts, tennis courts, fitness space, and conference/breakout/lounge space
  - 203 parking spaces
  - WELL certification
- Proposed modifications for:
  - Additional density consistent with Section 15.5 of the Zoning Ordinance
  - Required parking and loading
  - Density exclusions
- Site plan improvements and public amenities, including
  - GBIP commitments with LEED Gold certification for the residential building
  - Public Art contribution
  - Utility Fund contribution
  - Streetscape improvements
  - Achievement of goals and recommendations of the November 2017 *Washington Boulevard & Kirkwood Road Special GLUP Study "Plus" and Concept Plan*

  

- **Shirlington Public Improvements**  
The site is located within the Village at Shirlington which encompasses approximately 27 acres of land in the southern portion of Arlington County and includes a mix of residential, office, hotel, retail, entertainment and civic uses. The project area includes the streetscape primarily located between the 4000 - 4200 Blocks of Campbell Avenue  
  
The applicant, Street Retail, LLC, proposes a plan for streetscape and landscape improvements along Campbell Avenue. These improvements include:
  - New seating
  - Expanded planting areas
  - Protection of existing trees
  - Renovations and improvements to public spaces near the library and theater
  - New light fixtures
  - Bike racks
  - Seat walls
  - Changes to the physical layout of the street, in the form of shifted curbs, new crosswalk locations, and a reimaged median on Campbell Avenue.

A Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) amendment is required to remove outdated conditions requiring specific streetscape dimensions that conflict with the proposed improvements and vision of the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Study, while amendments to the adopted site plan are required to implement the changes within each approved final site plan along Campbell Ave.

## **Thrifton Hills Park Renovation (2814 23<sup>rd</sup> St. North) Arlington Neighborhoods (formerly NC) – No Updates**

This project is currently being scoped as part of an Arlington Neighborhoods project for part of the Fall 2022 ANP funding round. Meetings have been held with the civic association parks committee and at the September 2022 Maywood Civic Association meeting there was a unanimous vote for scope approval. The project will be part of the ANP funding Fall 2022 funding package and is expected to go to the County Board for approval in Spring 2023.

## **Urban Forestry Office Updates**

### **Maintenance:**

- Incoming requests have reduced significantly, as is typical for this time of year. Maintenance staff are addressing outstanding requests, and are down to 140 open requests
- The third batch of preventive maintenance has been completed, and staff continue inventorying trees at Fairlington Neighborhood. (S 35th St S, S Utah St, S Stafford St)
- Two new batches of preventive pruning in Fairlington are scheduled for this month. Batch 4 has 21 trees for pruning and 1 tree removal and batch 5th targeted 30 trees for pruning, no removal.
- Staff continues working with requests of metal tree grates and coordinating their removal with our Welder.

### **Planning:**

(Projects with high impact or high opportunity highlighted in **bold**)

### **Long-term planning**

- Staff met with County Team Members to plan a better multi-modal trail connection along route 50.
- The VDOT Route One Multimodal project is going through a county comment period to which staff have contributed.
- Staff continue to work with planners on the George Mason multi-modal project to limit the impact on trees and natural areas.

### **Site plans (special exception and by-right)**

- Under Review
  - Discussed the preliminary site plan submission for the Sunrise project at 716 South Glebe Rd. Forestry is pushing for the larger mature oak to be preserved on the south part of the project.
  - Reviewed the resubmittal application 1600 S Eads St. Major comments were resolved; such as extending tree protection and meeting the canopy requirement of 17.6%. Soil details and tree protection need further improvements.
  - Discussed the pending comments at 2011 Crystal Drive. Forestry and planning are pushing for the 2 trees onsite to be protected and creating a snake-shaped sidewalk to protect the CRZ. The applicant also must meet canopy cover and soil volume requirements.
  - Ballston Macys site discussion to address open comments such as fulfilling canopy cover and soil volume calculations were discussed, as they were not clear on their original submittal.
  - Reviewed the plans for the ARVA project. Most of the comments about the proposed park were resolved, as this section of the site will be redeveloped as a county

project. Forestry suggested the project allocate all the canopy requirements to residential and commercial areas.

- o Discussion of the Wakefield Manor and the significant tree located on this proposed redevelopment. As of now, there is no viable option for protecting this tree, but forestry requested the developer to make the canopy cover higher than required and use the wood on its biophilic design for its project.
- o The NSTA site in Ft. Meyer area between Wilson and Clarendon was presented for concept review. There are some changes required to footprint and mass to allow for required planting space and to meet the area plan.
- o The YMCA site came through for the first review. There are still significant challenges with the site layout.
- Approved
  - o Soil pre-installation meeting at the Century Center (2450 Crystal Drive). Soil expansion and the Silva cells installation will take place in the next couple of weeks.
  - o Forester inspected 4201 Wilsons Blvd to confirm that the existing canopy matches the site conditions. The site complied, and the Master CO was released.
  - o Staff is reviewing the work at the Met Park 6/7/8 site, which is getting close to completion. This includes significant tree planting.

#### DES

- Site inspection for tree installation between Wilson Blvd and Jackson Street. Two Nyssa Sylvatica trees were approved.
- DES-DPR SWM coordination quarterly check-in. The purpose of this meeting was to review county projects that are active or close to completion.
- Staff reviewed the Crystal City Metro entrance design and asked for more trees.
- The Arlington Road bridge project was reviewed. This project will impact a large elm in the adjacent park which staff are working to retain.
- The Clark Bell realignment will remove many small trees. Staff met with PDD and with DES to find new homes for replacement trees, and to discuss retaining some trees initially proposed to be removed.
- The westbound ramp of route 50 at Washington boulevard is being reworked. Staff believes this will improve tree canopy with a few small tweaks in the plans.
- The old hospital site is being demolished at 601 S Carlin Spring Road. Almost all the perimeter trees will be conserved, and many new trees will be planted.

#### Parks

- Final walk through at Marcey Park with Brenda Parker. The plant material was approved, and the tree protection would come down in the next couple of days.
- Metropolitan Park site visit with the forestry team. A couple requests were submitted to the applicant to improve the newly installed trees' conditions. These included making sure that only most of the trees are planted on the suggested DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) range, not planting trees too deep, exposing root flare, and creating a long-term maintenance plan for the anchoring system.

#### By-right projects

- Staff are working on a complex Excavation project at the DEA Building Perimeter sidewalk.
- Tree delivery at 903 N Stuart St. Out of the 20 trees, 8 trees as they delivered zelkovas trees instead of the requested Honeylocust tree. The missing 8 trees were delivered the following day and accepted by the County Forester.
- Discussion about looking at tree planting areas in Crystal City because of the removal of the public space on Route 1 and Bell St. Forestry is pushing for more trees to be replaced within

the scope of the new bike trail and trying to preserve as much canopy as possible to reduce the need for replacement.

- The Grove at Dominion Hills CEP discussion. The developer is working on resolving the last couple of open comments, such as the required street trees and missing soil volume information.

**Schools**

- The rooftop of The Heights was inspected for certificate of occupancy. Survival of rooftop trees was high.

**Federal**

- No report

**Tree Planting:**

- Trees in the South are tagged for planting. We are anticipating tree planting completion by Christmas.
- A small volunteer planting at the North water tower will happen, with the help from Scouts.
- Deer protection material is available for tree stewards looking to protect planted trees.
- Staff met with Tree Stewards in Bon Air Park to discuss adding new trees to the Sunny Garden. Sumac, Pawpaw, Hazelnuts and Hollies are possible species.

**Outreach:**

- The first champion tree bike ride since the pandemic happened on Saturday, November 12. 2 additional champion trees have been lost since the bike ride started in 2014. Future bike rides will take a different route to view more champion trees.

**Personnel:**

- No update

**Other:**

- Staff attended Day of Arboriculture at the United State National Arboretum and learned about cabling, climbing safety, tree structure, and other topics.
- Staff attended the Tree Care Industry Association Conference in Charlotte, NC. They brought back information on new equipment and took classes on Best Management Practices in tree care, Assessing Potential reduction cuts, Engagement with the Public, Safety Culture in Tree Care, and more.
- 10 Specimen tree applications are being reviewed by staff.
- A chainsaw safety training was held for Parks and Natural Resources staff.