
**MEETING MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL-ONLY
ARLINGTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

March 28, 2023

The **Park and Recreation Commission** convened its meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023.**

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)	PRC Chair, Shruti Kuppa PRC Vice Chair, Commissioner Jill Barker Commissioner Sarah Baryluk Commissioner Dean Foster Commissioner Colt Gregory Commissioner Peter Harnik Commissioner Neal Hunter Commissioner Gretchen Hickey Commissioner Mark Lincoln Commissioner Adam Rasmussen Commissioner Melissa Riggio Commissioner Sergio Enriquez At-large Commissioner Nia Bagley, Planning Commission At-large Commissioner Gerald Brandt, Arlington Public Schools
ABSENT	None
STAFF	Marco Rivero, DPR, PRC Staff Liaison
PUBLIC COMMENTERS	None
OTHER ATTENDEES	None

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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Chair's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Commission consideration of the January 17 and February 23 minutes.
- The minutes were adopted as prepared with no objections.

Public Comment

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

- No public comment was provided.
- **(Not a public comment but occurred during this period).** Discussion about a potential joint meeting with the PRC and the Transportation Commission. Potential topics for discussion for

such a meeting could be improvements to the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) discussions. Mr. Rivero stated that he would look into this request with all appropriate staff and liaisons. There are potential logistical challenges with such a request, so this will take time to review.

PRC Discussion on Marymount University

The PRC discussed any opportunities or challenges may be envisioned with the Marymount University site, but there are no concrete details provided on what the University's current thinking is on athletic field use. Another discussion revolved around Quincy Park and potentially providing more multi-use field usage at the park space (this may impact what may or may not be provided by Marymount University). There was also discussion on current field usage at Quincy Park by various athletic groups, APS, and other users. Priority of usage will be a topic of discussion that will need to be addressed by APS and the County if something is proposed by Marymount University. There needs to be an assessment of what uses are currently being hosted within the park space and what other usage opportunities there may be. There may be a letter provided by the PRC on this topic.

The PRC Chair also hosted other discussions on related PRC topics. Some discussions involved nature centers in Arlington, what can be done on funding/CIP, and what was discussed at the County Board's operating budget discussion in March.

Regarding Missing Middle, there will likely need to be an assessment of park needs as it relates to increased density within the County.

Updates on the Marriott site plan project. There may be an issue with ownership/foreclosure on one of the ownership groups related to this project, and that the developer may be filing for an extension on the approved site plan. A general overview of the development proposal was discussed further.

Staff Reports

Mr. Rivero provided the staff reports ahead of time to the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC). Mr. Rivero provided an update on the Bluemont Park project which was provided by staff. PRC Vice Chair Barker described a letter Dr. Bernard Berne submitted about the potential removal of a butterfly way station (there are currently two at the park) and his concerns regarding this proposal (particularly, related to monarch butterflies and preservation efforts).

Commission Member Reports

Additional items discussed during this section included:

- Commissioner Baryluk provided an update on the Bingham Center/Silver Diner project in Clarendon. Public space development is part of this project's overall development (consistency with the Clarendon Sector Plan) and would be subject to a separate, park planning process (particularly off North Irving Street).
- SPRC Vacancies
 - Melwood Property (Special GLUP Study) – confirmed by Mr. Rivero that this effort ended, no follow up required.

- Red Lion Inn – the SPRC is still TBD; PRC members identified for this effort: Commissioner Adam Rasmussen (primary).
- Sunrise South Glebe – PRC members identified for this effort: PRC Vice Chair, Jill Barker (primary).

Other Business

- Letters to the County Board
 - Potentially for Quincy Park (TBD).
 - Bingham Center/Silver Diner (April or later).
- Pickleball at other locations
 - Commissioner Lincoln provided an update on potential pickleball opportunities throughout the County. PRC Chair is open to providing a pickleball letter from the PRC itself.
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Awards 2022 Logistics
 - Melissa Riggio will be leading the awards for this year with the two new PRC members assisting in the process. There will be in-person ceremony/recognition at a future County Board meeting (after the County Board recognition or prior, still to be determined). This will be recognition for all awardees from 2020-2022.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

No motions and actions (with documented votes) were taken on any items presented at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at **8:10 p.m.**