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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE HYBRID  
ARLINGTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

April 18, 2023

The **Park and Recreation Commission** convened its meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023.**

*\*\*\*A physical quorum of the PRC was not met (five PRC members attended in person). No official business was acted or voted on accordingly, and virtual participation from PRC members was not provided.\*\*\**

<b>PRESENT (IN-PERSON)</b>	PRC Chair, Shruti Kuppa Commissioner Colt Gregory Commissioner Neal Hunter Commissioner Gretchen Hickey Commissioner Melissa Riggio At-large Commissioner Gerald Brandt, Arlington Public Schools At-large Commissioner Nia Bagley, Planning Commission
<b>PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)</b>	No virtual participation from PRC members was provided because a physical quorum was not met.
<b>ABSENT</b>	PRC Vice-Chair, Jill Barker <b>Commissioner Sarah Baryluk*</b> Commissioner Sergio Enriquez Commissioner Dean Foster Commissioner Peter Harnik <b>Commissioner Mark Lincoln*</b> <b>Commissioner Adam Rasmussen*</b>  <i>*These commissioners were present but could not participate virtually because physical quorum was not met.</i>
<b>STAFF</b>	Marco Rivero, DPR, PRC Staff Liaison Michael Cullen, DPR Max Ewart, DPR Bridget Obikoya, DES
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTERS</b>	Hugh Robinson
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>	Alex Sanders

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- [Link to Teams Recording](#)
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## SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

### *Chair's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes*

- *Commission consideration of March 28, 2023 minutes.*
- *Since in-person quorum was not achieved at this meeting, the consideration of the March 28, 2023 PRC minutes will be tabled for the next PRC meeting, scheduled for May 23, 2023.*

### *Public Comment*

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

- **Hugh Robinson**, commented on the potential park designation of potential public space that may be converted to official park space. There is an application that is being reviewed for a community garden at a public space at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Road North and North Harrison Street.

### *Park Facility Naming Request – High View Park*

Max Ewart, DPR, with Diane Hamm and Willie Jackson-Baker from the High View Park community presented on a park facility naming request for the existing baseball field to “Alfred Forman Sr. Field”.

PRC Discussion included the reasoning behind naming the baseball field as opposed to the entirety of the park, precedents for naming of park facilities as opposed to entire parks (i.e., Jennie Dean Park playing fields), and the process moving forward with the community for its consideration for facility naming.

- [Presentation Link](#)

### *Arlington Boulevard Trail Feasibility Study*

Bridget Obikoya, DPR, presented on the Arlington Boulevard Trail Feasibility Study which is on-going. The presentation included a presentation on the various segments of proposed trail improvements (including existing conditions), as well as potential slip lane changes at North Glebe Road.

PRC discussion included potential timeframe for study completion and concept reviews (potentially during Fall 2023). Other discussions included funding (parks versus transportation budget), the origins of the study providing potential improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists, guidance within the Master Transportation Plan (MTP), cost differences for jersey barriers versus other materials, opportunities for wayfinding/signage for an ensuing project, feedback regarding pedestrian and bicyclist interactions, and mature tree and subcanopy considerations along the trail.

- [Presentation Link](#)

### *Staff Reports*

Mr. Rivero provided the staff reports ahead of time to the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC).

*Commission Member Reports*

Additional items discussed during this section included:

- No additional discussion was provided.

*Other Business*

- Letters to the County Board
  - None
- Letter Regarding Quincy Park
  - This discussion will be tabled for the May 2023 PRC meeting at the earliest.

**MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES**

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

Meeting adjourned at **8:11 p.m.**