

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person PRC Attendance:

~~2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Cherry Conference Room (Room 216)~~

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

Aurora Hills Community Center, Back Conference Room

735 18th Street South, Arlington, Virginia 22202

and

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting:

Virtual Meeting Conference Access Links:

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AGENDA

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

- Commission consideration of the January 21, 2025 and February 27, 2025 minutes

Public Comment (7:05-7:15)

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

55+ Program Presentation and Discussion [Jennifer Collins, DPR] (7:15-7:45)

DPR Children's Programming and Summer Camps Presentation [Kimberly Baldini and Benjamin Harris, DPR] (7:45-8:10)

Staff Report (8:10-8:15)

Commission Member Reports (8:15-8:30)

**New or Potential appointments are noted in purple below.*

**Items identified for PRC discussion in green.*

- 55+ (William Way)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)

- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2024 (Claire Pascocello/William Way)
- Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council (CPCC) (**Vacant**)
- **Fairfax Park Foundation Update (William Way)**
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Neal Hunter)
 - *Also held budget talks last month, which are expected to continue this month. Letters to the county board regarding the county budget will be discussed. Additional attention will be given to the county's transportation plan and the gulf branch stream restoration project.*
- Gateway Park Post-Approval Development (Gary Shinnners)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Alex Sanders/Gary Shinnners)
 - *On March 14, 2025, staff of the Department of Parks and Recreation and Lily Whitesell representing the Department of Environmental Services toured the three reaches of Gulf Branch with members of the PRC (Alex and Gary) and other individuals to discuss the possibility of adding stormwater features in those areas as an addition to the current Gulf Branch restoration project. Gary had requested the tour. Construction in that project is expected to start this summer. Prior to the tour, a document proposing several stormwater features for addition to the parkland adjacent to Gul Branch Reaches #1, #2, and #3 drafted by Bob Benson, a Commissioner on the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission, and Bill Gillespie, a Tree Steward, was shared with County staff. During the two- and a half-hour tour various stormwater features were discussed, including addition of stormwater features that DES had previously proposed to DPR for Glebe Park but DPR and rejected. The DPR representatives seemed open to reconsidering that decision. Bob Benson had several separate conversations with Lily Whitesell during the tour about the addition of stormwater features. Lily will be responding to Benson's suggestions via email. Benson and Gillespie took the position that the planned reconstruction of the main Gulf Branch channel near the Nature Center, Blacksmith Shop, and Military Road culvert should proceed forthwith, but that the start of in-stream reconstruction of the Reaches should await consideration of the stormwater features for those areas proposed by Bob and Bill. It is anticipated that DPR and DES will consult with one another regarding those proposals and others discussed during the tour and respond by the end of April, well before any construction is scheduled to start.*
- Metro Market Square, Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines (Andrew Damitio/Erika Allen)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gary Shinnners)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *Held a joint meeting with the bicycle advisory committee. Topics covered included the transportation plan and centered around goal setting and shaping the vision in alignment with the stakeholders of both commissions. They also spent time with Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz. Plug was made for*

the Walk Arlington and Vision Zero guided walk which will be held on April 5th. You can register here: [Walk & Learn: Engineering Safer Streets Tickets, Sat, Apr 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (**Vacant**/Jill Barker)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Adam Rasmussen)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - ***For all special exception, private development projects (site plans and use permit applications), please see the following webpage:***
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Private-Development>

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- **NEW** [1601 Fairfax Dr. – Inn of Rosslyn](#) (**Vacant**)
- **NEW** [1901 Ft. Myer Dr. – One Rosslyn \(Formerly Rosslyn Gateway\)](#) (**Claire Pascocello/Jill Barker**)
- 2500 Wilson Boulevard (Daniel Garay)
- 3033 Wilson Boulevard – Clarendon Square (Erika Allen/Jill Barker)
- 3130 Langston Boulevard – Walgreens Site (Melissa Riggio/**David Earley**)
- **NEW** [4201 31st Street South – Shirlington House](#) (**Nelson Dimpter**)
- **NEW** [4601 Fairfax Drive – Ballston One](#) (**Andrew Damitio**)
- 6045 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (Jill Barker)
- Hotel Pentagon Site – 2480 S. Glebe Rd. (Jill Barker)
- River House Neighborhood – 1111 Army Navy Dr. (Gary Shinnors)

ON-HOLD, REACTIVATING SOON OR EXPIRED:

- 1320 N. Courthouse Road Special GLUP Study (Gary Shinnors/Jill Barker)
 - Crystal City Block W – 2541 Crystal Drive (Claire Pascocello)
 - Crystal Plaza Apartments – 2101 and 2111 Richmond Hwy (Jill Barker/Gary Shinnors)
 - Fort Henry Gardens (Jill Barker)
 - Wakefield Manor (Jill Barker/**Vacant**)
 - Wells Fargo/Verizon Site (Adam Rasmussen/**Vacant**)
 - YMCA Site – 3400 13th Street North (Melissa Riggio/Adam Rasmussen)
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- Sports Commission (Adam Rasmussen)
 - Transportation Plan Advisory Group (Daniel Garay/**Vacant**)
 - ***Transportation Plan Update***
 - Vision Zero External Stakeholders Group (ESG) (Neal Hunter)
 - *Several engagement events planned in April. They have planned a community tour with WalkArlington on April 5, the Capital Area Food Distribution on April 26, and the Langston Blvd Earth Day Festival on April 27.*

Other Business (8:30-8:40)

- Letters to the County Board
 - Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget Letter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams)