

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person PRC Attendance:

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

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting:

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AGENDA

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

- Commission consideration of the May 13, 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.*

Discussion with County Board Member and PRC County Board Liaison, Susan Cunningham (7:15-7:45)

Presentation and Discussion on Biophilia with Former PRC Member and Current Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (FNRC) Member, David Howell (7:45-8:10)

Staff Report (8:10-8:15)

Commission Member Reports (8:15-8:25)

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

**Items identified for PRC discussion in green.*

- 55+ (William Way)
 - June 3. Arlington Alliance for Senior Programs held a fundraiser at Rockland BBQ.

- *June 6. The county in coordination with VHC held a senior living and housing fair at Lubber Run.*
 - *Arlington Mill 55+ center has a new director, Mona Farah.*
 - *July 1 is implementation day for new 10% increase in fees.*
 - *July 8, and 10. Presentations on avoiding scams, in person and online, respectively.*
 - *August 11. Online presentation of transportation options for older adults.*
 - *September 13-30. Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will take place at Thomas Jefferson community center in Arlington.*
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
 - Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2024 (Claire Pascocello/William Way)
 - Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council (CPCC) (**Vacant**)
 - Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Neal Hunter)
 - *The FNRC received a presentation from Dominion Energy on their tree policies and maintenance schedule. They outlined developing a new MOU with NOVA parks and how that influences their decisions to remove mature trees near power lines. A lot of discussion centered on recent tree removals along the W&OD, decisions and communication shortfalls that caused public frustration with Dominion. Requests made to see updates on MOU and plans for any additional removal plans in the future.*
 - *The FNRC also received a detailed overview of the invasive program. There is continued effort to sustain funding and expand the program.*
 - Gateway Park Post-Approval Development (Gary Shinnars)
 - Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Alex Sanders/Gary Shinnars)
 - Metro Market Square, Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines (Andrew Damitio/Erika Allen)
 - Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Gary Shinnars)
 - Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
 - Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *No updates.*
 - Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Jill Barker/Gary Shinnars)
 - 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:**
- 1601 Fairfax Dr. – Inn of Rosslyn (David Earley)

- *The applicant proposes an 8-story residential building with approximately 140 units using “stick-over-concrete base” construction on a 23,000 sf lot in the Fort Myer Heights North neighborhood. The second SPRC meeting was held on June 9. The SPRC previously met in April.*
- *The site is subject to the Fort Myer Heights North Plan’s guidance to include substantial landscaped private open space, to reflect the historical garden apartment aesthetic of “open lawns and numerous hardwood and ornamental trees.”*
- *At the June 9 meeting, the applicant presented a new design with a smaller building footprint and a larger but still limited ground-level landscaped open space compared to the proposal presented in April. The new design also increased planters and street trees.*
- *County staff have indicated the revised design would not satisfy the area plan’s guidance regarding the provision of open space. The applicant has indicated the site's economics make more open space infeasible on this lot.*
- *The site plan application is scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission and County Board in September.*

- 1901 Ft. Myer Dr. – One Rosslyn (Formerly Rosslyn Gateway) (Claire Pascocello/Jill Barker)
- 2500 Wilson Boulevard (Daniel Garay)
- 3130 Langston Boulevard – Walgreens Site (Melissa Riggio/David Earley)
- 4201 31st Street South – Shirlington House (Nelson Dimpter)
- 4601 Fairfax Drive – Ballston One (Andrew Damitio/Melissa Riggio)
- 6045 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (Jill Barker)
- Arlington County Comprehensive Plan Update (Gary Shinnners)
- River House Neighborhood – 1111 Army Navy Dr. (Gary Shinnners)

ON-HOLD, REACTIVATING SOON OR EXPIRED:

- 1320 N. Courthouse Road Special GLUP Study (Gary Shinnners/Jill Barker)
 - Crystal City Block W – 2541 Crystal Drive (Claire Pascocello)
 - Crystal Plaza Apartments – 2101 and 2111 Richmond Hwy (Jill Barker/Gary Shinnners)
 - 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)
- Sports Commission (Adam Rasmussen)
 - Transportation Plan Advisory Group (Daniel Garay/**Vacant**)
 - Vision Zero External Stakeholders Group (ESG) (Neal Hunter)

- *Vision Zero will be presenting to the transportation commission on 6/30. Board request was made to have speed limit reductions posted along 5 corridors in Arlington. They are also testing speed reduction tactics across 13 different corridors across Arlington.*

Other Business (8:25-8:35)

- Letters to the County Board

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams)