

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 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:

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 September 23, 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.*

Potential Prohibition of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers (Richard Dooley, CMO) (7:15-7:35)

Staff Report (7:35-7:40)

Commission Member Reports (7:40-7:55)

**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) (Gary Shinnars)
- **NEW** [Drew Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines](#) (Adam Rasmussen)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Alex Sanders)
 - *Alex attended the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission meeting on October 23. The Commission first heard from the Arlington Tree Action Group (during public comment). The ATAG gave a brief presentation criticizing the*

County's "Low Residential Study" and its focus on impervious surfaces. The ATAG argues that the County should instead focus on zoning lot coverage to protect the County's tree canopy. Materials on ATAG's website.

- *We next heard from Jennifer Fioretti, the Assistant County Manager for Climate Policy. She gave a presentation on a review of the County's Leaf Blower Policy. Arlington County. The County is currently accepting public input on changes to its policy, including using the noise ordinance to prohibit gas-powered leaf blowers. Other jurisdictions, including Alexandria, have already done so. Gas-powered leaf blowers have been criticized for excessive noise, risk to operators, disruption to neighborhoods and wildlife, and environmental impacts. Members agreed with the goal of prohibiting gas-powered blowers, though there were differing views on the need for and the duration of a phase-out period.*
- *The Commission then held a discussion on the ongoing conversation about the County's Tree Canopy Fund and its shortage of funding. Commission members agreed that the Fund was valuable and should be continued. Its intended funding mechanism has proved to be inadequate over the last few years, and the County has had to replenish it using public monies. No solution was agreed upon; members will continue to meet and discuss improvements.*
- 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) (**David Earley**)
 - *The Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee held a joint session on October 8. Arlington County DES Deputy Director Hui Wang addressed the role of the BAC and the PAC with regard to DES projects and road-safety challenges and associated decision processes. There was a significant disconnect between the expectation for specific engagement opportunities for the committees and the low-engagement approach Deputy Director Wang presented. The committees also reviewed work on the update to the master transportation plan, particularly on the modal maps.*
- 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)
- **NEW** [2031 N. Woodrow St. – Leckey Gardens](#) (William Way/Jill Barker)
- 3130 Langston Boulevard – Walgreens Site (Melissa Riggio/David Earley)
- 3138 10th Street North – The Lock Up Self Storage Site (Adam Rasmussen/Jill Barker)
- 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)
 - **NEW** [Three Urban Parks Project](#) (**Vacant**)
 - Transportation Plan Advisory Group (Daniel Garay)
 - Vision Zero External Stakeholders Group (ESG) (Erika Allen)

Other Business (7:55-8:10)

- Letters to the County Board
- PRC Chair/Vice Chair Transition Plan

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams)