



**4MRV Working Group Meeting**  
**September 20, 2018**  
**7 – 9:00 PM**

**General Updates**

- Staff announced that the County Board would consider an Option Agreement for the purchase of a property located at 2700 S. Nelson Street/2701 S. Oakland Street at the September 22, 2018 County Board Meeting. The property is within the Four Mile Run Valley Area Plan area.
- There were no questions from the Working Group.

**Jennie Dean Park Master Plan**

A Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff member presented the upcoming County Board hearing schedule for the Park Master Plan (PMP), with associated Design Guidelines (incorporated as part of the PMP) on September 22, 2018.

Staff reviewed the following:

The following questions and comments were made by the Working Group members:

- A Working Group member asked at what time the PMP would be heard at the September 22, 2018 County Board Meeting. Staff replied that the exact timing would be difficult to identify, however to expect that it would be later in the afternoon.
- A Working Group member asked why comments from the Civic Associations were not included as an attachment to the final document.

**Four Mile Run Area Plan Next Steps**

Staff member Richard Tucker made a brief presentation on the upcoming hearing schedule and next steps for the draft Four Mile Run Area Plan. The following questions and comments were made by the Working Group members:

- Which version of the draft would be taken to Board for approval for advertisement? Will additional comments be incorporated before that time or is the current draft ultimately the final version.
- Why is the Plan scheduled to be reviewed at certain commissions and not all the commissions, for example, Economic Development?
- Were the Nauck Civic Association notes included in the Area Plan comment matrix?
- What is the timeline for adding additional comments to the document before the final adoption of the Plan?

## Four Mile Run Area Plan

Staff member Richard Tucker highlighted the key comments received on the Four Mile Run Area Plan matrix and how they are being addressed by staff in the Four Mile Run Area Plan draft document. The following questions and comments were made by Working Group members:

- The wayfinding design images shown in the Area Plan draft align with the industrial character of the area however there is not a theme captured in the text of the document.
- The PMP needs to better coordinate with the Area Plan and ensure the character of the wayfinding is consistent.
- What is meant by “temporary bus stop” and who would have input on the final placement of the bus stop? There is concern that the current placement may block travel lanes.
- On page 3.26, referencing the road diet section, “potential interim section” v. “illustrative section” leads readers to believe that the section shown has already been decided on.
- The expansion of the Oakland Street sidewalk will still result in many breaks in the pedestrian experience. Lots of access points are still needed for current businesses, leading to questioning if the Plan conflicts with the current businesses in place.
- There is no pedestrian refuge at Oakland Street. Is this to encourage people to not use this point to cross? Or is this due to the turn lane at this point?
- Concerned about angled parking on S. Nelson and Shirlington Road paired with only one lane of traffic. If a car stops to back into one of the spaces will they be blocking traffic for other vehicles and trucks traveling along the same roadway? VA law prohibits vehicles from utilizing the center turn lane to pass a stopped vehicle in the roadway.
- Concern about the sight lines on S. Nelson and Shirlington Road with bump outs and only one vehicle travel lane in either direction.
- Referencing comment #16, we don’t need to just be mindful of the potential losses, but also of the gains and benefits associated with the support of the arts in this area.
- The arts community would like to help the County in any way possible to expedite the planning and implementation process.
- There is enough information out there (referencing the Working Group Arts District Committee’s SNAIQ Report) to make the planning and implementation phases move forward faster. Another one-year long process doesn’t make a lot of sense.
- Referencing a comment made at LRPC, the County should be leading by example and move the buses from Area C to clean up the aesthetics of the area.
- The community has not received any information on the purchase of *(staff did not capture the subject of this statement)* and what’s planned in the future. The community would like full disclosure on the County’s plans.
- Comment #71, there is only a few feet of separation between the trail and the curb line. This creates a lot of hard surface and breaks up the aesthetics.

- Comment #74, will the analysis of new parking regulation include parking needed for the dog park?
- Can staff go on record stating that parking is adequate on the south of Four Mile Run Drive between S. Nelson Street and Shirlington Road? It is currently difficult to find any parking in that area in the peak hours.
- Can a more defined explanation of “on-going” be provided. It would be helpful to identify long term vs. short term implementation items.
- Is there an opportunity to add an overlay district to the area to add incentives not already in the Code?
- Improve the appearance of the electrical substation.
- Is the pathway along the west side of the dog park privately or publicly owned?
- Will there be a copy of the Parking Study available for review by the Working Group prior to November 5, 2018?
- Nice job. The Plan captured a lot of the concerns of the community and Working Group and many improvements were made.

**Public Comment**

There needs to be a bicycle connection from the planned bike underpass/overpass to the W&OD Trail, not just across Shirlington Road.

Is the parking lot in Jennie Dean Park located off of Shirlington Road part of the consideration for this Plan?