

Sports Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Fairlington CC, Room 103

Time: 6:45-8:45 PM

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- April 26 Meeting Minutes

Commission Member Reports

Old Business

- 4MRV
- Career Center

New Business

- CIP and Project Update- Lisa Grandle, DPR
- Aquatics Committee Letter on Career Center
- Commission Recruitment and Transparency
- Mid-Year Check on Annual Plan

Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting June 28, 2018 at Langston-Brown CC

Sports Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 26, 2018
Langston-Brown CC, MPR
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Commission Members Present:

Shirley Brothwell, Chair
David Tornquist
Jessica Paska
Sherry Kohan

Justin Wilt
John Bacon
Patricia Trapanese

Commission Members Absent:

Steve Severn
Janet Eichers

Corey Simples

County/APS Staff:

Josh Colman, SC Liaison
Pete Lusk, DPR

Deb DeFranco, APS Liaison

Please note: Agenda items may not be in chronological order.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes [7:07-7:08pm]

Review and motion to approve March meeting minutes, seconded, approved.

Commission Member Reports [7:08-7:17pm]

Career Center

- Discussion on status of Sports Commission providing input/feedback on Career Center project.

Underserved Populations

- Shirley briefed Katie Cristol on the pilot program- consideration of press release. Patricia will provide Katie Cristol some information on this, possibly invite to a future date.

Aquatics Commission Letter

- Discussion on Aquatics Committee letter- should there be more discussion on how it's paid for? How should the Sports Commission handle this?

Old Business

4MRV Update

[7:18-7:50pm]

Shirley gave an update and overview of 4MRV, including past votes and upcoming public hearing dates.

- Working group voted 14-9 in favor of concept 1. Discussion on similar concerns that have come up before- specific community in favor of one thing versus other groups in favor of another (balance of community planning vs. Countywide planning).
- With upcoming public hearing dates, there are opportunities for public to comment.

Discussion on letter/talking points could potentially focus on.

- How to refer to growing field vs. open space tensions? Focus on the additional ways to get open space in 4MRV (rather than just a single option).
- Fencing discussion and how to handle- reference VA Highlands.
- Arts District
- Review of concept plans
- Funding
- Discussion on parking- if we don't know the answer for parking, remove from statements.

Motion to recommend Concept 1, seconded, approved unanimously. Letter will be sent with the approved talking points.

Reed School

[7:50-7:51pm]

Board came up with more money to do the integrated design (Sports Commission's preferred design).

Career Center

[8:20- 8:23pm]

Discussion on Career Center project and working group.

- Mock design previewed at last meeting. Consensus amongst group that the elementary school would have to go if there are going to be full high school amenities.
- School Board has asked for options. Challenge now is to come up with a long-term solution for more seats. A lot of people favor a large school with full amenities- focus/discussion on neighborhood school.
- There are no design concepts yet. Discussion of potential for six story building.
- From a sports standpoint, discussion on basketball and tennis courts on rooftops. Track is an issue- needs a large space.
 - School Board chair seems open to looking at other non-traditional sports (example of pickleball).
- Seems clear that the elementary school will need to be moved.
- Sports Commission still believes they need a seat at the table for this working group- to discuss pool, fields, etc.

Stratford Park Update

[7:57-8:00pm]

Update of progress on Stratford Park project.

- Substantial completion date of May 1. Tennis/basketball courts should reopen soon after substantial completion date.
- Field will remain closed to allow sod to properly grow in, with a goal of reopening in the fall.
- Completed project includes tennis courts, basketball courts, combo field. Project added dugouts, batting cage, fencing around field, and pathway around park.
- New lighting and shade structure added.

Long Bridge Fee Committee Update

[8:09-8:11pm]

Committee has started meeting. Sherry is Sports Commission representative on the group.

- Consultant for a survey will be coming in May- hoping to have survey out this summer.
- Will be a challenging process- several different perspectives on pricing models.

VA Highlands Update

[8:11-8:17pm]

Update on how things are running at VA Highlands during spring season.

- Lights issue with a conduit being cut during fence transition, being fixed now.
- Dogs are still a problem on the field.
- DPR will be reaching out to the softball community after the spring season.
- DPR will continue to monitor the park- have staff out each night.
- Not many reports of safety issues- users need to report any issues.
- No field damage to date. Chairs were taken care of.

Discussion of Aurora Highlands community preferences.

- Community still wants one of the fields to be removed.
- Continued requests for a new master planning process

New Business

Rental League Background Information- Pete Lusk, DPR

[8:00-8:08pm]

Presentation from DPR covering private rental league information.

- Typically providing a service that DPR doesn't provide.
- Discussion on private leagues as it relates to allocation policy (private leagues are 4th on the list when it comes to receiving priority).
- Usage/Revenue Statistics provided for rental leagues. Private league rentals make up a very small number of hours, but a large portion of the revenue.
 - Important to consider if there were cuts/changes, how would that revenue be made up?
- 66% residency requirement (includes work in Arlington) for these leagues.

Pickleball Briefing/Presentation

[8:17-8:52pm]

Brian Kuehn, Helen White, and Tim Dellinger attended the Sports Commission meeting to provide a briefing/presentation on Pickleball in Arlington County.

Discussion on growth of pickleball, inclusivity of sport (not just for older adults), and the lack of pickleball facilities in Arlington.

Growth of Pickleball

- Explosion nationwide
- DMV region has had large growth
- Other regional facilities are working to accommodate or add pickleball facilities.
- Successful demo at expo- over 600 people introduced.

Survey of Pickleball Community

- Most play 3-4 times per week.
- Strong interest in tournament and league play options.
- Biggest concern is wait time, lack of availability of courts.

Facility Needs to Deal with Growth

- Group has a requested plan to convert Walter Reed Tennis Courts to 8 or 10 dedicated outdoor pickleball courts.
 - Past success in other communities doing similar things.
- Add pickleball in list of sports tracked for POPS plan.

Discussion on Pickleball Presentation

- Questions on number of pickleball courts created by conversion.
- Discussion on number of tennis courts- pickleball asking for single facility.
- Questions on current utilization of Walter Reed- tough to capture since we don't have drop-in numbers.
- Cost to build pickleball courts. Conversion of existing tennis courts is a lot less expensive than a new facility- group is trying to seek the easiest path.
- Question on whether sport court surface would work for pickleball- no, the ball dies on that surface. Other surfaces (parking lots) can work.
- Discussion on demographics of the County.
- Underserved Youth
 - Youth are underserved in this sport- pickleball is in some schools, but there's no place for the kids to play. Pickleball is more inclusive than other sports.
 - Discussion on extended day pilot currently being run by Sports Commission- could be a great way to reach more kids.

Commission Recruitment and Transparency

[8:53-8:54pm]

Topic deferred until the next meeting.

Meeting ends 9:15pm

Christian Dorsey, County Board Liaison

Attest:

Josh Colman

Josh Colman, Staff Liaison

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Commission Member Reports- May 2018

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POPS Advisory Committee

Name

Justin Wilt

Member Report Subject

POPS Advisory Committee

Summary

Meet on April 27 to discuss privately-owned public spaces (think plazas and pocket parks and the like). Upcoming meetings on May 31 and TBD June will focus on the revisions to the POPS draft.

Upcoming items on the POPS process timeline, some of which will require SC and member group participation:

- June - Final Draft Report posted
- Summer - Public Engagements
- Sept/Oct - Commission Reviews (includes SC)
- October - RTA
- November - Planning Commission Action
- December - County Board action (!)

Sports Group Position Paper

Name

Justin Wilt

Member Report Subject

Sports Group Position Paper

Summary

Conducted a meeting on 5/17 with John Foti (ASF), Greg Patton (ASF), Rebecca McSweeney (YULA), Dan Lopez & David Gould (ASA) to review the proposed Position Paper and discuss the goals of such a document and potential presentation campaigns as well. I think we've refined and focused the approach and will result in something that ultimately all sports groups, along with the ASF and SC, will be able to review and endorse. The revised document should serve as a common point of reference for all groups to use and share. Hoping to have that completed and distributed this Summer.

Park and Recreation Commission

Name

Drew Murray

Member Report Subject

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Summary

The big takeaway to me was that, while the "statistically valid" POPS survey, with 1,470 respondents, placed a high value on natural land and land acquisition, the CIP Survey, which I was not even aware had taken place, had 3,000 respondents, and placed those as the absolute lowest priorities. So Mark Schwartz drastically cut land acquisition and neighborhood conservation funding from the CIP budget as a result.

There were some complaints/discussion about how many fields (and how many synthetic conversions and replacements) were on the CIP, each a few million in cost, but Lisa Grandle explained how far out and staggered some of these projects are, and emphasized that synthetic fields increased playable hours and *not* at the expense of losing natural areas to new/additional fields.

A related concern was that the Virginia Highlands Park diamond field side was not on the CIP, while there were dozens of other projects, and Lisa explained that some of the projects had been on the CIP for nearly ten years (implying that a bunch of complaints from one neighborhood does not automatically earn a spot), but that there was some separate funding for VHP planning (but not explained from where). Another interesting desire re: VHP was to have the entire park considered for planning rather than piecemeal, which is how capital projects there unfolded.

For the POPS presentation, the big concern was that "casual use space" was nearly impossible to define - could be pickup basketball on a court, could be a picnic on open grass. In the context of Jennie Dean, someone brought up that the planners understated how much space that a baseball diamond would take up - because you have safety buffers, light poles, etc., so the footprint is a little larger than just the fenced area. One thing I found interesting (or maybe a little questionable) was that a multi-use field counted towards each of the amenities. So, for example, if the new synthetic field at Gunston had soccer practices in the outfield, it might count as a soccer field, even if that was only 10% of its available use.

One other "commission role" item that came up was the rental of the volleyball courts. I guess that they had the same presentations made to the PRC as well - but there was an ensuing debate about prioritizing limited time and effort, particularly when it was clear that County staff was working with the man to address the issue. Something that stemmed from discussion was an apparent discrepancy in the data provided by County staff (as to how many rental hours were given to outside/private groups) versus what was provided by the actual group. This generated a short discussion on how citizens obtain data from County staff, or the process for bringing an issue or complaint to their attention.



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Arlington Sports Commission

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Arlington, VA



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RE: Inclusion of Aquatics Facilities at Neighborhood High Schools

Dear Chair Cristol and Chair Kanninen:

On behalf of the Aquatics Committee¹, I am writing to address some of the issues that were raised during your joint April 17th meeting with the Career Center Working Group about the merits of including a pool within the footprint of a new neighborhood high school² (NHS) at that site.

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Please know that the Committee supports the inclusion of an aquatics facility at any new NHS for the following reasons.

- **Educational Value of Aquatics Instruction:** The aquatics curriculum, as currently administered by Arlington Public Schools (APS), serves as an integral and vital component of the County's health and physical education program. The aquatics instruction teaches safety awareness, develops basic swimming skills, and enhances proficiency at all levels. It also improves personal and community aquatics safety and helps students develop a commitment to lifetime fitness. These life-long educational and safety benefits have justified the inclusion of pools at the County's other NHSs.
- **High School Population Served:** Mandatory physical education is provided only to 9th and 10th grade students, although interscholastic athletic opportunities are available for all high school students. Students in these lower grades spend three to four weeks of their physical education instruction at the pool within their school. The majority of these students are 14 or 15 years old. Internships and other off-campus learning experiences for this age group with options to

¹ The Aquatics Committee is a joint committee of the Arlington County Sports Commission and the Arlington Public Schools. The Committee is charged with ensuring community engagement in the operation and use of the Arlington indoor swimming pools located within the three high schools and with making recommendations on behalf of users to the County Board, through the Sports Commission, and to the School Board as needed.

² A NHS is one with attendance boundaries. The Aquatics Committee believes students who are assigned a neighborhood school should be provided the same amenities. Students who elect to attend "choice" schools, such as HB-Woodlawn, do so knowing that they may have to forgo various amenities.

obtain aquatics education at non-school pools are limited.³ However, a number of trade-based careers require aquatic skills,⁴ and the aquatics program provides an introduction to swimming as well as elective business development opportunities. The aquatics program at each high school is operated as a business with requirements for management, budget, customer service, maintenance, and other skills valuable in the workplace. Rather than attempt to send students to non-school located pools for aquatics instruction, consideration should be given to leveraging onsite pool operations and instructional capabilities to build internship programs for interested students.

- **Busing not an Option:** While elementary students are bused for their one week of aquatics instruction, busing is not an option at the high school level. In addition to pool instruction, transportation to and from pools at the elementary level averages 1 to 1½ hours. High school students cannot give up this amount of educational time during the days that they receive aquatics instruction due to the lack of sufficient elective periods in 9th and 10th grades. Setting aside the time constraints of transporting students, busing or swapping students also assumes that buses will be available when needed. APS has recently estimated the annual operating cost for one school bus at \$70,000, and has cited lack of bus drivers and lack of land to park school buses as competing for classroom funding.⁵
- **Capacity Constraints:** APS pools are at or near capacity. Each school day, the pools serve high school students, elementary school students, and the community. Taking the Washington-Lee pool as an example, approximately 30 to 35 high school students receive aquatics instruction for 5 to 6 periods daily. Two classes of approximately 40 elementary school students receive instruction from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. The community swims during “early bird” hours (5:30 am –9:30 am), midday hours (11:30 am – 3:00 pm), and evening hours (5:30 pm – 9:30 pm). During community swim hours, each lane of the Washington-Lee pool is at capacity, with 4 or more swimmers sharing one lane. Parks and Recreation classes and programs start at 4:30 pm. On average, 25 or more classes are held each night between at 4:30 pm and 8:30 pm, along with private lessons. Classes are full, and many have waiting lists. Swim teams from each middle and high schools also make use of the pools. Middle schools each practice three times/week from mid-February through April, and high schools swim daily from November to the middle of February. Recently, increased enrollment has begun to and is expected to continue to affect the space available to the public, during simultaneous use, and may potentially reduce the time for public use during the school day. As our student body grows at every level and new elementary schools come online in 2019 and beyond, APS will face new space challenges to provide adequate space for aquatics instruction.⁶

³ At the meeting, there was discussion about extending the school day from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to provide students work and internship opportunities, including perhaps working in Crystal City and swimming at Long Bridge Park rather than swimming at home schools. However, this accommodation may not be workable for students at these lower grades. By Virginia law, these younger students are prohibited from working from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. during the school year. This age group has fewer options to travel from location to location, including the fact that they are not able to drive, requiring a longer time commitment to satisfy aquatics curriculum requirements at Long Bridge Park. The number of jobs/internships available in Crystal City that would put students in proximity to Long Bridge Park may not be enough to meet all demand. Instructors may not be available to teach the aquatics curriculum when students are able to get to Long Bridge Park. Keeping teachers on stand-by and reserving space for instruction on the off-chance that a student may drop in would be cost-prohibitive.

⁴ For example, trade-based occupations requiring the ability to swim include underwater welders and demolition experts, water rescue professionals, and various armed forces careers.

⁵ See Elementary Location Analysis, April 30, 2018 (<https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Apr-30-Analysis-Final-3.pdf>).

⁶ In addition to new high school seats planned at the Ed Center and Career Center sites, two new elementary schools and a new middle school will open within the next two school years with no planned increase in aquatics capacity. For safety reasons, it is not recommended that more than 10 swimmers be accommodated in a lane.

- **Community Asset:** Arlington has a reputation for superb public schools. This reputation enhances the value of properties in the County, and attendant tax revenue. However, neighborhoods that host high schools incur impacts such as increased traffic, noise, and the like, on a scale much greater than neighborhoods with elementary schools. Those impacts are balanced by amenities such as sports fields, auditoriums, gyms, cafeterias, and aquatics facilities that can be shared with the community when not in use by APS. This shared use adds value for hosting communities whether or not neighborhood families have children in the school system. Shared usage also suggests that the County and APS should share in the costs of building these assets.
- **Equality:** The Career Center community has asked that the new NHS be built with the same amenities that have been included in Arlington's other NHSs. During the April 17th working group meeting, it was suggested that "equal" does not necessarily mean the "same." Yet, the facilities we use to educate our children reflect our public commitment to equality. Each of our existing NHSs has the same amenities, including aquatic facilities.⁷ It would be unthinkable to abandon this standard of equity regardless of the location of any new NHS.
- **The Need for an Aquatics Facility at the Career Center Site:** The need for school-based amenities can be influenced by social-economic factors. The Career Center site is surrounded by social-economically diverse neighborhoods.⁸ If an aquatics facility is not provided in the footprint of a new NHS at this site, many in these neighborhoods may not be able to afford other options to learn and practice water safety skills. The consequence, as Dr. Kristi Rupert Sawert, President of the local Arlington Heights Civic Association, reported at the April 17th meeting, is that low-income and/or minority children have significantly higher instances of drowning.⁹

We are excited about the prospect to add a fourth, much needed neighborhood pool to the educational and community use assets to be included in the development of the Career Center site. We thank those Board members who have committed to include an aquatics facility at this site and ask other members join in support. The Career Center offers a rare combination of local support for the redevelopment of possibly the only central-Arlington location large enough to accommodate a new NHS with a high enough concentration of students that will ensure the filling of all new seats on the first day. We owe this community and these students the same facilities that Arlington has provided at our other NHSs.

Respectfully,

Donald E. Hesse

Donald E. Hesse
Chair

cc: Kathleen McSweeney, Chair, Career Center Working Group
Shirley Brothwell, Chair, Sports Commission
County Board Members
School Board Members

⁷ https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/HS-Facilities-Amenities_Updated_2_27_18.pdf.

⁸ The Career Center site is located in the 22204 zip code. This zip code is the most diverse and economically challenged in the County. See, <https://virginia.hometownlocator.com/zip-codes/zipcodes/city/arlington,nd,0.cfm>. It is home to more than 130 nationalities, as well as the historically African-American communities of Green Valley (now Nauck), Johnson's Hill (now Arlington View), and Butler Holmes (now Penrose). See, G. Stephen Thurston, *Are There Two Arlingtons?*, ARLINGTON MAGAZINE (April 27, 2015).

⁹ Studies show that that poor minority children, specifically African-American and Hispanic/Latino, are at a significant disadvantage concerning swimming ability and at higher risk of drowning. See, Julie Gilchrist & Erin M. Parker, *Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Fatal Unintentional Drowning Among Persons Aged ≤29 Years — United States, 1999–2010*, 63(19) MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT 421–426 (May 16, 2014); and Carol C. Irwin et al. *Urban minority youth swimming (in)ability in the United States and associated demographic characteristics: toward a drowning prevention plan*, 15 INJURY PREVENTION 234–39 (2009).



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May 18, 2018

The Honorable Katie Cristol, Chair
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Re: Four Mile Run Valley Policy Framework

Dear Ms. Cristol,

The Arlington County Sports Commission would like to provide input on the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) Policy Framework. This letter updates our May 8 letter to the Planning Commission.

Our Commission is represented on the 4MRV Working Group (WG). Our primary interest in the project is the renovation of Jennie Dean Park and the possible addition of future sports and recreational amenities in the study area. For the reasons outlined below, the Sports Commission supports design Concept 1 for Jennie Dean Park and also supports further expansion of recreation space near Jennie Dean Park and in the study area.

Jennie Dean Park is an important location for sports in Arlington. At one time the sole park for Arlington's African American residents, Jennie Dean Park's connection to sports dates back over a century. (See Attachment 1 for some history about the park.) Today, sports amenities in the park include a lighted adult softball field, a lighted youth baseball diamond, two lighted tennis courts, and a lighted basketball court. Lighted playing areas are particularly valuable and important parts of our community's total field and court inventory. All of these amenities serve thousands of Arlington residents.¹

¹ The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) registers about 1,600 adult softball players in the Spring and about 1,450 in the Fall, 90% of which meet Arlington residency requirements. In addition to DPR programs, there are several leagues that run private softball programs for Arlington adult residents that do not participate in DPR's program. These leagues rent softball fields from DPR and are subject to DPR's residency requirements. Arlington Babe Ruth and Arlington Little League register a combined 3,000 players in the Spring and 1,500 players the Fall. The Arlington Girls Softball Association registers about 500 players in its Spring season. Registration data is not available for tennis and basketball players. However, anecdotal information indicates that Arlington's public tennis courts are heavily used on weekday afternoons and evenings and all day on the weekends. There is also a growing pickleball community, serving adults and senior citizens, that uses some of Arlington's public tennis courts.

Working Group Charge for the Park Is Full Replacement of Existing Amenities

As noted in the Policy Framework, the Park Master Plan will “provide a vision for the comprehensive replacement and realignment (exclusively for park purposes) of existing park features and the addition of new park amenities to meet the growing demand for active recreation, cultural resources and natural resource preservation.”

The Guiding Principles developed by the WG speak to the need to balance countywide and neighborhood needs, accommodating current and anticipated future demand; maintain the capacity of existing County facilities to the greatest extent possible; promote new arts and recreational opportunities for users of all ages and abilities; and maximize green, casual-use space in Jennie Dean Park and in other parks along Four Mile Run.

To the Sports Commission, this language indicates two important and linked goals: (1) maintain and improve all current sports and park amenities, and (2) increase opportunities for programmed and unprogrammed recreational activities. Given the increasing demand for Arlington’s field and court inventory, the Commission regards the first goal as a minimum, mandatory outcome and the second goal as something to be achieved to the greatest extent possible. We are very aware of the increased need for casual use space in Arlington. We support that need, in this park and elsewhere, but increased casual use space should not and must not come at the expense of existing sports amenities.

Over the past 20 years, the county strategically acquired five properties in and near Jennie Dean Park to facilitate replacing, improving, and expanding park amenities. Two of these parcels are being used to expand the boundaries of Jennie Dean Park. Three are in the two-block area west of Nelson Street, and the use of these parcels is still uncertain, per the direction from the February 20 County Board work session. There remain several private properties within Jennie Dean Park that, if acquired, would provide for further expansion opportunities.

However, despite these acquisitions, we observed in the WG that there are more needs and desires for Jennie Dean Park and the acquired properties than can reasonably be accommodated. As a result, there still isn’t currently enough land in the right places to make the redesign of Jennie Dean Park a simple, straightforward process. In particular, the uncertain future of the WETA property in the center of the park is a significant constraint. Instead, choices and compromises are necessary. Recognizing the growing tension over use of public spaces, the Sports Commission issued a position statement in 2016 on County planning processes to emphasize that Arlington County facilities need to represent the interests of all County residents (see Attachment 2).

Charge to Replace Existing Amenities Will Not be Met; Sports Community Is Negatively Affected

As stated above, we believe the first goal for the park design is to replace existing sports and park amenities, preferably in Phase 1. But, neither of the Policy Framework’s two concept

designs achieves this. What is sadly clear at this point is that no matter what happens, the sports community is taking a hit. Concept 1 entails the loss of one tennis court in Phase 1, while Concept 2 delays the improvement of the small baseball diamond (as well as installation of the large picnic shelter) until Phase 2. Neither outcome is easy for the Sports Commission to accept; we are mindful that Phase 1 may be the full extent of the redesign, or at least for some unknown period of time.

Sports Commission Voted to Support Concept 1 for Jennie Dean Park

With grudging acceptance that the sports community faces a loss, the Sports Commissioners weighed the differences between Concept 1 and Concept 2. If we have to take a loss, which is worse – losing a tennis court or putting a youth field at risk? The Commission weighed the two amenities' respective sizes and installation costs and the current versus future availability of funding. We believe that it will be somewhat easier to get the tennis court back than it will be to move and re-install the youth baseball diamond – a tennis court (or basketball court) is smaller and less expensive than a youth baseball field. Furthermore, Commissioners expressed concern about leaving the youth field in the riparian protection area – we anticipate that the field will degrade over time and there will be pressure to either improve it permanently in the RPA or, since such an improvement would be exceedingly expensive due to the need to comply with remediation requirements, remove it altogether. In other words, leaving this field in an uncertain status may be just a precursor to its eventual loss.

The Sports Commission voted unanimously on April 26, 2018, to support Concept 1. The reasons for our support include:

- An aesthetically attractive design with good circulation and orientation of park amenities;
- Near-term improvement of the softball field, baseball field, one tennis court, one basketball court, and the large picnic shelter in Phase 1 and full replacement of all sports and park amenities in Phase 2;
- Near-term replacement of all outdated lights with the newest technology;
- Appropriate orientation of the diamond fields for safety purposes;
- Full near-term removal of all built structures from the riparian protection area, allowing new trees to be planted as quickly as possible and opening up access to Four Mile Run; and
- Significant new contiguous casual use space, grass, trees, and landscaping along Four Mile Run Drive with the possibility of increasing casual use space along this street and in the interior of the park if and when additional properties are acquired.

However, the Sports Commission concurs with the Arlington County Tennis Association (ACTA) that addressing the loss of a tennis court is crucial. The Commission will continue to work with DPR and the County Board to explore all options to restore the second tennis court as quickly as possible. The Commission continues to believe that the site of the police warehouse, one of the three acquired properties west of Nelson Street, would be an ideal location for either a basketball court or two tennis courts. We also support further examination of ACTA's suggestion to make the basketball court into a multi-use court for both tennis and basketball.

The Sports Commission remains cautious about removing wide sections of baseline fencing from the softball and baseball fields. While our Commission fully supports making maximum use of Arlington's public facilities, the open-fencing pilots at Bluemont and Virginia Highlands have not been underway long enough for us to conclude that baseline fencing can be systematically removed from all diamond fields with no ill effects for field condition or safety.

Further Expansion of Recreation Space Near Jennie Dean Park and in the Study Area Should be Considered

As stated above, the second goal for park planning is increasing opportunities for programmed and unprogrammed recreational activities. Multiple sources of input, including the Planning Our Public Spaces (POPS) process as well as community input to the WG, indicate that more space is needed in the Four Mile Run Valley for both indoor and outdoor recreational activities. The redesign of Jennie Dean Park will help address some of this need, particularly by providing new casual use spaces, but we believe the demand will continue to grow.

Therefore, the Commission was disappointed that the WG had a split vote in support of using the three acquired properties west of Nelson Street as a future arts district.² We appreciate the Board maintaining flexibility for how to use these properties in the future, and hope the Board will be open to using these properties, at least in part, to help meet the growing demand for traditional park and recreational purposes. At a future date of park phasing, we believe the county owned building at 3700 S. Four Mile Run should be rebuilt and expanded to include some indoor recreational use. A building of this height is not a good use of the county's increasingly constrained park space.

² The Sports Commission and Park and Recreation Commission wrote a joint letter to the Chair of the 4MRVWG on November 28, 2017, to express our concerns about these developments.

Further, the Commission believes there are additional opportunities for expanding recreational opportunities elsewhere in the Four Mile Run study area, such as along Shirlington Road. While the Policy Framework does not explore such opportunities, we hope that the Board will continue to examine ways to expand recreational spaces in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Brothwell".

Shirley Brothwell, Chair
Sports Commission

Cc: County Board Members
Mark Schwartz, County Manager
William Ross, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

Attachment 1 – History of Jennie Dean Park

The current Jennie Dean field was originally called Green Valley Ball Park or Peyton Field. The name "Peyton Field" was used as the land was owned by James and Nettie Peyton. The Peyton family opened the area to the local community for recreational activities, including football and baseball games. There was also a motorcycle track and a dance hall. As early as 1910, Peyton Field was the home of the Black Socks Baseball Team, an amateur African American team that played other African American baseball teams on the East Coast. In addition to the Black Socks, other African American baseball teams that used the field as their home included the Arlington Athletics, Green Valley Quick Steps, Green Valley Black Socks, Jackson All Stars, and the Washington Aztecs.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY
SPORTS COMMISSION
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 414
Arlington, Virginia 22201



May 8, 2018

Ms. Jane Siegel, Chair
Arlington County Planning Commission
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Four Mile Run Valley Policy Framework

Dear Ms. Siegel,

The Arlington County Sports Commission would like to provide input on the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) Policy Framework. Our Commission is represented on the 4MRV Working Group (WG). Our primary interest in the project is the renovation of Jennie Dean Park and the possible addition of future sports and recreational amenities in the study area. For the reasons outlined below, the Sports Commission supports design Concept 1 for Jennie Dean Park and also supports further expansion of recreation space near Jennie Dean Park and in the study area.

Jennie Dean Park is an important location for sports in Arlington. At one time the sole park for Arlington's African American residents, Jennie Dean Park's connection to sports dates back over a century. (See Attachment 1 for some history about the park.) Today, sports amenities in the park include a lighted adult softball field, a lighted youth baseball diamond, two lighted tennis courts, and a lighted basketball court. Lighted playing areas are particularly valuable and important parts of our community's total field and court inventory. All of these amenities serve thousands of Arlington residents.¹

As noted in the Policy Framework, the Park Master Plan will "provide a vision for the comprehensive replacement and realignment (exclusively for park purposes) of existing park features and the addition of new park amenities to meet the growing demand for active recreation, cultural resources and natural resource preservation."

¹ The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) registers about 1,600 adult softball players in the Spring and about 1,450 in the Fall, 90% of which meet Arlington residency requirements. In addition to DPR programs, there are several leagues that run private softball programs for Arlington adult residents that do not participate in DPR's program. These leagues rent softball fields from DPR and are subject to DPR's residency requirements. Arlington Babe Ruth and Arlington Little League register a combined 3,000 players in the Spring and 1,500 players the Fall. The Arlington Girls Softball Association registers about 500 players in its Spring season. Registration data is not available for tennis and basketball players. However, anecdotal information indicates that Arlington's public tennis courts are heavily used on weekday afternoons and evenings and all day on the weekends. There is also a growing pickleball community, serving adults and senior citizens, that uses some of Arlington's public tennis courts.

The Guiding Principles developed by the WG speak to the need to balance countywide and neighborhood needs, accommodating current and anticipated future demand; maintain the capacity of existing County facilities to the greatest extent possible; promote new arts and recreational opportunities for users of all ages and abilities; and maximize green, casual-use space in Jennie Dean Park and in other parks along Four Mile Run.

To the Sports Commission, this language indicates two important and linked goals: (1) maintain and improve all current sports and park amenities, and (2) increase opportunities for programmed and unprogrammed recreational activities. Given the increasing demand for Arlington's field and court inventory, the Commission regards the first goal as a minimum, mandatory outcome and the second goal as something to be achieved to the greatest extent possible.

Over the past 20 years, the county strategically acquired five properties in and near Jennie Dean Park to facilitate replacing, improving, and expanding park amenities. Two of these parcels are being used to expand the boundaries of Jennie Dean Park. Three are in the two-block area west of Nelson Street, and the use of these parcels is still uncertain, per the direction from the February 20 County Board work session. There remain several private properties within Jennie Dean Park that, if acquired, would provide for further expansion opportunities.

However, despite these acquisitions, we observed in the WG that there are more needs and desires for Jennie Dean Park and the acquired properties than can reasonably be accommodated. As a result, there still isn't currently enough land in the right places to make the redesign of Jennie Dean Park a simple, straightforward process. In particular, the uncertain future of the WETA property in the center of the park is a significant constraint. Instead, choices and compromises are necessary. Recognizing the growing tension over use of public spaces, the Sports Commission issued a position statement in 2016 on County planning processes to emphasize that Arlington County facilities need to represent the interests of all County residents (see Attachment 2).

Sports Commission Supports Concept 1 for Jennie Dean Park

As stated above, we believe the first goal for the park design is to replace existing sports and park amenities, preferably in Phase 1. But, neither of the Policy Framework's two concept designs achieves this. Concept 1 entails the loss of one tennis court in Phase 1, while Concept 2 delays the improvement of the small baseball diamond (as well as installation of the large picnic shelter) until Phase 2. Neither outcome is easy for the Sports Commission to accept; we are mindful that Phase 1 may be the full extent of the redesign, or at least for some unknown period of time. Commissioners weighed the respective size and costs of installing a court versus a field and were uncomfortable with failing to secure the larger and costlier amenities (the diamond field and the large picnic shelter) during Phase 1.

The Sports Commission voted unanimously on April 26, 2018, to support Concept 1. The reasons for our support include:

- An aesthetically attractive design with good circulation and orientation of park amenities;
- Near-term improvement of the softball field, baseball field, one tennis court, one basketball court, and the large picnic shelter in Phase 1 and full replacement of all sports and park amenities in Phase 2;
- Near-term replacement of all outdated lights with the newest technology;
- Appropriate orientation of the diamond fields for safety purposes;
- Full near-term removal of all built structures from the riparian protection area, allowing new trees to be planted as quickly as possible and opening up access to Four Mile Run; and
- Significant new contiguous casual use space, grass, trees, and landscaping along Four Mile Run Drive with the possibility of increasing casual use space along this street and in the interior of the park if and when additional properties are acquired.

The Sports Commission is aware that the Arlington County Tennis Association (ACTA) is opposed to Concept 1 because it does not replace two tennis courts in Phase 1. The Commission will continue to work with DPR and the County Board to explore all options to restore the second tennis court as quickly as possible. The Commission continues to believe that the site of the police warehouse, one of the three acquired properties west of Nelson Street, would be an ideal location for either a basketball court or two tennis courts.

The Sports Commission remains cautious about removing wide sections of baseline fencing from the softball and baseball fields. While our Commission fully supports making maximum use of Arlington's public facilities, the open-fencing pilots at Bluemont and Virginia Highlands have not been underway long enough for us to conclude that baseline fencing can be systematically removed from all diamond fields with no ill effects for field condition or safety.

Further Expansion of Recreation Space Near Jennie Dean Park and in the Study Area Should be Considered

As stated above, the second goal for park planning is increasing opportunities for programmed and unprogrammed recreational activities. Multiple sources of input, including the Planning Our Public Spaces (POPS) process as well as community input to the WG, indicate that more space is needed in the Four Mile Run Valley for both indoor and outdoor recreational activities. The redesign of Jennie Dean Park will help address some of this need, particularly by providing new casual use spaces, but we believe the demand will continue to grow.

Therefore, the Commission was disappointed that the WG had a split vote in support of using the three acquired properties west of Nelson Street as a future arts district.² We appreciate the Board maintaining flexibility for how to use these properties in the future, and hope the Board will be open to using these properties, at least in part, to help meet the growing demand for traditional park and recreational purposes. At a future date of park phasing, we believe the county owned building at 3700 S. Four Mile Run should be rebuilt and expanded to include some indoor recreational use. A building of this height is not a good use of the county's increasingly constrained park space.

Further, the Commission believes there are additional opportunities for expanding recreational opportunities elsewhere in the Four Mile Run study area, such as along Shirlington Road. While the Policy Framework does not explore such opportunities, we hope that the Board will continue to examine ways to expand recreational spaces in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important decision.

Sincerely,



Shirley Brothwell, Chair
Sports Commission

Cc: Planning Commission Members
Mark Schwartz, County Manager
William Ross, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission
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² The Sports Commission and Park and Recreation Commission wrote a joint letter to the Chair of the 4MRVWG on November 28, 2017, to express our concerns about these developments.

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FY 2019 – FY 2028 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan

Local Parks and Recreation Program

Department of Parks and Recreation
May 30, 2018



Local Parks and Recreation Programs

Significant inventory of existing park amenities

- 69 Playgrounds and 4 Spray Playgrounds
- 76 Basketball Courts and 12 Half Courts
- 87 Tennis Courts and 5 Practice Courts
- 42 Rectangular Athletic Fields ---15 Lighted, 14 are synthetic
- 35 Diamond Athletic Fields ---19 Lighted, 1 synthetic
- 19 Combination Athletic Fields ---3 Lighted
- 48 Picnic Shelters
- 8 Dog Parks
- 50 Miles of Multipurpose Trail
- 25 Restrooms
- Picnic Tables, Benches, Grills, Kiosks, Drinking Fountains
- Park signs, Fences
- Parking Lots (approx. 1 million SF), Access Roads
- Amphitheaters, Skate Park, Other Amenities



Local Parks and Recreation Programs

Accomplishments/ Projects Completed Parks Maintenance Capital

Virginia Highlands Tennis and
Bball Courts, Community Field



Quincy Playground and
Volleyball



Highview Picnic Shelter,
Restrooms, Athletic Field



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Local Parks and Recreation Programs

Accomplishments/ Projects Completed Parks Maintenance Capital & Synthetic Turf

Tuckahoe Fields



- Bluemont Field #3
- Wakefield Stadium Lights

Greenbrier Synthetic Replacement



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Local Parks and Recreation Programs

Accomplishments/ Projects Completed Parks Master Plans

Long Bridge Playground



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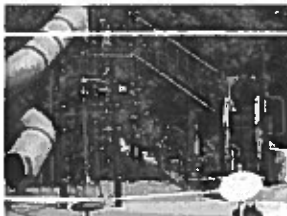
Local Parks and Recreation Programs

Accomplishments/ Projects Completed Neighborhood Conservation

Butler Holmes Playground



Tyrol Hills Playground



Chestnut Hills Frontage



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Local Parks and Recreation Programs

Accomplishments


Land Acquisition (6 1/2 acres, 9 acquisitions)

- Benjamin Banneker Park (3 parcels on 18th Street North)
- Chestnut Hills Park (2 parcels on N. 27th Street)
- Lang Street Community Gardens (1 parcel on Arlington Ridge Road to expand gardens)
- I-66 Bike Trail (donation from developer)
- New Park near Pentagon City (2 adjoining parcels on 20th St. South and S. Ives Street)
- Zachary Taylor Park (transfer from APS, adjoins existing park)



Local Parks and Recreation

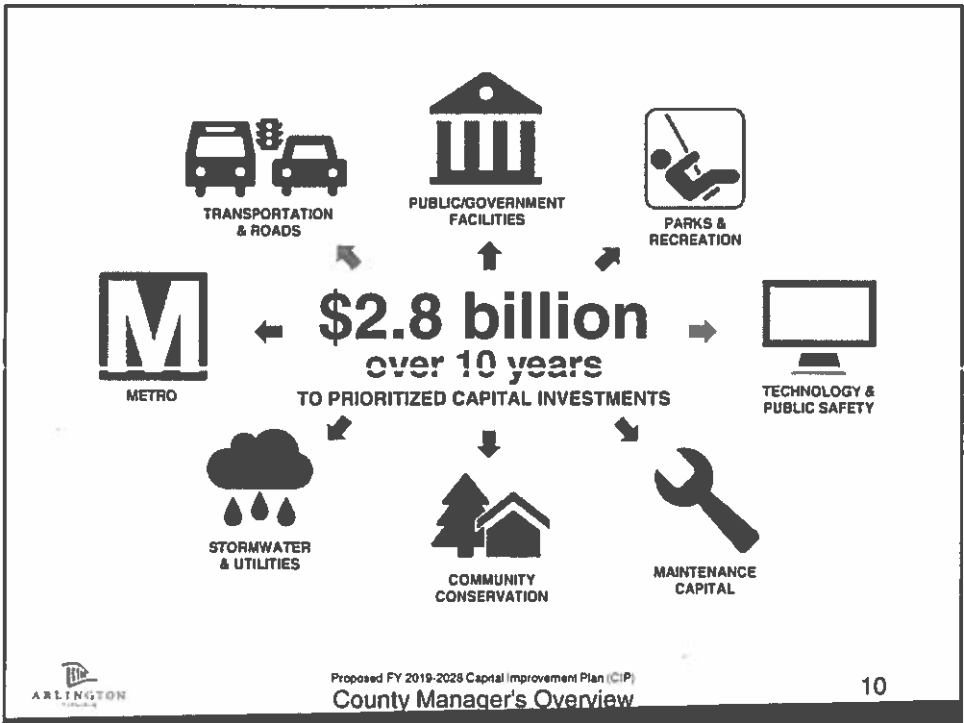
Project	Description	Status
Benjamin Banneker Park	Replacement of existing amenities which include parking lot, circulation, dog park, athletic field and playground, reconstruction of the Four Mile Run And W&OD trails and development of long-term plan for newly acquired parcels.	Bid late Fall 2018, anticipated construction start end of 1 st Quarter 2019 through 4 th Quarter 2019
Dawson Terrace Park	Replacement of playground, basketball court, volleyball court, lighting, fencing, site furnishings, site circulation and landscaping	Bid 1 st Quarter 2018, anticipated Construction start 2nd Quarter through 4 th Quarter 2018
Fairlington Park	Replacement of the playground, exercise equipment, circuit trail, site drainage, site furnishings, site circulation and landscaping	Anticipated construction end of 4 th Quarter 2018
Gunston Park – Bubble Synthetic Field	Replacement of synthetic turf, rink walls, goals and plexi-glass.	Anticipated construction start end of 2 nd Quarter end of 3 rd Quarter 2018
Gunston Park – Diamond Field	Replacement of the diamond field (conversion to synthetic turf), lighting, fencing, site drainage, site furnishings, site circulation and landscaping	Anticipated construction end of 1 st Quarter 2019
Gunston Park – Grass Field	Replacement of natural grass (Bermuda)	Anticipated construction start early June 2018 and closed until April 2019
Henry Clay Park	Replacement of the playground, basketball court, natural grass (Bermuda) field, picnic shelter, site drainage, site furnishings, site circulation, fencing and landscaping	Currently in design. Anticipated construction start in early 2019 through late summer 2019.



Local Parks and Recreation

Project	Description	Status
Long Bridge Park – Field #1	Replacement of synthetic turf with lines	Anticipated construction start June through end of September 2018
Long Bridge Park – Field #3	Replacement of synthetic turf with lines	Currently in construction. Anticipated construction end date mid summer 2018
Long Bridge Park – Field #4	Replacement of synthetic turf with lines	Anticipated construction start September 2018 following completion of Field #1
Stratford Park	Replacement of basketball and tennis courts, diamond field (natural grass- Bermuda), irrigation, field and court lighting, site furnishings, site circulation, site drainage, fencing and landscaping	Project soft open. Diamond field closed until Fall 2018
Tyrol Hill Park – Phase Four	Installation of new comfort station, picnic shelter, new futsal court, site furnishings, site circulation, site drainage and landscaping.	Anticipated construction end mid summer.
Westover Park	Replacement of natural grass (Bermuda)	Anticipated construction start early June 2018 and closed until April 2019

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What We Heard From the Public



Schools

Maintenance of existing assets

Roads/paving, parks, community centers, water/sewer, libraries
("Fix what we have first")

Metro

Pedestrian safety

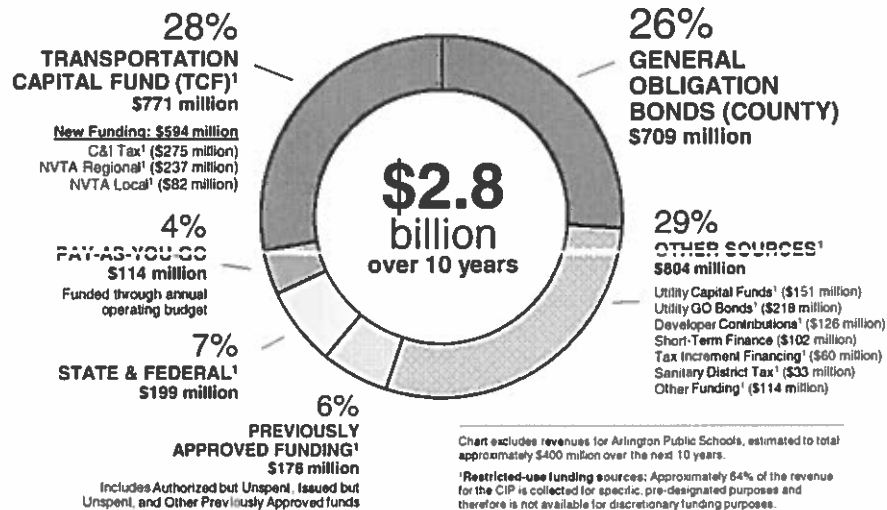
Sidewalks, crosswalks, crossing signals, streetlights

Fiscal responsibility

No "gold-plating" or "million-dollar bus stops"



How We Pay for the CIP



Limited Flexibility in Near/Medium Term

- Significant increase in Metro obligation
- Existing commitments to fulfill
- Lower-than-expected tax revenues
- Increased costs for current projects
 - Such as Nauck Town Square; APS also seeing cost increases.
 - Using newer contracting tools like design-build and Construction Manager at Risk to get price certainty.



Priorities in this CIP

PARKS & RECREATION – State of Good Repair

- **\$30 million for synthetic turf replacements and additions**
- **\$81 million for major maintenance**
 - Includes replacement of athletic courts, athletic fields, picnic shelters, playgrounds, restrooms and trail modernization

PARKS & RECREATION – Existing Commitments

Jennie Dean Park (\$18 million)

- \$1.8 million from 2016 referenda for planning and design
- \$16.2 million proposed for 2018 referenda

Long Bridge Aquatics and Fitness Facility (\$71 million)

- Approved previously by voters and County Board; no new funding

Rosslyn Highlands Park (\$9.8 million)

- \$2.0 million in Developer Contributions
- \$760,000 in PAYG funds; planning and design previously spent
- \$9.8 million proposed for 2018 referenda


PUBLIC/GOVERNMENT FACILITIES – Existing Commitments

Lubber Run Community Center (\$47.9 million)

- Approved and fully funded in 2016 bond referenda; no new funding

Nauck Town Square (\$6.1 million)

- \$4.9 million approved in 2016; \$1.2 million of new funding being proposed



Deferred, Reduced or Not Funded

PARKS & RECREATION

Land acquisition for new parks (\$15 million)

- o May affect acquisition target of 30 acres of park land over the 10-year CIP as included in the draft Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP). Available balances of \$3.5 million.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

Neighborhood Conservation funding

- o 10-year total scaled back from \$60 million to \$36 million


Mosaic Park & Penrose Square

- o Second phases of both projects delayed dependent on redevelopment activities

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Proposed 2018 Bond Referenda

TOTAL COUNTY	\$140.9 million
METRO & TRANSPORTATION Paving, Metro, Streetlights, State of Good Repair	\$74.6 million
PARKS & RECREATION Jennie Dean, Rosslyn Highlands, State of Good Repair	\$29.3 million
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES Fire Station 8, State of Good Repair	\$31.8 million
COMMUNITY CONSERVATION Nauck Town Square, Neighborhood Conservation	\$5.2 million



Proposed FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
County Manager's Overview

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Local Parks and Recreation

10-Year Program Summary

Arlington, Virginia

LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDING SUMMARY

CIP
2019 - 2028

10 YEAR PROGRAMMED CATEGORY SUMMARY (in \$1,000s)

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	10 Year Total
Maintenance Capital	4,392	6,515	7,200	7,700	7,700	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,410	8,625	72,142
Park Master Plans	11,790	10,163	1,271	6,740	1,795	7,230	6,455	10,563	11,545	11,138	98,794
Synthetic Turf Program	3,851	2,456	5,253	737	3,159	2,837	1,983	1,157	3,331	4,206	29,470
Trail Modernization	550	563	583	600	620	633	655	680	700	715	6,305
Parks Land Acquisition and Open Space	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500
Total Recommendation	24,113	19,701	14,309	15,797	15,474	19,002	17,293	20,802	24,036	44,684	213,211



Local Parks and Recreation

Parks Maintenance Capital Project List FY 2019 - FY 2020

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PROJECTED SYNTHETIC FIELD REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE
CAPITAL COSTS FY 2019 - FY 2025

PROJECT/ITEM	Year	Fiscal Year											
		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028		
1 Long Range #1	2019	892,795										1,037,900	
2 Long Range #2	2019	538,395											1,067,932
3 Concrete T2 Types	Now	2,256,800											1,067,932
4 Concrete Dammed	Now												1,067,932
5 Concrete Pads	2019	2,256,800											1,067,932
6 Rubber Pads Replaced	2019	1,752,252											1,752,252
7% Asphalt Pads	2019												1,752,252
8 Concrete Estimate #1	Now				2,256,800								
9 Concrete Estimate #2	Now				2,256,800								
10 Rubber Nightcote	Now												
11 Rubber Pads	2019				482,262								
12 Rubber Pads	2019				37,762								
13 Rubber Pads	2019												
14 Concrete TSD	Now						492,262						
15 TSD Seals	2019						2,272,211						
16 Rubber Pads #1	2019							1,179,882					
17 Rubber Pads #2	2019							211,612					
18 Concrete Pads	2019							44,897					
19 T2 Pads	2019								1,162,970				
20 Long Range #1	2019									807,424			
21 Concrete Estimate	2019										329,184		
22 Long Range #2	2019											1,067,932	
Total Costs		3,881,130	2,486,367	3,321,394	794,267	3,326,321	2,877,249	1,942,234	1,356,828	3,861,889	3,288,812		

SOURCES OF FUNDS	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
ADO Bonds			442,130		2,120,000					
PATC	171,800									
State Lease		1,964,736	773,214	763,837						
PATC Contingency	810,800									
Fund Fund	1,261,900				77,931					
Seaside contribution					49,120	1,000,362	127,360		21,848	411,823
Partnership or other contributions	484,379	610,253							628,931	773,236
County CIP	1,324,151									
Total Sources	3,881,130	2,486,367	3,321,394	794,267	3,326,321	2,877,249	1,942,234	1,356,828	3,861,889	3,288,812

NOTES:
 SIP# is added under Park Modernization Program, and Concrete Dammed is added from previous years - both are shown there as \$0 for the first year of implementation.
 A 10-year useful life items schedule has been added to account for the funding with an estimated cost of two times cost replacement per year.
 Cost includes replacement of the original, up to 10 times the original, plus 10% of the original, plus design, testing, permitting, and construction administration.
 High school students are to be done in separate years.
 A 10-year useful life items schedule has been added to account for the funding with an estimated cost of two times cost replacement per year.
 Cost of new funds is based on 100% of the remaining program.
 All funding shown in this program will be received from the following: Bonded proceeds; with Arlington Public Schools, University of Northern Iowa, and other agencies.

Local Parks and Recreation

Arlington County, Virginia

TRAIL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FUNDING SUMMARY

CIP
2019 - 2023

	10 YEAR CATEGORY SUMMARY (in \$1,000s)										
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	10 Year Total
Total Modernization Program	550	565	585	600	620	632	655	680	700	715	6,305
Total Recommendation	550	565	585	600	620	632	655	680	700	715	6,305

Arlington County, Virginia

PARK MASTER PLANS: PROGRAM FUNDING SUMMARY

CIP
2019 - 2025

10 YEAR CATEGORY SUMMARY (in \$1,000s)

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	10 Year Total
Arlington Boulevards	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	2,245	0	0	2,745
Central City Parks and Open Space	0	350	626	2,150	0	0	0	0	250	0	3,276
Deer Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	355	925	0	0	1,280
Four Mile Run Near-Station Improvements	0	0	0	0	795	5,530	0	0	0	0	6,325
Gateway Park	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	4,280	23,883	28,663
Jennie Dean Park	11,000	5,150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,150
Long Bridge Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,375	2,375
Mosaic Park - Phase II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	4,850	5,650
Re-developing Quincy Park and Central Liberties	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,500	6,100	6,500	0	0	15,200
Rosslyn Highlands Park -	790	4,735	643	3,590	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,758
Shadlington Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,095	5,465	0	6,560
Three Urban Parks in Ballston-Virginia Square	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	750	0	750
Total Recommendation	11,790	10,185	1,271	6,740	1,795	7,330	6,485	10,845	11,545	31,130	96,794

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LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

PARKS LAND ACQUISITION AND OPEN SPACE

LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS
2019 - 2025 CIP

Parks Land Acquisition and Open Space

Project Description:
Arlington County is currently reviewing the quality and diversity of its open space and public recreation opportunities. Identifying that high level of connectivity and open space is a community need is a consistent challenge because of the County's small size, an aging population density, and the geographic and aspects of urban growth as existing natural areas and park land. One of the primary reasons for the Park Land Acquisition and Open Space program is to have a proactive plan that allows the County to strategically acquire and preserve the park and open space to meet its commitments to the Parks and Recreation Plan. Land acquisition is required through various mechanisms, including but not limited to: purchase, donation, and other means of property acquisition such as the Park and Recreation Fund through the Columbia Park Fund Bond Cash Transfer of Development Rights on other land on design and property acquisition. The County Board received a request to review the Park and Recreation Plan and to update the Park and Recreation Plan. The County Board received a request to review the Park and Recreation Plan and to update the Park and Recreation Plan. The County Board received a request to review the Park and Recreation Plan and to update the Park and Recreation Plan.

Associated Master Plan: Public Spaces in the Park Plan	Critical Alignment: Arlington County's Park and Recreation Plan	Advisory Commission: Park and Recreation Commission
Neighborhood(s): VARIOUS		

Project Justification:
Project justification can be based on the compatibility with a number of program goals and priorities identified in the Parks and Recreation Plan. Project justification can be based on the compatibility with a number of program goals and priorities identified in the Parks and Recreation Plan. Project justification can be based on the compatibility with a number of program goals and priorities identified in the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Change from Prior CIP:
There is no new funding included in the proposed CIP. The funding below of \$1.3 billion for the program.

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CIP Review & Adoption Timeline

May 22	Proposed CIP presented to County Board
May-June	Board Work Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 29: Schools • June 5: Technology Service, Public Safety, Stormwater Fund, Utilities Fund • June 12: Government Facilities, Parks and Recreation, Community Conservation • June 26: FAAC Report, Transportation, Metro, Debt Service Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 30: Virtual Town Hall with County Manager • May 30-June 29: Online feedback form available
June 27 7:00 p.m., County Board Room 2100 Clarendon Blvd.	Public Hearing
July 10 3:00 p.m., County Board Room 2100 Clarendon Blvd.	Final Board Mark-Up
July 14	Board Adoption



**Arlington Sports Commission
2018 Annual Plan**

(I) Theme: Recreational Facilities, Facility Capacity and Related Issues

Objective	Activity	Time Frame	Assigned to	
1. Take steps to help improve rectangular and diamond field condition, availability, and efficient use	a. Continue to pursue the viability of putting synthetic turf on the futsal court at W-L		Justin/David	
	b. Advocate for improvements at the Gunston community field		Justin	
	c. See if info from DPR of fields that are scheduled for upgrades over the next 5 years and how DPR goes about making these decisions. Schedule regular meetings for information exchange.			
	d. Learn more about non-infill artificial turf options and encourage DPR to preview these product options.			Steve
	e. Review the results of the field allocation study and the 2017 SC survey of user groups & national governing bodies to identify any themes or areas where further efficiencies could be gained			Justin,
	f. Learn more about DPR field scheduling practices (how are fields designated for certain uses, how are fields assigned, what is the role of league volunteers in doing the actual allocation, how does DPR ensure that fields are used as scheduled)			
	g. Survey/Interview sports groups, especially volunteers who allocate fields for DPR, to learn more about their experiences, level of satisfaction with current practices, ideas for improvement			
	h. Identify other fields in the county that could be either good for a Sports Foundation project (i.e., moderate improvements) or are just generally overlooked/forgotten			
	i. Organize Sports Commission field trips to certain fields or parks to improve our collective understanding of field locations and conditions			
	k. Research how other communities structure multi-use fields.			
	a. Request briefing from DPR on current use, number of facilities, amenities available at each, how facility is used now (by whom for what), nature of unmet demand, nature of any ongoing considerations to reallocate how facilities are currently used, any plans on the books for adding or expanding indoor capacity.			
	b. Ask DPR to provide information on the perceived need for a MAC/fieldhouse in Arlington and what was envisioned for Long Bridge Park.			

(II) Theme: Underserved Groups and Communities

1. Take steps to develop a strategy for addressing the underserved youth population	a. Identify and collect information from coaches who have organized outreach programs to identify the challenges and options for best addressing/serving this population		
	b. Identify other groups in town who might care about this issue and be willing to work on it		

Objective	Activity	Time Frame	Assigned to
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Collect information from DPR and sports leagues to identify underserved schools d. Work with APS and other commissions to develop a possible approach or a pilot program for sustainable outreach e. Prepare a report, make recommendations to the county for steps they can take and steps others can take 		
<p>2. Develop information on the sports needs of the differently-abled community and the extent to which these needs are met by DPR facilities and programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish connections with APS teachers and administrators who work with differently-abled children. b. Establish connections with sports leagues or programs that currently serve differently-abled athletes. 		
(III) Improve the Commission's Network			
<p>1. Identify other Commissions and/or interest groups with whom the SC should build a relationship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parks and Rec Commission b. Energy and Environment Conservation Commission c. Bicycle Advisory Committee d. Economic Development Committee e. Urban Forestry Commission f. Planning Commission g. APS Strategic Plan Working Group 		Shirley
(IV) Ongoing / Continued Commission Work			
Objective	Activity	Time Frame	Assigned to
<p>1. Continue to participate in the 4MRV project and advocate for increased sports & rec amenities in this area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send joint letter with PRC to the working group asking for more analysis of the plan for an art district and submission of an alternative for the two-block area that adheres to the group charge b. Meet with individual Board members to inform them about the direction the WG is taking, seek their support for adherence to the group charge a. Connect with JFAC leadership 	<p>Done</p> <p>January 2018</p> <p>January-February 2018</p>	<p>Shirley</p> <p>Shirley/Justin</p> <p>Jessica/Shirley</p>
<p>2. Continue to participate in the JFAC process and monitor developments related to the Buck/Carlin Springs properties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Write letter to JFAC to advocate for including additional field siting options as part of their feasibility study 	<p>January-February 2018</p>	<p>Jessica</p>
<p>3. Continue to participate in the POPS process and monitor key developments related to fields, field uses, field capacity, lighting of fields, etc.</p>	<p>Conduct outreach to the Board on the SC perspective about POPS</p>	<p>February - March 2018</p>	<p>Justin</p>
<p>4. Monitor other development projects where fields and indoor spaces are affected/included/possible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Madison Manor b. Reed School c. Career Center/new high school d. Work with Member Dorsey, Park and Rec Commission and DPR to ensure that the SC is made aware of other projects where SC representation would be valuable 	<p>ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>Request pending</p> <p>ongoing</p>	<p>Sherry</p> <p>Shirley or ?</p>

Objective	Activity	Time Frame	Assigned to
5. Aid the creation and potential management of diamond and rectangular field advocacy groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support the creation of such groups by connecting relevant parties. b. Monitor progress toward group formation and offer support and advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October - December 2017 January - July 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin/Shirley Justin for rectangular; Steve for diamond
6. Pursue opportunities to put the Sports Commission in front of the County Board, individual County Board members, the School Board, County officials, other Commission chairs, civic associations, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase outreach to individual County Board members b. Increase frequency of SC written statements (letters and position statements) on any issue that relates to sports or our objectives c. Ensure that the SC makes oral statements to the Board on issues that relate to sports or our objectives d. Meet at least 1-2 times per year with DPR senior leaders e. Seek meetings with other County officials that could be relevant to our agenda f. Consider ways to outreach to civic associations, promote our Commission, invite their input, seek new members 	Ongoing throughout 2018	The Chair and Co-Chair will take the lead on outreach to Board member and meetings with DPR senior leaders. All SC members should participate in identifying opportunities for SC statements and outreach, and all members are welcome to meet with County Board members.