



## *Park & Recreation Commission*

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural  
Activities 1108 Jefferson Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Honorable Mayor and members of City Council  
Alexandria Planning Commission Members

RE: DSUP# 2021-10015—Oakville Block C Park

On October 21, 2021, the Park and Recreation Commission unanimously endorsed the design of the “Block C” open space located in the Oakville Triangle redevelopment. The applicant had presented earlier designs to the Commission on October 15 and November 19 of 2020. The current design is an improvement from previous iterations, and addresses community feedback to integrate the open space with the existing Mount Jefferson Park, and to also provide a balance of open lawn, planting areas, and gathering areas in the design. The shade structure, natural play area and flexible spaces, such as the Allee and open lawn, will provide outdoor space for new residents and the neighborhood. This new open space will also add to the variety park spaces currently found along the Mount Jefferson Linear Park, which extends from Commonwealth Avenue to Route 1.

While this current proposal is limited to the “Block C” open space, the Commission, at previous meetings, also expressed support for an accessible trail extension from Fannon Street to Route 1 as recommended in the Oakville vision plan. We understand that there are existing site constraints such as topography, drainage, and buildings that preclude trail implementation until Block 3 is redeveloped. However, for the record, we are expressing support for this trail extension. We look forward to reviewing the trail plans in the future when the appropriate time comes.

Sincerely,

Gina Baum, Chair  
Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission

cc: Park & Recreation Commission Members  
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