

City of Alexandria, Virginia
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Lee Center ~ 1108 Jefferson.
Thursday, September 21, 2023
7p.m.

P&RC Members

Present: Steve Beggs, Chair (District II); Dana Colarulli, Vice Chair (District II); Katy Matthews, Secretary (District III); Jeffrey Miller (District I); David Brennan (District III); Geoffrey Goode (District II); Phillip Voorhees (District III); Tookie Organek (student member)

Joined virtually via Teams: Stuart Fox (District I)

Absent: Rania Shuster (student member)

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, RPCA Director, Tiffany Marbury, Executive Assistant; Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Services; Laura Durham, Deputy Director, Recreation Services; Lindsay Burneson, Division Chief, Recreation Services; Randy Little, Division Chief, Recreation Services; Derek Claytor, Division Chief, Park Services, Jimmy Roland, Park Manager, Park Services; Dion Bates, Labor Supervisor, Park Services.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Beggs, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments.

III. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT I: **Stuart Fox** stated that the Waterfront Flood Mitigation agreement was signed which changes the plan to an action plan. Stuart will be serving on the flood mitigation sub-committee. There have been recent updates to the Mount Vernon trail that include moving stop signs to make the trail more pedestrian friendly. **Jeffrey Miller** did not have an update.

DISTRICT II: **Dana Colarulli** gave his last update on the Douglas MacArthur project stating that the school is now open. There was an opening ceremony recently. The outdoor spaces should be completed in October. Much of the synthetic turf is already down. **Stephen Beggs** and **Geoffrey Goode** did not have an update.

DISTRICT III: **Katy Matthews** shared that construction is on schedule for Minnie Howard to open next fall. **David Brennan** and **Phillip Voorhees** did not have an update.

STUDENT MEMBERS: Tookie Organek did not have anything to report. **Rania Shuster** was not in attendance.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of June 16, Meeting Minutes

ACTION: FY24.9.21.23A

Motion: Katy Matthews moved, and Dana Colarulli seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Nominations & Elections of Commissioner Officers

ACTION: FY24.9.21.23B

Motion: Dana Colarulli moved, and Phillip Voorhees seconded the motion to keep the current elected officials (Steve Beggs, Chair; Dana Colarulli, Vice Chair; Katy Matthews, Secretary). The motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Staff Reports – Commissioner Questions

Division updates (staff reports) posted at:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/PRC_Combined%20Reports092023.pdf

b. New Staff Introductions

Jack Browand introduced new staff members and newly promoted staff members in the Park Services Division. Derek Claytor was hired as Division Chief, Jimmy Roland was promoted to Park Manager, and Dion Bates was promoted to Labor Supervisor.

c. RPCA Budget History

James Spengler gave a presentation on RPCA Budget History. The presentation can be found here: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/BudgetPresentationRPCAFY08-24.pdf>

d. Out of School Time (OSTP), Summer & Fall Programs Update

Randy Little and Lindsay Durham gave a presentation on OSTP, Summer and Fall Programs.

e. Budget Priorities FY25 – City Manager Request

Jack Browand reminded the commission of the City Manager’s request for a list of Commission recommended budget priorities. This is a letter the Commission provides the City Manager each year. You can find the letter from the City Manager here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/CM%20Signed_BCC%20Letter%20FY25.pdf

VI. NEXT MEETING

October 25, 2023 – Douglas MacArthur Elementary School ~ 1101 Janney’s Lane

VII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: FY24.9.21.23C

Motion: David Brennan moved, and Dana Colarulli seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:47p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote.