



# Public Open Space

## Zone Text Amendment

### Park and Recreation Commission

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# Commission Action

The Park and Recreation Commission to receive information and provide input about the proposed text amendment to the Public Open Space and Community Recreation (POS) zone before starting the community engagement process.

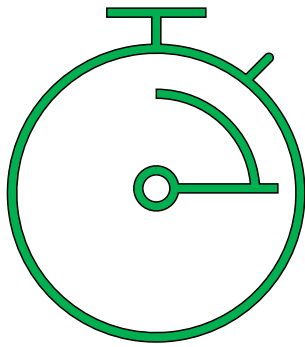


# Agenda

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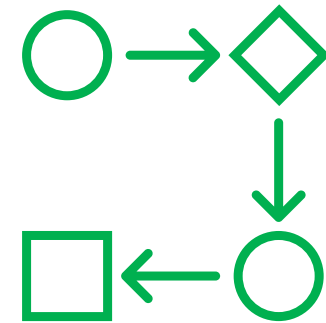
# Project Goals



**Create efficiencies**



**Implement typical  
recreational uses and  
park safety**



**Implement approved  
plans**



# Summary of Amendment



1. Update the definition of park to include a diversity of uses;
2. Update the definition of congregate recreation facilities to include congregate uses;
3. Update building and structure heights to 30 feet before a requiring a Special Use Permit to better reflect current open space uses;

# Summary of Amendment



4. Permit standardized accessory uses and structures of parks;
5. Permit pathway and parking lot lighting for safety;
6. Update the uses requiring a Special Use Permit to reflect the above changes; and
7. Update the text to reflect the language and format used throughout the zoning ordinance.



# Project Timeline

- **March/April:** Public engagement
- **April:** Public Hearing at the Park and Recreation Commission
- **April:** Public engagement findings and edits to text amendment
- **May:** File text amendment application
- **June:** Planning Commission and City Council hearings





# Ways to Get Involved

- Virtual community kickoff meeting
- Project webpage
- eNews release
- Community comment period
- Public Hearing
- Committees and Commissions
  - Open Space Steering Committee
  - Beautification Commission
  - Park and Recreation Commission
  - Waterfront Commission
  - Public Arts Commission
  - Alexandria City Public Schools
  - Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
  - Youth Sports Advisory Board
  - Federation of Civic Associations





# Q+A

## Thank you

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Cultural Activities – Park Services

Project webpage: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/public-open-space-zone-text-amendment>