

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

Patric Henry Recreation Center ~ 4653 Taney Ave.
Thursday, June 15, 2023
7p.m.

P&RC Members

Present: Katy Matthews, Secretary (District III); Rania Shuster (student member); Jeffrey Miller (District I); Barbara Marvin (District I); David Brennan (District III); Geoffrey Goode (District II); Phillip Voorhees (District III).

Joined by Phone: Steve Beggs, Chair (District II); Dana Colarulli, Vice Chair (District II)

Absent: Stuart Fox (District I); Tookie Organek (student member).

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, RPCA Director, Tiffany Marbury, Executive Assistant; Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Planning; Laura Durham, Deputy Director, Recreation Services; Beth Znidersic, Division Chief, Park Planning; Judy Lo, Principal Planner, Park Planning

I. CALL TO ORDER

In the physical absence of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair, Katy Matthews, Commission Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments.

III. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT I: **Stuart Fox** was not in attendance. **Barbara Marvin** did not have an update. **Jeffrey Miller** reported on the opening of Potomac Yard Metro, and the wetlands surrounding that area.

DISTRICT II: **Dana Colarulli** stated that Douglas MacArthur continues to be on schedule. There was a recent public meeting to share the construction timeline. **Stephen Beggs** did not have an update. **Geoffrey Goode** shared that there is a swing space meeting for the George Mason and Cora Kelly modernization plan. The swing space is near Ferdinand T. Day School.

DISTRICT III: **Katy Matthews** shared that utilities are still being worked on at Minnie Howard. **David Brennan** reported that youth sports recently met, and Beth Znidersic gave a good presentation on CIP and upcoming impacts to fields. During the meeting, there was a lot of interest in the pool design at Minnie Howard. He also mentioned that Planning and

Zoning approved the Simpson plan which will be presented to City Council this weekend. **Phillip Voorhees** did not have an update.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Motion to Open the Public Hearing

ACTION: FY23.6.15.23A

Motion: David Brennan moved, and Jeffery Miller seconded the motion to open the public hearing. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Staff Presentation – Community Garden Relocation

Principal Planner, Judy Lo, gave a presentation on the Community Garden Relocation.

The presentation can be found here: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/Boothe%20Park%20Amendment%20Presentation%20061523%20PRC.pdf>

c. Public Comments

Mindy Lyle spoke on behalf of the president of Samuel Tucker PTA. She stated that the group has been working on the project for about 2 ½ years. One of the reasons for moving the garden is that the open space by Cameron Station Blvd. is used by the little kids' soccer teams. This will help give them more space to play and practice.

d. Chair – Motion to Close Public Hearing

ACTION: FY23.6.15.23B

Motion: Katy Matthews moved, and Geoffrey Goode seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

e. Commission Action

ACTION: FY23.6.15.23C

Motion: David Brennan moved, and Geoffrey Goode seconded the motion to endorse the staff recommendation to relocate the Community Garden as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of May 18, Meeting Minutes

ACTION: FY23.6.15.23D

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

VI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Staff Reports – *Commissioner Questions*

Division updates (staff reports) posted at:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/PRCCombined%20Report_6.15.23.pdf

VII. NEXT MEETING

September 21, 2023 – Lee Center – 1108 Jefferson St.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: FY23.6.15.23E

Motion: David Brennan moved, and Dana Colarulli seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:27p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote.