



Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

June 3, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Disposition of the Parking Lot in Pt. Lumley Park Following the Completion of the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project

We understand that the City currently plans to use the City-owned Strand St./Pt. Lumley Park parking lot as one of the staging areas for the upcoming waterfront flood mitigation project and then to restore this parcel as a surface public parking lot following the completion of that project. Previous plans, as set forth in the 2012 Waterfront Small Area Plan and in multiple presentations to the Waterfront Commission by City staff as recently as last fall, envisioned eliminating the parking lot and making this parcel an integrated component of the Pt Lumley Park. Restoring a surface parking lot at this prominent waterfront location represents a far-from-optimal use of this scenic waterfront parcel.

The Commission recognizes the importance of providing convenient access to waterfront businesses and destinations and believes these operational needs should be addressed through a comprehensive and integrated mobility strategy for the waterfront. We recommend that the City work with nearby businesses, residents, and other stakeholders to evaluate how best to mitigate the adverse effects of closing the parking lot in Pt. Lumley Park during the flood mitigation construction and whether those mitigation measures or other long-term solutions could support a permanent reconfiguration of the site that is more consistent with the City's adopted waterfront objectives. Pt. Lumley Park has the potential to be a beautiful component of the City's waterfront; that potential will be difficult to achieve if a sizable portion of the park remains a ground parking lot.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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