

Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 16, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Jerome Buddie Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Avenue, Alexandria

The Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group, supported by staff, led the first Advisory Group Meeting. The City Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group webpage contains a copy of the following from the meeting: 1) Meeting Video; 2) Agenda; 3) Meeting Handout, and 4) Staff PowerPoint presentation. It can be located in the Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group section at: <http://alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan>

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome, David Baker, Chair
- Introduction of the AG Members
- Mission – Process – Schedule
- Beauregard Small Area Plan – Background
- Discussion of Open Space
- Public Comment
- Next Steps

There were approximately 40 attendees at the public meeting, including the Advisory Group Members (roster below). David Baker, the AG Chair and City staff guided the meeting presentation and question & answer segments. A more detailed attendance form is available in the Planning and Zoning Department.

City staff included the following: P&Z Department (Jeff Farner, Faroll Hamer, Zunilda Rodriguez and Maya Contreras); T&ES Department (Steve Sindiong, Abi Lerner and Rich Baier); RP&CA (Laura Durham); Mark Jinks (Office of City Manager); Adam Thiel (Fire); and Office of Housing (Helen McIlvaine); City Attorney (Joanna Anderson); and ACPS (Laurel Hammig).

Overview – Presentations – Discussion – Open Comment:

Discussion of the Beauregard Small Area Plan and Open Space

Jeffrey Farner (PZ): presentation included a broad overview of the meeting goals and overall process for the AG in terms of the requested rezoning and developing a road map, particularly to discuss open space, transportation and design guidelines.

Laura Durham (RP&CA): presentation included discussion of the City's Criteria for Open Space, the restrictions of the \$1.5 million funding source, and how open space can be programmed. The group discussed three potential Open Space sites (Town Center, Foster/Fairbanks, Polk/Pelham) and a process for nominating additional sites.

See land use presentation slides for more details. Please note that, due to technical difficulties, the presentation was not shown at the meeting, but hard copies were provided to the members of

the Advisory Group and the public, and specific maps were referenced in the discussion. A copy of the meeting presentation was posted on the Beauregard Small Area Plan webpage on the Beauregard Rezoning Advisory subpage here: www.alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan

The Advisory Group had a discussion about the importance of creating and defining “good” open space, and how it can be achieved.

30 minutes for open questions from the community was allotted.

Schedule - Next Steps:

- Tentative schedule for meetings to be the third Monday of the month, but will be discussed further as there are some conflicts.
- Staff to prepare an on-line Open Space nomination process and more detailed background information on each nominated siteStaff to coordinate an Open Space Tour before the August meeting.
- Copies of the presentation, the agenda, and video of the meeting to be posted on the Beauregard Small Area Plan website for public download at www.alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group

David Baker, Chair, At-Large Representative

Stephen Beggs, Parks and Recreation Commission Representative

Don Buch, At-Large Representative

Mike Caison, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Representative

Dave Cavanaugh, At-Large Representative (absent)

Donna Fossum, Planning Commission Representative

Carolyn Griglione, At-Large Representative

Hector Pineda, At-Large Representative

Kevin Posey, Transportation Commission Representative

Catherine Puskar, Developer Representative

Josh Sawislak, Environmental Policy Commission Representative