



ARLANDRIA ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #6

Thursday, June 2, 2011

7:00PM

Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Street, Alexandria, VA

MEETING SUMMARY

7:00PM Welcome & Introductions

Maya Contreras, Planning & Zoning, welcomed the meeting attendees, outlined the meeting agenda and invited the meeting attendees to introduce themselves. There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

7:10PM Update – Status of Implementation Report & Transfer of CIP Funds

Steve Kaii-Ziegler, Planning & Zoning, provided an update on activities that occurred since the February 2011 Advisory Group meeting.

- City Council was updated on the Arlandria Action Plan Implementation efforts on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 and authorized the group to continue with their work. A copy of the docket item may be found [here](#).
- \$200,000 has been transferred to the Open Space fund and earmarked for the Four Mile Run Park Expansion, in response to the February 2011 AG vote to do so.
- Staff will coordinate with the AG to determine means and opportunity for the group to provide content and feedback to future Status of Implementation Reports to City Council.

7:15PM Update – Mt. Vernon/W. Reed Intersection

Carrie Sanders, Transportation and Environmental Services, provided an update on the Mt. Vernon Ave/W. Reed Ave intersection improvements.

- TES staff continues coordination efforts so that work on the intersection can occur this summer. There was a slight delay in the schedule because of drainage and pipe issues. Those issues will not prohibitively impact the cost of the project.
- Plans are final and ready for construction.
- Coordinating with Wachovia Bank, who will have 2 driveways consolidated, and Dominion Power, because a streetlight will be relocated.
- Construction will take 3-4 weeks and will probably occur in late summer.
- Some traffic delays may occur because one lane will be closed. Flagmen will be on site
- City staff will coordinate with community, including St Rita's and the schools, to minimize disturbances.

7:30PM Update – Four Mile Run Park Expansion & Adaptive Reuse of Duron Paint Store

Laura Durham, Recreation, Park, and Cultural Activities

- Construction will begin late summer and planting will begin in the fall. The goal is for Phase 1 construction to be complete, with a useable site, by December 2011 (change of paving, installation of site furnishings and utilities, plantings).
- Building has been painted, with all Code-required improvements completed and the rollup door has been installed.

- RP&CA staff has applied to the state for a Grant to fund a large outside stage; the grant is which is currently under review; City will learn if it is awarded grant by end of this month.
- In the event that the grant for the stage is not granted, staff has received some bids for construction, and is looking for funds.
- Building will be available for use very shortly. It can be reserved through the RPCA reservation system, through Cora Kelly Recreation Center.
- RPCA staff has received several requests to use the building; is looking for an ad hoc community group that can assist with determining the preferred uses for the building.
- Laura Durham will send out an email to the group soliciting volunteers to participate in the Ad-Hoc committee and provide the anticipated time commitment and scope of the group's role.
- City staff and members of the group will look for examples of creative building reuse and programs, as well as management models.

8:00PM Community-Led Efforts

The AG Executive Committee initiated a discussion on community-led efforts such as naming the former Duron Paint store and the Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.

- Melissa Russell discussed the naming process for Community Building
 - There were three names discussed: Four Mile Run Park Conservatory, Four Mile Run Park Building, The Conservatory at Four Mile Run Park
 - The group's preference was The Conservatory at Four Mile Run Park with 1 person not agreeing to the name
 - The name "The Conservatory at Four Mile Run Park" will be put forward to the entire AG via email to gain a final consensus. At that time, the name will be formally submitted to the City Naming Committee.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market

- Kevin Beekman discussed the status and challenges of the market.
 - Farmers market is beginning its second year; continuing to work to maintain vendors and to increase attendance
 - Market accepts SNAP (formally food stamps)
 - Market challenges include: marketing, getting more attendees to support the vendors
 - Presentation from Stifler Beef Farm provided a vendor perspective on the reasons for participation and challenges for going forward. Challenges included the need for additional patrons and sales at the weekly market.
 - Donations to the Market can be made to the Living Landscape Fund via RPCA

8:30PM Next Steps

Brandi Collins, Planning and Zoning, provide the AG with the most recent list of project projects, and their status, found in the Arlandria Action Plan (Implementation Matrix). Members of the AG were asked to review the list with their representative groups and prioritize future projects. In September 2011 when the group reconvenes, the AG and City staff will discuss projects and priorities for moving forward. The matrix will be sent to the AG electronically as well.

