Arlandria
Chirilagua Plan

05 20 2021
Park and Recreation Commission
Planning Process Objectives

- Preserve Arlandria-Chirilagua as a *culturally diverse neighborhood*.
- *Protect residents’ ability to remain in the community* amidst anticipated market pressures by *preserving and expanding housing affordability and opportunity*.
- Support *existing commercial corridor* and local businesses.
- Build on *neighborhood walkability, safety, and transportation options*.
- Connect and *expand the open space network* with more play areas and outdoor living rooms.
- *Empower residents* to advocate for their needs and participate in decisions affecting their neighborhood.
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- August
- March
- April
- May
- LTRB/AHAAC
- Transportation, Park and Recreation Commissions
Community Outreach – Spanish First

- 5 focus group meetings
- 4 pop ups and table at the Arlandria Market
- 184 Spanish + 40 English responses to questionnaire
- 2 virtual community meetings
- ~ 50 WhatsApp followers

Ongoing coordination with community orgs: TWU, Casa Chirilagua, Churches, Hume Springs Civic, Cora Kelly PTA, MVCS PTA, Padres Activos, Facebook Live and promotions, Posters, signs and flyers with QR code
Existing plans for Four Mile Run include the following recommended improvements:

- Create open-use field for non-programmed active use
- Establish new community garden
- Improve connectivity to Cora Kelly facilities
- Formalize park entrance
Locations + Values of inventoried playspaces for 2-5 years

Potential gaps (areas where large numbers of children live without playgrounds)

Low-scoring playspaces should be enhanced here.

This area has the highest number of children under 5 of all census tracts in the city.

Source: 2012 Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, Alexandria Playspace Assessment
Playspace Recommendations

• "The open space network should include a mixture of active, passive, natural, educational, entertainment, cultural, and social elements for all ages and abilities."

• "Open spaces should consider incorporation of community gardens, exercise and play equipment for people of all ages, and benches and places to rest."
**Background Information:**

**Park Plans in/around Arlandria Endorsed by PRC**

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**Hume Springs Park**

**History and Character**

This small park is located in the sections of Old and New Arlandria. The park features playground equipment and a small walking path. The park is open to the public during daylight hours. For many years, it has been a gathering spot for neighborhood residents.

**Community Feedback**

Residents have expressed a desire for more green space and outdoor activities. Many community members have suggested improvements, such as additional seating areas and better lighting.

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**Le Bosquet at Sunnyside Park**

**History and Character**

Le Bosquet is a small park located at 615 West Front Street in the Arlandria neighborhood. The park features a playground, picnic areas, and a walking path. The park is open to the public during daylight hours. Local residents have expressed a desire for more green space and outdoor activities.

**Existing Conditions Map**

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**Elbert Triangle Park**

**History and Character**

Elbert Triangle Park is located at 6000 South pornstar Avenue in the Arlandria neighborhood. The park features playground equipment, picnic areas, and a walking path. The park is open to the public during daylight hours. Local residents have expressed a desire for more green space and outdoor activities.

**Existing Conditions Map**

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**November 19, 2015**

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**February 20, 2020**

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Current Community Priorities for open space

- **Diversity of Uses** – Active, Passive, Social/(Outdoor living rooms);
- **Park Facilities** – Picnic/BBQ, Bathrooms, Rec Centers/Gyms, water parks, pool facilities, lights in the parks;
- **Playgrounds** – Playgrounds for children of all ages with public bathrooms.
Next Steps

**SUMMER/FALL**
- Community engagement on remaining Plan topics: Land Use, Open Space, Transportation, Infrastructure, Implementation, Etc.)
- Transportation Analysis
- Draft Plan release for public review

**FALL/EARLY WINTER 2021**
- Transportation Commission
- Park and Recreation Commission
- Public Hearings on Adoption of Final Plan
Q+A

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