City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2017, 7 p.m.
Charles Houston Community Center
901 Wythe Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Agenda

I. Call to Order: Jennifer Atkins, Chair

II. Presentations:
   a. Interim Fitzgerald Square Park
   b. Waterfront BID
   c. Marina Outdoor Dining Lease
   d. 2017-2026 Open Space Plan Implementation Strategy
   e. Natural Resources Management Plan

III. Public Comments – non-agenda items

IV. Items for Action:
   a. 2017-2026 Open Space Implementation Strategy (II.c)
   c. Civic Awards Recommendation

V. Project Updates
   a. Cameron Run Planning Process
   b. Warwick Pool
   c. Windmill Hill Park Shoreline

VI. Director’s Report: FY18 Budget and CIP

VII. Division Updates: Recreation Services; Park Operations; Park Planning, CIP & Marina

VIII. Commission Reports (verbal reports by District)

IX. Adjournment

X. Next Meeting: March 16, 2017
2016 Park & Recreation Commission CIVIC Awards

2. Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:
Mike Detomo & Amie Evans

3. (untitled)

Are you submitting this nomination for a:
Corporate Neighbor Award

If nominating an individual for a Citizen Award:
 Nominee’s Name:

Nominee's Phone (H)

Nominee’s Phone (W):

If nominating a Group, Club, Organization or Corporate Neighbor Award:
 Name of Group, Club, Organization or Corporate Neighbor:
Cole & Denny Architects (Mike), Land Planning & Design Associates (Amie Evans)

Name of Key Contact Individual:
Mike Detomo & Amie Evans

Contact’s Phone (H):
703-684-5884

Contact’s Phone (W):

Person submitting this nomination:
 Name:
Nancy Lee-Reeve

Address:
6 West Uhler Avenue

Email:
nancyleenews@yahoo.com

Phone:
443-253-4295
I would like to nominate Mike Detomo of Cole & Denny and Amie Evans with Land Planning & Design Associates for the 2016 Civic Award. They have partnered with Del Ray Community volunteers in order to help design a conceptual rendering for the proposed spray park and the Nancy Dunning Memorial Garden at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues.

The Del Ray Gateway Project started in the summer of 2016 with a group of volunteers who wanted to accelerate the city’s timeline to convert the closed down Colasanto pool into a vibrant gateway and spray park for the neighborhood. The city eventually plans to create a spray park in 2022, but the pool has been closed since 2010 and has remained an eyesore since then with an ugly chain link fence. The neighborhood has no water resources during the summer months for children.

As the main organizer, I started cold calling architectural firms in the local community and leaving messages. Many never responded, some said no, and a few others, like Cole and Denny, agreed to meet with us and discuss our vision for the intersection.

Mike Detomo did not know how serious we were or how organized we were, but he took us seriously from the start and gave us a framework and understanding of what we would need to do in order to get the project off the ground. Eventually, he and Amie Evans of LPDA agreed to provide their services pro bono so that we could get a conceptual design on paper for the community. The conceptual design is important because we will need it to apply for a community matching grant in 2017 and the design will help us launch our fundraising efforts as we engage the community.

They have given up their nights with their family, and put in extra hours to work on this design with us. They have taken our feedback, our wish list and have really put forth some great design ideas that we hope will eventually convince the city that this neighborhood parks project must move forward now. Their collaboration with us has been exciting. They have helped us bring together multiple groups of people in hopes of revitalizing the intersection into something that has a purpose for all age groups and different segments of our community.

They have been professional, courteous, collaborative and truly excited to see this project happen to improve parks in the city of Alexandria. I hope you will agree that they deserve this civic award. Thank you.
2016 Park & Recreation Commission CIVIC Awards

2. Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:
Rebuilding Together Alexandria

3. (untitled)

Are you submitting this nomination for a:
Group, Club, or Organization Award

If nominating an individual for a Citizen Award:
Nominee’s Name:

Nominee’s Phone (H):

Nominee’s Phone (W):

If nominating a Group, Club, Organization or Corporate Neighbor Award:
Name of Group, Club, Organization or Corporate Neighbor:
Rebuilding Together Alexandria

Name of Key Contact Individual:
Katharine Dixon

Contact’s Phone (H):
703-836-1021

Contact’s Phone (W):
703-836-1021

Person submitting this nomination:
Name:
Breanne Driscoll

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bd@rebuildingtogetheralex.org

Phone:
703-836-1021
Provide a brief description of the nominee’s accomplishments and qualifications for this award

On September 13th, 2016, 80 Fannie Mae employees volunteered to revitalize Taney Avenue Park in the City of Alexandria. Rebuilding Together Alexandria facilitated this volunteer day that included making paths for park users, cutting down large amounts of brush, building 10 bird houses, and assembling a park sign, among other improvements.

The Taney Avenue Park revitalization project was a collaborative effort between Rebuilding Together Alexandria, City of Alexandria’s Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA), and RunningBrooke. Rebuilding Together Alexandria partners with Fannie Mae to make community projects, such as this, an annual event. For instance, on September 11th, 2015, 60 Fannie Mae employees volunteered under our management to rejuvenate and transform the urban oasis of Hume Springs Park into a better place for children and families to spend time by building and installing park benches and tables, laying a stone pathway, installing new signage, and removing bushes/trees, making the park safer and more inviting.

From community parks and gardens, to schools and homeless shelters, we partner with organizations in Alexandria to renovate these critical community resources. Because of the nine community projects we completed in FY16, children now have safe areas to play, neighbors have gardens in which to grow their own food, and whole neighborhoods have been revitalized.

Through discussions with community residents in the area surrounding Taney Avenue, RPCA found that they wanted a safe place for children to play and explore, a place to create social connections with neighbors, and an opportunity to explore nature. Sixty-seven percent of those surveyed wanted the ‘open lawn’ enhanced and transformed: “It would be awesome to have a playground in this area. We do not have any playgrounds within easy walking distance.” Given this, two playground areas are now installed at Taney Avenue Park, to support varying age groups and physical activity. Others added that they would like to see more walking paths, so we made that happen too.

Our goal in renovating Taney Avenue Park was to create access to a safe, high-quality park in which in-need families and children of Alexandria may gather, play, and exercise daily! When families and individuals live in neighborhoods with enhanced common spaces, in housing they can afford, they put down roots, which then creates the opportunity for community stability and more socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhoods throughout Alexandria.
2016 Park & Recreation Commission CIVIC Awards

2. Nomination Form

   Name of Nominee:
   Anne Saul

3. (untitled)

   Are you submitting this nomination for a:
   Citizen (Individual) Award

   If nominating an individual for a Citizen Award:
   Nominee’s Name:
   Anne Saul
   Nominee’s Phone (H)
   703.447.6007
   Nominee’s Phone (W):

   If nominating a Group, Club, Organization or Corporate Neighbor Award:
   Name of Group, Club, Organization or Corporate Neighbor:
   Name of Key Contact Individual:
   Contact’s Phone (H):
   Contact’s Phone (W):

   Person submitting this nomination:
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Anne Saul is a prime example of a community member that provides valuable service to the community through her work at the Community Gardens. Anne has been a long standing member of the Chinquapin Community Garden Advisory Board. She attends every monthly meeting and advocates for her fellow community gardeners passionately.

Last year, Anne developed a system of “garden self-monitoring,” as a whole. The gardeners monitor each other for compliance with the City’s regulations. This year, she perfected it. Garden monitoring ensures that all gardeners can have a fruitful and enjoyable season. She organized a team of volunteer gardeners to meet five (5) times a season, to go out into the gardens and inspect each plot. Together, this group of gardeners carefully documents their findings. Anne then concisely reports their findings to the City, providing all the information the City needs to follow-up on infractions.

Her efforts are invaluable, as the City doesn’t have the staff or the resources to monitor the gardens with such detail and attention. This is especially true in a time of economic recession and budget reduction. In addition, gardening is deemed an “individual” activity within the City’s Cost Recovery Policy. Consequently, working towards the goal of protecting the gardens as a public good, the gardeners have taken this important step towards self-management and reducing costs.

In addition, the day-to-day results have been significant. Delinquent gardeners tend to relinquish their plots to new gardeners sooner. New gardeners are informed of their violations sooner and learn proper gardening techniques. The use of inorganic methods and the negative impacts on the environment have been reduced. Plant disease and rodent infestations are much lower. Weeds that plague the gardeners are kept at bay. Paths are maintained and safety is improved. Although this work is not glamorous, it is very important for all the named benefits.

In fact, Ms. Saul’s work is difficult and at times unrewarding; no one likes to be told they need to take corrective action. But, her dedication and perseverance pays off, earning her respect among her fellow gardeners, the gardening board, and City staff. Please join us in supporting her, thanking her, and recognizing her achievement at the City level.

Thank you for your consideration,
MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT - ITEM – VII

Program Wrap-Ups

• On January 27, the Night of Stars Performing Arts Festival took place at T.C Williams High School. The theme of the event was “Bully Free Starts with Me”, and nine neighborhood recreation center groups performed various 10 minute shows that included dance, singing, or plays about bullying. Four T.C. Williams students read original poetry on bullying between the performances. Over 150 youth participated and over 300 parents, friends and supporters attended the festival. The event generated $1,200, and increased awareness about bully prevention.

• Aging Backwards/Classical Stretch was offered for the first time this winter at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility. It is based on Tai Chi flowing movements for health/balance; ballet's strengthening theories for long, lean, flexible muscles; and the healing powers of physiotherapy to create a pain free body. It reached maximum enrollment of 23 participants and generated $2,422 in revenue.
• On January 27, Charles Houston Recreation Center hosted a **Family Fun Night** featuring Maury Elementary School. Activities included arts & crafts projects, family hockey, crab ball, freeze dance, a uniform exchange and book giveaway. Over 200 students and their families were in attendance.

• The **Annual Holiday Invitational Cheer Competition** hosts teams from RPCA recreation centers and the metropolitan Washington area. On January 29, approximately 650 spectators cheered on the 12 teams that competed in three divisions (Pee Wee, Youth Level and Junior Level). Recreation Centers represented were Charles Houston, William Ramsay and Cora Kelly. Additional participants from Prince George’s County included Black Diamondz Elite and Peppermill, along with Ft. Belvoir and Reston United from Northern VA. There was a performance by the special needs cheer group Hot Topic All-Stars Kelley’s Angels. EZ Street, a Celebrity DJ from 93.9 WKYS Radio Station, was the master of ceremonies. Total revenue for the event was $5,495.

• On February 2, Charles Houston Recreation Center hosted a **Teen and Young Adult Job Fair & Basketball Games**. Over 225 attendees had an opportunity to network with hiring managers from 17 local businesses, as well as HR staff from numerous City Departments, and representatives from many branches of the U.S. military at this successful event. Entertainment included basketball games played by local neighborhood teams and the Adult Recreation League.

• Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility recently hosted 2 **Family Splash Night** events featuring John Adams and William Ramsay Elementary Schools. Participants enjoyed swimming, basketball relays, a floating obstacle course, pool safety tips and swimming assessments. Combined attendance reached 221 people, and generated $884 in revenue. Upcoming Family Splash Nights will take place March 10, March 31, and April 28.
Program Updates

Out of School Time FY14 through FY17 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

*Fees paid in installments.

- The **American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program** is essential to the water safety of the community. Mid-winter enrollment currently includes 580 participants, 87 waitlisted in 145 class offerings generating $68,894 in revenues. Registration is ongoing for multiple class offerings that are currently available. In 2016, 278 classes occurred in the Winter session with $125,527 from 1,177 participants with 59 waitlisted.

- The **Miracle Adaptive Sports Program** started on January 18 with lacrosse. This program runs from January - June, offering a variety of adaptive sports to the 25 children and 25 adults enrolled in the Therapeutic Recreation program. In addition to the Miracle Baseball League, participants engage in lacrosse, basketball, rugby, soccer, tennis and floor hockey. Volunteers from local youth organizations provide instructions for each sport.

- The **Employee City Cup Series** entered its second phase with employee basketball league play kicking off on January 26. All City Departments are offered the opportunity to compete in three coed sports leagues (kickball, basketball and softball) throughout the year. RPCA finished second in the Fall kickball league. The winter basketball league includes six teams from RPCA, Police, General Services, DCHS, DASH and City Hall. The championship basketball game will be held on March 30.
Upcoming Programs & Events

- On February 26, RPCA will host a **Black History Month Celebration** at Lee Center. This event will recognize 3 former employees, Lawerence “Lucky” Elliot, Traverse Gray and Jackie Mason for over 4 decades of service and mentorship to the Alexandria community. Entertainment includes a musical performance by singing group Nu Era and neighborhood recreation center cheerleading teams and dance groups.

Staff Updates

- On March 5, the Executive Board of the **Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame** will host their 27th Annual Awards Banquet. The awards ceremony honors local area youth and high school players, coaches, officials, and cheerleaders along with other guests and new Hall of Fame inductees. This year, the Hall of Fame has chosen to induct **Mac Slover**, Regional Program Director for the Youth Activities Section. Mac is being honored for over 15 years of service and work with the Fairfax County Youth Football League and the Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program.

- Charles Houston Recreation Center Advisory Council has raised over $22,000 towards renovating the game room into a **new Teen Center**. These funds are in addition to the $25,000 matching fund grant awarded by the City’s Community Matching Fund program. The Teen Center will include designated areas for gaming, food & wellness, music, arts, socializing and studying.

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- The Fall 2016 program season spanned 17 weeks and includes programs occurring September through December 2016. Recreation Services’ **Fall FY17 Scorecard** indicates a slight increase in revenue from Daily Visits and Reservations but an overall 3% decrease in total revenue compared to the previous year. Although the number of programs offered increased by 10% and the number of registrations was consistent, the total revenue from registrations decreased by 4% compared to the previous year. No single cause for the change has been identified.
On a positive note, the number of active households increased by 9% from the Summer to the Fall season, which is nearly double the increase of the previous Fall. This increase communicates that new patrons are continuing to be attracted to the programs and services being offered, which can be attributed to current participants’ recommendations to others or the continued success of the new household mailing strategy currently in effect.

Satisfaction rates remain consistent at their targets for the third consecutive Fall season.

- Summer Camp Registration begins on Wednesday, February 15 for Alexandria residents and Friday, February 17 for Nonresidents. Registration opens one week ahead of last year and a full month prior to previous years. Opening registration earlier is in response to participants’ request to allow more time for summer planning. The Summer of Smiles Summer Camps Guide is currently available online and in recreation centers and libraries throughout Alexandria. This year icons have been included to indicate the camps with access to Before and After Care and those that include a free shirt with registration.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS, RPCA

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS MONTHLY UPDATE – ITEM VII

1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

   a. Park Maintenance
      • Park Maintenance staff mobilized several times during the month of January for the threat of snow and freezing rain. Staff worked both the day and night shift to ensure that City sidewalks, overpasses, metros, and ACPS locations remained safe and open.
      • Preparations for the opening of the parks and athletic fields are under way with maintenance in and around parks throughout the City.
      • Fencing repairs and maintenance projects have begun throughout the City parks.
      • Staff focused on annual volleyball court maintenance - Surfaces where dragged to remove all weeds, sand was added where needed, and nets replaced or adjusted as needed.
      • Staff continues to perform planned maintenance and seasonal line painting of all synthetic turf throughout the City. Cultural practices of natural turf fields such as over seeding, fertilization, and aeration have begun to ensure 100% turf coverage in the spring.
      • Waterfront staff focused efforts included removing park litter, aquatic litter, driftwood/river deposits, gumballs, and leaves. In preparation for the spring growing season additional trimming and pruning was completed along with soil tests of the turf and flower beds. Waterfront staff also assisted with a couple events including the City Dr. Martin
2. **NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT**

a. **Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration**
   - Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), with the wintertime foliar-treatment of English Ivy and other evergreen invasive plants along the south side of Holmes Run at Dora Kelley Nature Park; Seminary Forest; and Forest Park.
   - Staff removed non-native invasive plants from interior sections of Dora Kelley Nature Park, Chinquapin Park, and Fort Williams Park.

b. **Cooperative Initiatives**
   On January 21, 2017, City Natural Resource Manager led a Winter Tree ID field trip for the Ford Nature Center, Virginia Native Plant Society, Arlington Regional Master Naturalists, TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria, and residents and others through the Holmes Run Gorge at Dora Kelley Nature Park; 20 in attendance.

3. **JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER**

a. **Programs/Updates**
   For January, there were 116 interpretive programs attended by 1,409 people. This is the largest recorded number of programs conducted in a single month. The combined total number of visitors and program participants for January was 2,339 people.

   **School Programs:**
   For the month of January, the Naturalist conducted 17 school programs reaching 454 people.
   - January 17- Two classes of Ramsay Elementary School Pre-K students came to the Nature Center to learn about “animal coverings.” The 35 children and their teachers had the opportunity to touch a corn snake, box turtle, millipede and a fat-tailed gecko.
   - January 19- The City Naturalist went to Patrick Henry Elementary School to teach 5 kindergarten classes about “winter.” The 133 students and their teachers learned about migration, hibernation and how animals adapt to the seasonal changes. The classes meet a baby snapping turtle, a corn snake and a wood frog.
   - January 27 and 31- Ten programs were conducted over 2 days at Cora Kelly Elementary School. Three groups of fourth graders learned about “life cycles.” One group of to
fifth graders was introduced to “food chains and food webs.” On January 31, Jane Yeingst returned to conduct “adaptation” programs for both first and second graders. A total of 290 students and their teachers attended these SOL programs.

Nature Center Programs:
During the month of January, there were 5 birthday parties, 67 impromptu programs conducted by staff, a Winter Tree ID hike, 2 invasive removals in Dora Kelley Nature Park, and the monthly “Little Adventures” program. Total participation for these programs was 820 people.
- January 13- This was the first program in the New Year’s winter series of Little Adventures. The class learned about “animal coverings.” They meet many of the live creatures from the Nature Center’s collection, followed by a craft and then a long hike in Dora Kelley Nature Park.
- January 16- Twenty five people from Episcopal High School volunteered for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Dora Kelley Nature Park. Two groups of students and teachers braved the cold to help Natural Resources Division staff remove invasive arborized English ivy (Hedera helix) from the canopy trees near Morgan Street entrance of the park. A special thank you to Natural Lands Management Technicians for helping to lead the groups that day.
- January 20- The annual Winter Tree ID Hike was led by the City’s Natural Lands Specialist and Plant Ecologist. There was a good turnout of 20 people.

Outreach Programs:
For the month of January, the Naturalist conducted 4 programs reaching 108 people.
- January 18- The Naturalist came to the Duncan Library to conduct the monthly afterschool program. This month’s topic was “Animal Coverings.” The twenty elementary school aged children enjoyed meeting many animals—millipedes, hermit crab, uromastyx, corn snake and a baby snapping turtle.
- January 25- Two afterschool programs were conducted at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. The children learned about native animals and what adaptions they have to survive the winter. More than 70 kindergarten and first graders attended these programs.
- January 26- As a last minute request from the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, the Nature Center staff stepped in to bring snakes for their “Escape into Nature” program. These preschoolers had the chance to see and touch snakes.
**Afterschool Buddies Program:**
Nature Center Director took advantage of a rainy day to teach the buddies about watersheds by using the Nature Center’s enviroscape. After, the children headed outside to look at the Holmes Run watershed. In preparation for creating a 7-foot abstract mural, the buddies used tablet cameras to document the erosion along Holmes Run and around mature beech trees. Another activity this month was how to extract DNA from strawberries and look at the strands under the microscope. Volunteer Katie Hawkins showed the buddies how to make shadow puppets. The buddies also designed dioramas for the animal of their choosing. In creating these habitats, they had to consider food, shelter, enrichment and safety.

b. **Volunteers and Interns**
A total of 27 volunteers provided 50 hours of service during the month of January.

c. **Noteworthy**
**Visitation Surges from KidFriendlyDC Blog publicity:**
In January, the Nature Center was visited by a mother and her two children. This seemly routine occurrence was a boon, for this mother wrote a glowing, detailed review of the Nature Center on the *KidFriendlyDC* blog - “a go-to resource for reaction with kids in the DC-Metro area.” Since that posting, our monthly average patronage has increased 55%. Of the 930 visitors that the Nature Center had in January, many of them mentioned to the staff that they had never been to the Nature Center before and read about it in the blog posting. Click this link to read the review:
MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL PROJECTS
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM VII.

CAMERON RUN REGIONAL PARK PLANNING PROCESS
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief & Dana Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner
The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) and community planners at Michael Baker International’s Urban Design Studio will hold the first community meeting for the Cameron Run Park Planning Process on Thursday, March 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The meeting will be part presentation and part workshop, and will contain the following agenda items:

- Background on the project – how it came to be – and what are the goals of the current effort;
- Information about what can and cannot happen on the site, given environmental regulations, financial considerations, and zoning requirements; and
- Guided discussion and workshop exercises that will provide input into the process

For additional information, visit the Cameron Run Park Public Planning Process project website.

OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN 2017 UPDATED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
Project Managers: Jack Browand, Division Chief, Dana Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner & Laura Durham, Division Chief
This update recognizes the City’s successes to date and the challenges inherent in continuing such successes. Working from the 2002 Open Space Master Plan recommendations, this implementation strategy makes recommendations for the next ten years with actions in support of the City’s desire to maintain appropriate acres of protected open space for its residents.

- [2017 Updated Implementation Strategy](#)
- Action Memo Attached
LIMERICK FIELD AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS (AlexRenew)
Project Manager: Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner
In January, RPCA staff and Alexandria Renew held final inspections on Limerick Field. Limerick Field is a new synthetic turf rectangular field in Carlyle/Eisenhower East built through a partnership between the City and Alexandria Renew. The field is located on top of wastewater treatment tanks and publicly accessible restrooms were built into the adjacent administrative building at the field level. The City will open the field for public use this spring.

WINDMILL HILL PARK SHORELINE PROJECT
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
The City released the invitation to bid in January 2017 and closes on February 22. Staff will immediately evaluate proposals received. Construction anticipated to begin in early spring 2017.

- Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Project

PATRICK HENRY PREK-8 SCHOOL AND RECREATION CENTER
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief & Margaret Orlando, Division Chief
Construction is planned to begin in spring 2017 with completion of the school and recreation center in the summer of 2018. Final site amenities (synthetic turf field, play spaces, fitness circuit and outdoor flex court) to begin late fall of 2018 following demolition of the existing school with substantial completion in spring/summer 2019.

- Patrick Henry PreK-8 Grade School & Recreation Center Project

WARWICK POOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
The City awarded a contract to Webb Construction Company Inc. and held a preconstruction meeting on Friday, February 10. Hazard material disposal will begin in February with demolition of the bathhouse and pool to begin short thereafter. A community update meeting is planned for March 2017 and construction completion continues for the summer 2017 pool season.

ATTACHED: Action Memo – Endorsement of 2017-2026 Open Space Implementation Strategy
MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF, PARK PLANNING
LAURA DURHAM, DIVISION CHIEF, RECREATION SERVICES
DANA WEDELES, ACTING PRINCIPAL PLANNER, PARK PLANNING

ITEM: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM IV.a.
OPEN SPACE PLAN 2017 UPDATED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION FOR THE FEBRUARY 2017 MEETING: Staff is seeking endorsement from Park and Recreation Commission of the Open Space Master Plan 2017 Updated Implementation Strategy and support staff in the implementation of the recommended actions. Staff will present the strategy and seek endorsement from the Planning Commission and City Council in March 2017.

BACKGROUND: In 2002 the City of Alexandria produced the City of Alexandria Open Space Plan Master Plan, establishing fifteen ambitious goals for protecting, enhancing and expanding open space. The plan established a framework to address Alexandria’s short and longer term open space needs by acknowledging and protecting the City’s existing open spaces and identifying additional open space opportunities for the future. City Council adopted the Open Space Master Plan in 2003.

The City of Alexandria Open Space Plan 2017 Updated Implementation Strategy identifies priority actions for the next ten years for new investments, activities, and projects in support of protecting additional and enhancing existing public open space. These actions include a focus on data collection and analysis, policy, and opportunities to form and support innovative partnerships between public and private sectors. The recommended strategies and actions in this Update support the fifteen goals established in the 2002 City of Alexandria Open Space Master Plan.

For additional information, visit the Open Space Plan on the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities website.