City of Alexandria, Virginia  
Park and Recreation Commission  

REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Charles Houston Recreation Center  
901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, Virginia  

Agenda  

I. Call to Order by Chair, Judy Guse-Noritake.  

II. Presentation – Potomac Yard Dominion Electric Terminal Facility  

III. Approval of Summary Minutes from September 20, 2012.  

IV. Items for Action:  
   ● FY 2014 Budget and CIP Discussion and Recommendations to City Council  
   ● Discussion and Recommendations on Composition of Park and Recreation Commission  

V. Division Updates:  
   A. Recreation Programs and Service Update - William Chesley  
   B. Park Operations Report – Dinesh Tiwari  
   C. Marketing, Special Events and Waterfront Operations – Jack Browand  
   D. Park Planning Reports – Ron Kagawa and Division Team  

VI. Director’s Report - James Spengler (verbal updates):  

VII. Report from Commissioners (verbal updates):  
   A. Waterfront Commission - Gina Baum  
   B. Youth Sport Committee - Bob Moir  
   C. Four Mile Run - Ripley Forbes  
   D. Freedmen’s Cemetery - Bob Moir  
   E. ACPS & Capital Improvements - Judy Guse-Noritake  
   F. Community Gardens Policy - Judy Guse-Noritake  
   G. Ft. Ward- Ripley Forbes, Bob Moir  
   H. ACPS School Projects- Judy Guse-Noritake  
   I. Jefferson Houston School - William Cromley  
   J. Beauregard Corridor Plan Task Force- Stephen Beggs  
   K. Open Space  

VIII. At the close of the meeting, the Commission will take comments on any other topic from the public.  

IX. Agenda items for November 15, 2012, meeting and location.  

X. List of upcoming public meetings.
ITEM:
The Potomac Yard Dominion Virginia Power Terminal Facility is located in Alexandria adjacent to Four Mile Run between Route 1 and Potomac Avenue. The Terminal Facility allows the transition of the electric transmission lines from underground along Route 1 to overhead, and across Four Mile Run into the Glebe Substation.

UPDATE:
The Applicant, Dominion Virginia Power, is requesting an amendment to the existing special use permit (SUP#96-0091) for the electric terminal station to remove Condition #5 and allow the SUP to become perpetual. The existing special use permit is predicated upon this Condition #5 which defines “A 15-year expiration, for removal of the terminal facility.”

The construction of the terminal facility in 1996 was part of an overall undergrounding of the 230-KV lines on the eastern portion of the City. At the Planning Commission and City Council Hearing there was considerable discussion about the visual impacts at this visually important entrance – gateway to the City. In addition, during the original approval by the Planning Commission and City Council in 1996, concerns were raised that this terminal facility might preclude future development in Potomac Yard, which is why the 15 year expiration condition was added before approval.

Dominion has filed an amendment to the SUP to remove condition #5 and allow the site to remain in perpetuity. The Planning Commission deferred action on the application, requesting “that the applicant will (1) undertake a serious, detailed analysis of the options for relocating the terminal facility, to include such information as alternative locations, issues, engineering hurdles and possibilities, and costs; (2) meet with planning staff, landowners, WMATA, Arlington County, and other entities who may play a role in the potential relocation options; and (3) present the result of this work in a report to the City in time to present to the Commission for its November consideration.”
An alternatives report was completed and submitted by Dominion in October 2011. There were 6 sites and a no-build option analyzed. Site 6 was agreed upon by Arlington and Alexandria as the only viable option and discussions and negotiations are proceeding.

NEXT STEPS:
Staff is recommending the relocation of the terminal facility to Site 6, the existing substation in Arlington owned and operated by Dominion. This would allow the lines crossing Four Mile Run to be undergrounded and the removal of the existing terminal facility on the Alexandria bank of Four Mile Run.

This case is currently docketed for the November 8th Planning Commission Public Hearing and the November 17th City Council Public Hearing.

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Attachment: Proposed Site 6 Diagram
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2012

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 18, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING, ITEM V-A
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT

Youth Activities

- Staff implemented Safe Place activities at all recreation centers the week of September 24 to celebrate the second anniversary of our launch of the program in Alexandria.
- We are planning to implement our annual Lights On After School events at all of our recreation centers on October 18 along with thousands of communities nationwide to highlight afterschool programs and the role these programs play in keeping children safe as well as engaged in constructive after-school activities.
- The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program consists of 10 teams this season with over 200 players participating in the program.
- The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program hosted their second annual “First Responders Cup” pre-season football games at George Washington Middle School on Sunday, September 9. The “First Responders Cup” games were between the Arlington County and Alexandria Titans football teams. Staff implemented this annual event in remembrance of 9/11 victims and to pay tribute to first responders. Representatives from Arlington and Alexandria’s public safety departments participated in the event.
- The Alexandria Lil’ Titans Youth Flag Football Program began its third season this month. The program consists of 60 boys and girls participating on five teams.
- The Miracle Baseball League of Alexandria’s Fall season began its season on Saturday, September 29 at the George Washington Middle School. We enrolled thirty-five participants in the program.
- We have 15 teams participating in two age groups in the girls’ volleyball program. We have 200 participants in the program this season, which represents a 10% increase in enrollment over last year’s program.
- The Teen Program Section hosted the first Saturday Nite Hype Middle School Party on October 6. More than 125 participants attended the event.
We will hold our annual winter cheerleader competition on December 15, 11am, at T.C. Williams High School.

**Adult Activities**

- Virginia Cooperative Extension staff conducted nutrition and other health related workshops for senior adults at recreation centers, schools and the St. Martin Seniors Center.
- Staff met with representatives from two local Kickball organizations to discuss strategies for implementing a program in Alexandria. We had limited interest from local teams to start a department-sponsored league, so we are working with these organizations to run their program in Alexandria as a rental to provide local teams and individuals an opportunity to play kickball.
- The Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the Senior Adult Co-ed Early Morning Softball. The Softball League will be for men and women 50 years and older and will be held at the Joseph Hensley Athletic Complex beginning in early September through the end of October weekday mornings starting at 8:00 a.m. We will determine game days and times after registration closes.
- The Bowling League began in September. The venue for the league is the US Bowling Bar and Grill. The program consists of four teams.
- Recreation Manager Margaret Orlando and Recreation Coordinator Kendall Hermsdorf received a letter of commendation from the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Committee for their work with this year’s event.

**Recreation Centers**

- The following is data and survey results from the 2012 Power-On Summer Program; Enrollment, 1401 children; Surveys Collected, 227; Percentage Surveys Returned, 16%; Satisfaction Rating, 95%.
- We have enrolled 1,147 children to date in the 2012-2013 Power-On School Year Program. This is slightly up from last year’s YTD total even though we increased the annual program registration from $50 to $250 for this year’s program. The current program fee is still considerably lower than program fees charged in other jurisdictions.
- On September 22, Mentoring Education Together with Children, Inc. (M.E.T.W.C.) and William Ramsay Recreation Center collaborated to present the sixth annual “Back to School” event. The event began with a vision to distribute backpacks and school supplies to children, and to bring people within the west region community together for a day of fun and fellowship. Over 100 participants enjoyed the festivities throughout the Ramsay facilities to include dance team performances, DJ, basketball tournament, health, fitness and finance booths, moon bounce and plenty of free food.
- On September 28, William Ramsay Recreation Center hosted a City-Wide Teen Open-house event. Over 100 teens were in attendance from around the City participated in various games and activities to include pool, Ping-Pong, Wii, karaoke, and mat-ball to name a few. The purpose of the event was to kick off the fall/winter Teen season and refocus the Department’s commitment to serving the Teens citywide.
• The Director of the Charles Barrett Recreation Center resigned in August. We are recruiting to fill the position and expect to hire for the position by January 2013. We have assigned a Manager from Cora Kelly to serve as the Interim Director until we fill the position.

Aquatic Program

• Due to increasing year-round demand, we expanded our Fall Learn to Swim Class offerings to lessen the number of citizens on the wait listed for these popular programs. Staff implemented twelve (12) new classes on Sunday mornings with registrations totaling 66 participants with revenues of nearly $6,000. Staff increased Saturday class offerings by employing an instructor’s aid to increase capacity. Compared to last year, the wait listed Learn to Swim program registration dropped from 173 in 2011 to 129 individuals. Fall Learn to Swim Class revenues increased by more than $10,000 over 2011 season totals due to increased program fees and capacity (2011- $40,058/2012- $50,875). This total may increase, as the second fall session of classes has not ended.

Other

• As you recall, the Commission supported the grant application submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (Federal Government) in late July 2012. We received notice from the Department of Health and Human Services in early October that the City will not receive Community Transformation Grant (CTG) funding.
• Joseph Petrella was hired in the Division Chief position vacated by Leslie Clark (June 2012 Retirement). Mr. Petrella began work on October 15.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 15, 2012

TO: Park and Recreation Commission Members

FROM: Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director – Park Operations, RPCA

THROUGH: James Spengler, Director, RPCA

SUBJECT: Park Operations Update – Item V-B

1. **Phased Implementation of CityWorks** -- We have focused efforts to expand the use of CityWorks beyond Urban Forestry to manage all Service Requests and Work Orders, as well as, the planned maintenance activities related to all park operations. Staff participated in ongoing seminar (CityWorks User Group) and weekly workshops with the City’s Dept. of Information Technology Services (ITS) to review our business processes to integrate them with CityWorks. The first phase of this integration will include Work Orders for horticulture and park maintenance functions. A timeline for the implementation of the first phase is being developed by the ITS.

2. **Review of Grounds Maintenance Agreement with Schools** – RPCA and ACPS Staff began the process for a comprehensive review of the existing MOU between the RPCA and ACPS for the maintenance of school grounds by the RPCA staff. A series of on-site inspections of school grounds is planned to identify gaps in services, and to define maintenance standards and specific areas of responsibility for both parties. In addition, staff will identify areas where we can work together to gain synergies and economies of scale.

3. **Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP)** – Development of a NRMP for the City is one of our major goals for FY 2013 and FY2014. The first phase of this process is to identify and document the existing natural resource assets within the City. We have completed this assessment for two of the five sections of the City. Subsequently, we will define best management practices and
recommend protection/restoration projects in order to better-protect these resources. Projects associated with the NRMP that are also underway include the completion of a Geologic Atlas for the City, development of a comprehensive Invasive Plant Management Program, and establishment of Native Plant Conservation Zones.

4. **Seasonal Activities** -- The fall tree-planting season and the maintenance of horticultural sites throughout the City are underway. Special attention will be devoted to the area around the intersection of King and Washington Streets, and Market Plaza, between now and the end of November. We have also begun the annual installation of the Holiday Lights in the trees along both sides of King Street. These will be lighted just before Thanksgiving.

5. **Urban Deck Improvements** -- Resolution of the long-standing irrigation system operation issues and plans for the re-planting of the east and west sides of the Urban Deck on South Washington Street are underway. VDOT has given preliminary approval for the irrigation system solutions; final approval is expected soon. Park Planning Division and the contractor for the Freedmen’s Cemetery project have assisted in providing a water supply for the west side irrigation system. The goal for completion of this landscaping project is fall, 2012.

6. **Stormwater Management Program Coordination** -- The City of Alexandria’s storm water management program and the associated permitting effort will be a long-term project for several Departments throughout the City government. RPCA will be an active participant in this effort, and staff members have already contributed to organizational meetings and participated in discussions of aspects which apply to our programs. One of the City’s largest stormwater management facilities is the Pond at Ben Brenman Park. Discussions have been initiated by Park Operations with T&ES Office of Environmental Quality to review the design criteria and best management practices for the pond. Our goal is to ensure that the pond continues to function effectively to remove sediment and nutrient pollutants from stormwater runoff, while at the same time minimizing maintenance costs whenever possible.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2012

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
      MARKETING, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS
      RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM V-C
         MARKETING, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS
         UPDATE

WATERFRONT OPERATIONS

Union Street Corridor Study
Windmill Hill Park Improvements: The Waterfront Commission supports improvements to slow traffic and promote a cohesive Windmill Hill Park along South Union Street. The Commission supports installation of raised crosswalks at the intersection of Gibbon Street and South Union Street. We also support installation of raised crosswalks where the bike path from the Wilkes Street Tunnel intersects South Union Street, but believe a stop sign, rumble markings, or other controls for bicyclists should be installed where the trail meets Union Street. In the long-term, however, we believe further improvements will be required to make the area less like two parks divided by a roadway and more like a unified park with a parkway through the middle. See attached Waterfront Commission Union Street Corridor Study Recommendations.

City Marina Food Pavilion Interim Enhancements
The Food Pavilion at the City Marina closed to regular operations in December 2011. Since its closing, the lease holder has been seeking a long term single use tenant. At the request of the Mayor, City staff have been exploring potential interim uses of the Food Pavilion area including a winter indoor Farmers Market, Ticket booths, Museum Information, Art and History Exhibits, Public Events, Eatery or Coffee House and Rental Space for Private Special Events. Due to the lack of designated funding for site improvements and the potential of the leasing of the space on short notice, staff is making preparations with the Office of Historic Alexandria for the installation of Window Exhibits depicting Civil War and/or Alexandria Paintings by Civil War Veterans. Funding associated with the sesquicentennial Civil War activities is available and the exhibit can be installed by mid-November and is fully transferrable in the event a tenant is identified.
Flood Mitigation Proposals & Landscape Architectural Design RFP Status
TES continues to work with City procurement to issue a contract to an architectural firm which will work with City staff and the Landscape Architectural Design firm in designing flood mitigation along the waterfront. The RFP for Landscape Architectural Design closed on September 28 with twelve proposals received. A City selection committee will review the proposals and recommend a firm for contract.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Event Calendar: October – November 2012

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<td>19th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer: Lace up your tennis shoes and get ready to participate in the 19th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Saturday, October 20 at 8:00 a.m. The Walk is jointly sponsored by the City of Alexandria and the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation.</td>
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<td>Annual Fall Tree Sale: The City Alexandria’s Urban Forestry Section will hold a tree sale to promote the preservation of the Alexandria’s tree canopy by encouraging the planting of trees on private property throughout the City.</td>
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<td>Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals: Fall fundraiser for Alexandria's homeless animals.</td>
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<td>Oct 28, 2012</td>
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<td>16th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade: Celebration of Del Ray &amp; Alexandria community &amp; to provide a safe family oriented holiday atmosphere. Decorated strollers and costumed kids, adults and pets parade the avenue. This event is sponsored by the Delray Business Association.</td>
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<td>Re-enactment of John Carlyle Funeral: In the fall of 1780, death visited Carlyle House and claimed the life of town founder John Carlyle. Step back in time and be a part of this historic funeral as you learn about mourning practices in early America. Admission includes a ghost tour of Old Town Alexandria, during which participants will visit the candlelit Carlyle House, 121 North Fairfax St.</td>
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<td>Art/History Waterfront Implementation Committee: The Art/History Waterfront Implementation Committee, which consists of four representatives from the City’s Public Art Committee and also four representatives of Committees and Commissions of the Office of Historic Alexandria, has been established to develop ideas for incorporating recommendations of the Art and History Waterfront Plans into the implementation ...</td>
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Dear Mr. Young:

RE: Union Street Corridor Study Recommendations

At a special meeting on September 27, 2012, the Alexandria Waterfront Commission endorsed a series of preferred alternatives resulting from the Union Street Corridor Study. This letter summarizes the Commission’s recommended improvements to Union Street.

Background

In January 2012, the Waterfront Committee supported a recommendation of the Waterfront Plan Work Group favoring several early implementation activities upon adoption of the Waterfront Small Area Plan. This included completion of a Union Street corridor transportation study prior to approval of any new Waterfront development to mitigate and manage traffic along the Waterfront. On March 26, 2012, the Waterfront Committee provided comment on proposed scoping specifications for the Union Street Corridor Study. The study soon commenced following the City’s selection of consultant Toole Design Group.

On June 21, 2012, the Waterfront Commission held an interactive work session with the consultant, discussing key issues such as motor coaches and delivery trucks, enforcement, maintaining pedestrian friendliness, managing bicycle traffic, and implementing and testing options early. The consultant also summarized traffic counts and other data collected for this study.

On August 23, 2012, the consultants presented several site-specific improvements and corridor alternatives for consideration by the Commission. Based on the Commission’s feedback, these concepts were refined and presented to the public at a meeting held September 19, 2012. Following this meeting, the consultants presented recommended site-specific and corridor improvements for consideration by the Waterfront Commission on September 27, 2012, when the recommendations relayed in this letter were endorsed.

Throughout the process, there were numerous opportunities for public comment, including the September 19 public meeting and public discussion periods during each Waterfront Commission meeting, as well as meetings of the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Old Town Civic Association.

Findings

In general, the Waterfront Commission finds that current conditions on Union Street can be improved and that changes are needed. The street should continue to serve all users, including pedestrians, motor vehicles, motor coaches, the King Street Trolley, delivery trucks, and bicycles. Given usage patterns, pedestrians are and should continue to be the priority at the intersection of King and Union streets; therefore, providing flexible space to serve the high volume of pedestrians at this location is a critical and necessary outcome of this project. Other modifications are warranted where Union Street connects to the Mount Vernon Trail and at Windmill Hill Park. In
addition, a combination of engineering, education, and enforcement is necessary to facilitate and mitigate the impacts of delivery trucks and bicyclists on Union Street. Along the entire corridor, improvements should be high-quality and consistent with the historic character of Union Street.

Recommendations
The Waterfront Commission endorses the following site-specific and corridor-long improvements:

- **Delivery Vehicles:** The Commission supports the creation of targeted delivery loading zones, which would minimize existing blockages due to double-parking along Union Street. Loading should be permitted only during designated time periods, which should be strictly enforced. Delivery activities should be relocated, when possible, off of Union Street and onto adjacent alleyways.

- **Bicycles:** The Commission supports maintaining Mount Vernon Trail connections to Union Street. We remain concerned, however, with the violation of stop signs and speeding laws by bicyclists along Union Street. We support additional traffic calming measures along the Union Street corridor, and urge increased enforcement by the Police Department. We also support development of a “bicycle boulevard” along Royal Street to provide an enhanced route for through bicyclists away from the Waterfront. The Commission supports additional bicycle parking in the Waterfront area—including installation of a bike corral—but recommends that it be located away from the unit block of King Street.

- **Mt. Vernon Trail Connection:** The Commission reviewed several potential improvements near the intersection of Pendleton Street and North Union Street, where the Mount Vernon Trail transitions from a dedicated bike trail to Union Street:
  - We support installation of a dedicated left-turn lane for bicyclists from eastbound Pendleton Street onto the northbound Mount Vernon Trail at Oronoco Bay Park. This facilitates bike traffic that chooses to use Royal Street as an alternative to Union Street. This may be accomplished in the near-term with pavement striping and temporary bollards, and in the medium-term with raised medians and other durable improvements to the intersection.
  - We support realignment of the bike lane across the railroad tracks at the corner of Pendleton Street and North Union Street to provide a safer geometric configuration for bicyclists.
  - We support the addition of a pedestrian walkway on the east side of North Union Street near Robinson Terminal North, where presently none exists. Pavement striping and plastic bollards may provide a temporary solution, but we encourage the installation of a sidewalk here in the medium term. We understand that the City’s right-of-way here extends to the face of the existing Robinson Terminal North warehouse building, so a sidewalk could potentially be installed here with minimal encroachment on the existing parking lanes and roadway. With the addition of a sidewalk here, the irregular diagonal crosswalk at the intersection of Pendleton Street and North Union Street could be eliminated.
  - We support the installation of sharrows and other pavement markings as appropriate near the intersection of Queen Street and North Union Street to indicate the transition to shared lanes.

- **Intersection of King and Union Street:** The Commission understands that this is an extraordinary intersection, with pedestrian volumes during particular times of the week that dwarf automobile and bicycle traffic. This is understandable as King Street pedestrians cross Union Street here to reach the Torpedo Factory Art Center, the City Marina, and other Waterfront attractions. Conversely, visitors disembarking
from the Water Taxi or the King Street Trolley cross the other direction to reach King Street’s shops and
estaurants. Such an unusual traffic pattern calls for unique design solutions in this area.

- In the short-term, we support improved crosswalks at this intersection, utilizing site-appropriate
  materials to clearly distinguish this intersection as a pedestrian zone.

- We support piloting a dedicated pedestrian space in the unit block of King Street, which would
  maintain one-way, westbound access for motor vehicles and the Trolley yet provide more seating
  and gathering space on the south side of the unit block of King Street.

- We support the institution of left-turn restrictions at the intersection of King Street and Union
  Street. This would eliminate the conflicting movements for automobiles that cause the greatest
  motorist delay at this intersection. In addition, it would improve pedestrian safety by requiring
  traffic to turn right or move straight through the intersection, maneuvers which are much simpler to
  execute than left turns. The Commission does not support the installation of a traffic signal at this
  intersection.

- We support permanently eliminating some on-street parking spaces at the immediate intersection of
  King and Union Street, which currently waste space that could be better used to provide more
  elbow room for pedestrians. The Commission supports a pilot program to test part-time removal of
  on-street parking at select locations to provide expanded tree boxes, additional pedestrian space, or
  space for outdoor dining.

- In the long-term, the Waterfront Commission endorses construction of a shared street, which would
  raise the road to be flush with the sidewalk, where pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles share
  a common street space, along Union Street between Cameron Street and Prince Street, and in the
  unit and 100 blocks of King Street. Implementation of this concept will require further design,
  which should consider such factors as the optimal allocation of space between users, delivery
  vehicle access, curb design and transition, traffic calming and right-of-way, materials and curb
  placement, drainage, and accommodation of special events.

- **Windmill Hill Park Improvements:** We support improvements to slow traffic and promote a cohesive
  Windmill Hill Park along South Union Street. The Commission supports installation of raised crosswalks at
  the intersection of Gibbon Street and South Union Street. We also support installation of raised crosswalks
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  the long-term, however, we believe further improvements will be required to make the area less like two
  parks divided by a roadway and more like a unified park with a parkway through the middle.

- **Increase Traffic Enforcement:** The Commission strongly endorses additional police enforcement of
  traffic regulations in the corridor, including parking, loading, and stop sign compliance by motorists,
  delivery trucks, and bicyclists. Our efforts to create a more livable public space will not succeed without
  cooperation by the police to ensure order in this area.

- **Ensure Quality of Proposed Improvements:** The Commission urges the City to ensure that improvements
  to the Union Street corridor are high-quality and consistent with the historic character of Union Street. This
  extends to suggested pilot programs, where a haphazard interim approach could sabotage support for long-
  term improvements. Many of the suggested improvements will require further design and engineering; the
  Waterfront Commission would like to continue to provide feedback on proposed concepts as they evolve.
Next Steps
In our Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations, the Waterfront Commission endorsed funding for implementation of recommendations of the Union Street Corridor Study. The Commission has also endorsed FY14 CIP funding for final design and construction services of flood mitigation improvements, including modifications to the unit block of King Street, The Strand, and North and South Union Street. These activities should be linked, as both affect street surfaces along these blocks. The Commission reiterates its funding request for these expenditures.

In addition, the Waterfront Commission has endorsed completion of a Lower King Street Pedestrian Traffic Study in its FY 2014 CIP recommendations. This project would study alternate traffic patterns and capital improvements along the Unit and 100 blocks of King Street to maximize pedestrian accessibility, and is an important follow-on to the Union Street Corridor Study. The Commission is particularly interested in construction of a shared street in the 100 block of King Street, in addition to the unit block of King and Union Street between Prince and Cameron. This study would inform how best to utilize a shared street in this area. The Commission understands that funding may be identified to complete this study yet in FY13, but if not, this should be a high priority follow-on to the Union Street Corridor Study in FY14.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback on the Union Street Corridor Study, and look forward to providing continuing feedback as the recommendations of this study are implemented by the City. On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Commission and the broad Citywide constituencies that we represent, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Nathan M. Macek, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Commission

CC: Judy Guse-Noritake, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission
John Komoroske, Chair, Planning Commission
Kevin Posey, Chair, Transportation Commission
Thomas "Jay" Johnson, Jr., Chair, Traffic and Parking Board
Richard Baier, Director, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services
Faroll Hamer, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
James Spengler, Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
Emily Baker, City Engineer, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services
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Cheryl Lawrence, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
Jim Hixon, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
Alexandria Waterfront Commission
Meet at the Beatley Bridge. Garbage bags will be provided but bring your own work gloves, boots and any other gear that might help. We will pick up only human-generated trash. For more information contact us at 703-461-3283
DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2012
TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
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LAURA D. DURHAM, CITY OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR
DAVID H. GHEZZI, AIA LEED AP  ARCHITECT
JUDY LO, ASLA  LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
DANA W. WEDELES, PARK PLANNER
RON M. KAGAWA, ASLA LEED AP  DIVISION CHIEF

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES UPDATE, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2012
OVERVIEW – SELECTED PROJECTS AT A GLANCE, ITEM V-D

Please see that attached items:

1. Active Park Projects including Capital Improvement Projects – Brief Update on Selected Projects
2. Active CFMP Projects Report – Brief Update

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<td>Chinquapin Park Rec Center</td>
<td>Water leak in basement Storage Room and Boiler Room</td>
<td>Will require excavation and waterproofing at basement walls.</td>
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<td>Replace existing HM doors</td>
<td>Doors severely rusted door to chlorine vapors - security comprised.</td>
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