

City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Lee Center- Exhibit Hall
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Agenda

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

Items for Action:

- II. Approval of Summary Minutes: September 19, 2013

Items for Information and discussion:

III. Division Updates:

- A. Recreation Programs and Service Update - William Chesley, Deputy Director
- B. Park Operations Report – Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director
- C. Marketing, Special Events, Waterfront Operations - Jack Browand, Division Chief
- D. Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Reports – Ron Kagawa, Division Chief and Team.

IV. Director's Report - James Spengler.

- City Council Docket Item (9/24) on Aquatics
- November 19 City Council Hearing on Waterfront
- Joint Meeting with Waterfront Commission
- Bike Lane on King Street
- Civic Engagement

V. PRC Annual Report Update - Jack Browand

VI. Report from Commissioners (verbal updates):

- A. Waterfront Commission - Gina Baum
- B. Youth Sport Committee.
- C. Four Mile Run - Ripley Forbes
- D. Freedmen's Cemetery.
- E. ACPS & Capital Improvements - Judy Guse-Noritake
- F. Community Gardens Policy- Judy Guse-Noritake
- G. Ft. Ward - Ripley Forbes
- H. ACPS School Projects- Judy Guse-Noritake
- I. Jefferson Houston School – William Cromley
- J. Open Space - Judy Guse-Noritake
- K. Braddock Plan Park- Judy Guse-Noritake
- L. Patrick Henry School Update

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

- VIII. Agenda items for November 21, 2013, meeting and location.

- IX. List of upcoming public meetings.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2013

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: OCTOBER 24, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING ITEM - III-A
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT**

Youth Activities

- As previously reported, the Power-On and Power-Up Summer Out of School Time Programs concluded with 1,372 youth enrolled at 12 recreation centers, schools and parks. The following is the summary result of program satisfaction survey: 224 surveys returned: 91.6% satisfied to very satisfied with program. If anyone wishes to review the full report, I will email it upon request.
- The Alexandria Kiwanis Club treated the Recreation Centers participants to a day of fishing at Lake Cook on Saturday, September 21. The day included a brief introduction to the lake environment by a naturalist from the Buddie Ford Nature Center, Kiwanis Club members and RPCA staff assisting youth with casting, fishing technique, and reeling in the whoppers, as well as a lunch with the favorite ingredient- pizza. The Kiwanis Club provided volunteers, fishing equipment and food for the 40 youth brought to the program from the Recreation Centers.
- The girl's volleyball league began practicing in September for the upcoming season. Over 250 girls between the ages of 11 - 14 years old are playing in the league, which is going into its 11th season. The league has 16 teams (the highest number of teams to date) in the program this season and will play the games on Thursdays and Fridays with practices on Sundays at Minnie Howard Ninth Grade School, the Charles Houston Center and the John Adams Recreation Center.
- The Sports Office's Alexandria Sportsman's Club Recreation Athlete of the Month was Callen Lakingsof the Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program's Anklebiter team. He was honored along with other city high school football players at club's Redskin's Night on October 15. Callen was able to meet three past Redskins players as he was presented with a plaque and shirt from the club for his honor.
- We established a City and Schools ad hoc staff committee to consider options to develop a comprehensive after school program proposal for both Middle and High School teens.

The committee is tying its work to recommendations from the draft Youth Master Plan and feedback received from teens involved in the public forums that were held by the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission to obtain input in the development of the Plan. Youth input and engagement, funding, and ACPS and community support and buy-in are critical to the development and sustainability of any program that evolves from this process.

- The Miracle League of Alexandria held a special night game at the Kelley Cares Miracle Field on October 19. In recognition of October being “Breast Cancer Awareness” Month, everyone was asked to voluntarily wear something pink (ex. shirt, socks, necklace, shoes, shoelaces, wristband, hat, scarf or anything else pink) in support. Players and volunteers were given pink ribbon stickers to wear. The program consisted of a variety of pre-game activities including basketball, pickle ball, soccer, corn hole and botchy ball.
- In recognition of the national “Lights On” campaign that is celebrated annually in the month of October to bring attention to the importance of after school programs, all recreation centers will feature a variety of fitness activities, modern dance workshops and games.

Adult Activities

- The Fall Adult Sports Leagues (Coed Softball, Coed Soccer, coed Volleyball and the Men’s Softball) are in full swing. All Fall Adult Sports program playoff games will be finished by Thanksgiving. It has been a good fall season so far with minimal rainouts. There are over 1,200 participants that are participating in the fall season Adult Sports program. The Winter Adult Sports registration packet was emailed put on the web site and a media release will sent out beginning October 18.
- Staff was acknowledged by the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Planning Committee for their work on behalf of the annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Charles Houston Recreation Center hosted the Table Tennis Tournament Competition on September 12. Other events were hosted and held at other venues in Northern Virginia.

Recreation Centers

- Current school year program enrollment in the Power-On program at the neighborhood recreation centers and other program sites is 1,121 children. Enrollment is on pace with last year’s YTD program enrollment total.
- The City of Alexandria (C. Kelly, Mt. Vernon and C. Barrett) held its second Annual Multicultural Fest on Saturday, September 14 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Four Mile Run Park and Community Building, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. This event was designed to bring community members together to celebrate Alexandria’s diversity; entertainment for all ages includes live music and activities representing the region’s cultures. Performances included music from “Kate Moran Band,” “Higher Hands” and “Melodic Oriental,” as well as a variety of dance styles. Free games and activities will highlight a broad range of cultures activities and international crafts and food. Attendance estimated at over 500.

- Mount Vernon Recreation Center hosted the YoKid challenge on October 12. Two-hundred fifty children, teens, and adults came out on Saturday to learn about healthy eating, set goals, and took the YoKid challenge!
- Mount Vernon Recreation Center will hold its annual Family Masquerade Ball on October 25. Parents and children enjoy an evening of elegant dress or costumes, music, dancing and food in a safe and fun filled environment. The cost is \$5.00 per person.
- Charles Houston Recreation Center is hosting "Halloween Family Fun Night" on Saturday, October 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Festivities of the evening include Mummy Wrapping stations, Haunted Musical Chairs, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, "Thriller" and other popular line dance fun, a "Goofiest Halloween Costume" competition and "Hotel Transylvania" an animated movie in the Game Room. This activity is designed with the family in mind to provide a safe yet fun and entertaining evening for the community. Refreshments are host by the Charles Houston Advisory Council
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Aquatic Program

- The Department's Outdoor Pool operation received an excellent rating from Alexandria Health Department for its record of compliance with health and safety regulations during the 2013 outdoor pool-operating season. The Health Department conducts random inspections of all pools operated in the City (seventeen Pool Management Companies including the City of Alexandria) and compiles a comprehensive report of its findings at the end of the outdoor pool season.
- We extended the pool-operating season at the Old Town Pool to September 21 (free admission to Alexandria resident. We received a number of emails from residents thanking RPCA for extending the pool-operating season at the Old Town Pool.
- Chinquapin Park Recreation Center is re-opening after being closed to the public since mid-June for scheduled repairs. Improvements include heating and air-conditioning system updates, locker room upgrades, and play material enhancements. Chinquapin Park Recreation Center's Re-opening will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. patrons will have free use of the facility, including the indoor pool, racquetball courts, fitness room, and soft playroom. Additional free festivities include scuba, kayak, and water exercise class demonstrations; swim lesson skill assessments; and light refreshments. Information will be available about City aquatic facility updates and local aquatics clubs, teams and associations.
- The Annual Doggie Day Swim is being sponsored by Your Dog's Best Friends at Old Town Pool was held on September 21 from 4-7 pm. There were 164 dogs registered and most participated in the event even though it rained most of the evening.

Other

- The Cost Recovery and Resource Allocation and Financial Assistance Policies were approved by City Council at the September 24 City Council meeting. Staff will work to implement the policies effective January 1, 2014.

- The Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission received the draft youth master plan at its September Commission meeting. The Commission will hold Public Hearings on the Youth Master Plan this fall and is projected to present the plan to City Council in the winter.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 2013

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS UPDATE

Natural Lands Management

- We participated in National Public Lands Day on September 28 by working with staff and many volunteers to conduct a clean-up of the new City park at 5325 Polk Ave. This 2.38 acre natural area park occupies a steep, forested hillside and narrow ridge overlooking the Eisenhower Valley, and is floristically diverse for its size. Its recent acquisition preserves an important remnant of mature forest canopy in the City, as well as native plant diversity, essential wildlife habitat, and water resources. Efforts during the workday focused on removing nuisance invasive plants and picking up litter.
- On Oct. 15 we held an Ecological Restoration Tree Planting at Tarleton Park in cooperation with the Tree Stewards of Arlington & Alexandria and TD Bank. The volunteers provided the labor needed to install the 25 trees which had been purchased through a grant from TD Bank to the Tree Stewards.
- Staff attended the Regional Natural Resource Management Group meeting at Riverbend Park on September 19th. Attendance at such events is part of our ongoing effort to expand the Natural Resource Division's relationships with outside resource management and environmental organizations. Native meadow management was the primary focus of discussion at this meeting.

Holiday Lights

On October 1st we began installation of the Holiday Lights along King Street and adjacent blocks around City Hall/Market Square. Our contractor is Seasonal Solutions, of Phoenix, AZ, a specialty lighting contractor who focuses on outdoor displays for holidays and special events. For this year's Holiday Tree at Market Square, we are purchasing a commercially-grown thirty foot tree, rather than soliciting the donation of a locally-grown tree as we had done for a number

of years. We have recently had difficulty obtaining a suitable tree for installation at Market Square through the donation process.

Horticulture/landscaping Services

- Prepared all of the landscaped areas associated with the Kelley Cares Miracle Field in anticipation of the major event that was held at the site on Sept. 21.
- For the Supper Under the Stars at King Street Gardens on Sept. 27, we power-washed the bricks, trimmed the overhead vining plants, pruned shrubs, and performed a general cleaning of the site.
- Planned a project with the Old Town Walled Garden Club to renovate the Barrett Library front planting beds. We have done preliminary site preparation; the Garden Club will finish the installation on Oct. 26.

Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center

The Naturalist staff of the Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center conducted 67 interpretive programs in September, which were attended by 1,395 participants. Some program highlights are described below:

- **Education and Stewardship Program with T.C. Williams High School** – Staff conducted 11 environmental education programs for more than 300 students from T.C. Williams High School, initiating a partnership for long-term stewardship of Chinquapin Park. The first two days of programming included the history and ecology of the park. A demonstration of “nonpoint” and “point source” pollution was also made utilizing an interactive “watershed” model donated by T&ES.

The last two days of programming were held in Chinquapin Park, where students conducted outdoor science-based activities, including water quality testing in Taylor Run, soil testing, research on park biodiversity, and tree identification.



T.C. Williams students investigating biodiversity along the Chinquapin Nature Trail

- **Environmental Outreach Programs for Polk Elementary School** -- On September 27th, staff conducted 6 nature programs for students at Polk Elementary. These programs focused on the 2.38 acre nature park that the City recently acquired near the school. In order to help students gain an appreciation and awareness of the park's environmental importance, all of the school's 700 students attended a program on the park's wildlife, during which Naturalist Burke provided students with a presentation incorporating live native animals.

Following the indoor presentations, students were escorted to the Polk Avenue park site and toured the property with Naturalist Graham, who explained some basics about the park's native flora. See photo below.



Nature Center's Naturalist John Burke educating and entertaining Polk Elementary students

- **Afterschool Nature "Buddies"** -- The Afterschool Nature "Buddies" Program resumed for its third year of operation on September 5th. Twelve students, ranging from kindergarten through fourth grade, are currently enjoying this safe, nature-based program where they can complete their homework, study, and explore the world of nature. This program's popularity encouraged all of last year's participants to return for the current 2013-2014 session. We had announced the program by email to City residents in August and posted as a link on the Alexandria Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities website.
- **Other September Programs** –
 - More than 75 students and teachers from Thomas Jefferson High School visited Dora Kelley Nature Park on September 24th to conduct aquatic research. This is the 12th year that the Fairfax County Advanced Placement Biology class has performed water quality testing on Holmes Run and investigated its resident fish and macro invertebrate populations.
 - A professor and 20 students from the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College held their environmental studies class in Dora Kelley Nature Park on September 23rd, looking at differences between floodplain and upland

forested environments. Naturalist Burke hiked with the students and provided a descriptive overview of these diverse habitats.

- During September a variety of interpretive programs, live animal presentations, and hikes were conducted at the Nature Center and Dora Kelley Park for several ACPS and Homeschool groups. Our Naturalist staff also presented two outreach programs on “Deserts” for the Burke and Duncan libraries. Three weekend youth programs were also presented during September by our staff: “Family Fishing,” “Stuck on Senses,” and “Rocks and Fossils.”
- The Nature Center’s monthly “Little Adventures” series also resumed this month, to coincide with the start of the school year. This preschool class introduced the young naturalists to native animals. On September 21st, Naturalist Burke gave a presentation at Lake Cook for a youth fishing program sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. In addition, Naturalist Yeingst conducted two Saturday birthday parties, generating \$330 in revenue. Sixteen impromptu tours were also provided for visitors during September, with some being led by our new Docent from Indonesia, Northern Virginia Community College student Yudhea Aristi.
- **Volunteer Program** -- A total of 14 volunteers, interns, and community service workers collectively provided 155.75 service hours during the month of September. The community service workers continued to focus their efforts on the ongoing removal of invasive English ivy from Dora Kelley Nature Park.

Parks Maintenance and Facilities Improvements

- Staff completed the Oronoco Pier decking replacement project (see below)



- Irrigation system repairs and calibrations continue to adjust for rain fall, temperature variations, season length and demands of individual plant species.

- Park light inspection and timer calibration work continues to adjust for the fall season.
- Weed Abatement Program (weed control in cracks and crevices) continues along the major roadways of the City.
- Soft Playroom equipment installation at Chinguapin on Tuesday, Oct. 15
- Mowing program using staff, contractors and the inmates continues along the public right-of-ways, alleys, schools, parks and public facilities.
- Staff is replacing playground mulch in 16 playground locations across the 4 Park Districts and Waterfront. Old mulch is being reused in natural areas as soil amendment.



- Initiating ball field aeration and over-seeding projects across all parks to improve play surface.
- Preparations are being made to convert equipment to prepare for snow operations. Staff is scheduled to attend snow operations training and a snow rodeo to practice and improve plow operation skills.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2013

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

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

Windmill Hill Park Bulkhead Replacement - Update

Transportation & Environmental Services is working with the RPCA will hire a consultant to assist the City from public participation in design through construction activities. Funding is available for Bulkhead replacement in FY 2015 and FY 2016. *Summary scope attached.*

Community Meeting with Laurie Olin, Landscape Architect, The Olin Studio

On October 15, Laurie Olin, Landscape Architect, spoke at a community meeting on waterfront design. The City has chosen The Olin Studio to work with engineering firm URS Corporation (who will provide flood mitigation design), to begin development of the landscape and flood mitigation design for Alexandria's waterfront. At the event, Mr. Olin discussed his philosophy in designing vibrant, sustainable public parks and spaces. In addition, he used examples from his award-winning portfolio to show how public places can be alluring, functional, and through good design, can transition effectively between passive and active uses. The discussion is available online by visiting http://alexandria.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=29&coa_clip_id=2585&coa_view_id=29.

Park Naming

On October 19, 2013, City Council unanimously approved the naming of the Braddock Fields the *Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park* and the naming of the Duron Building, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave, The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park.

Public Hearing on Waterfront Plan Implementation

The Alexandria City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, at 6 p.m., in City Hall (301 King St.). The purpose of the Special Meeting is to provide a discussion and public hearing to examine the City's options, including eminent domain, for 1) implementing the approved Waterfront Small Area Plan and 2) resolving a longstanding dispute with the Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) concerning the Club's parking lot and adjacent areas.

The disputed property is located in a key area of the Waterfront Plan. For additional information see the Directors Report or visit http://alexandriava.gov/news_display.aspx?id=74860.

Oronoco Bay Observation Deck Placement Project

As identified in the Annual Waterfront Commission Waterfront Walk, the southern observation deck at Oronoco Pay Park (Pendleton and Union Streets) received repairs and seating was added.



Waterfront District Summary Audit Report – Park Standards

Q1 => Q2 Comparison:

Park	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Change
Founders	15	11	-4
Montgomery	15	5	-10
Oronoco Bay	49	23	-26
Rivergate	9	6	-3
Small Parks	34	17	-17
Waterfront	9	9	0
Windmill Hill	48	25	-23
Totals	179	96	83

Community Event Calendar: October through November

Oct 26, 2013	Sat	8:00 AM	Alexandria 5K Community event and fundraiser.
Oct 26, 2013	Sat	8:30 AM	Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Event to raise money for the Alexandria Breast Cancer Fund. Location at the Patent and Trademark Office. Merchandise sales.
Oct 26, 2013	Sat	12:00 PM	Fall Festival at Four Mile Run Center Festival geared for families to have an afternoon of fun with food; carnival games; arts and craft; music and a costume parade.
Oct 27, 2013	Sun	10:00 AM	The Scrub Pines Performance Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market
Nov 1, 2013	Fri	6:00 AM	Chinquapin Reopens for Public Use Center reopens to the public.
Nov 2, 2013	Sat	10:00 AM	Chinquapin Park Recreation Center Re-opening The Department Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities welcomes the community back to Chinquapin Park Recreation Center with its Welcome Back Party.
Nov 10, 2013	Sun	6:45 AM	Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon (RESCHEDULED) Foot race from Mt. Vernon to Old Town to National Harbor. POSTPONED FROM OCTOBER 6
Nov 17, 2013	Sun	9:00 AM	U S A T F 12k National Road Race Championship National Road Race Championship and open race presented by the USA Track & Field. Race route held within the City
Nov 23, 2013	Sat	8:00 AM	Run For Shelter 10k, 5k And 1 Mile Fun Run This event will benefit the Carpenters Shelte. The event will begin and end at Swamp Fox Rd and Eisenhower Ave.
Nov 28, 2013	Thu	9:00 AM	Alexandria Turkey Trot Foot race fundraiser sponsored by Delray Business Association and DC Road Runners
Nov 29, 2013	Fri	6:00 PM	Annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony Program includes welcome by the Town Crier, the Mayor and City Council, the official City tree is lighted, holiday music and performance, and a visit by Santa.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

SUMMARY OF SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN OF THE WINDMILL HILL BULKHEAD

I. Background & Description

As a part of the City of Alexandria's (City) waterfront improvement plan, the City's Transportation and Environmental Services Department (T&ES) is soliciting proposals to provide engineering services for the design and replacement of the Windmill Hill Park Bulkhead.

There has been a history of dialogue between City representatives, residents, and park users, and the City desires a design that accommodates both City and community needs. This mixed-accommodation plan is represented in a City Council Approved Concept Plan (dated 2003), which is intended to be used as a basis for the project design. However, the concept phase of design development shall involve exploring additional design options, including a natural shoreline. The proposed alternatives must be developed in consultation with the community.

II. Scope

Conceptual designs shall be developed and shall include alternatives that maintain current uses, for example, access to the water for dogs. The conceptual designs shall also consider a living shoreline component, natural habitat creation, a possible kayak launch, and erosion control adjacent to the dog park area.

Once the conceptual design has been approved, the project will proceed to final design, permitting and construction. The City is seeking a consultant to provide services from conceptual design through construction. Phase I of the project will include preliminary studies, community engagement, development of conceptual design alternatives, development of permitting strategy and development of construction cost estimates. The conceptual design alternatives shall include bulkhead improvement options consistent with the Council-Approved Concept Plan (dated 2003), a natural shoreline alternative, and a third alternative to be developed by the Consultant.

The following are some of the key issues and challenges of this design effort:

- **Effective Community Engagement/Outreach Program** – The purpose of this project is to improve the bulkhead and, by considering public input, public support will be fostered. The Consultant shall take the lead in conveying the components of the proposed design at various public meetings throughout the

design process including but not limited to: with residents of Ford's Landing and Harborside Townhomes, Waterfront Commission Meetings, At-Large Community Meetings, City Council Briefings and City Council Public Hearings. Coordination should occur so as not to conflict with outreach schedules for other City projects, paying particular attention to schedules for projects associated with the Waterfront SAP implementation process. The Consultant shall record all comments received from these meetings and will evaluate the possible incorporation into the conceptual design. The community engagement strategy shall be consistent with the City's *What's Next Alexandria Handbook for Civic Engagement*.

- Permitting – This project will require permitting from agencies, such as the Army Corp of Engineers and Virginia Marine Resource Commission. The Consultant will identify and develop a strategy for obtaining all required permits.
- Submerged obstructions within the Potomac River, including but not limited to archaeological artifacts, must be located and identified.
- Verifying the presence of any buried utility underwater and adjacent to the bulkhead will be required.
- Environmental Impact – Minimizing the impact to the natural wildlife, both on-shore and aquatic will be required.

III. Tasks

The first phase of work will be the preparation of conceptual design plans. Three conceptual designs shall be developed, presented to the public, and, ultimately, one conceptual design will be approved by City Council.

The following project phases will be included in this contract. Each phase will be awarded to the consultant as a separate task.

- Phase I: Conceptual design / alternative selection;
- Phase II: Final Design and Permitting;
- Phase III: Construction Phase Services

Phase I – Conceptual Design and Alternative Selection

The preparation of three alternative conceptual designs and their associated construction cost estimates shall be prepared under Phase I. Additionally, a complete (design and permitting through construction) project schedule will be developed for each alternative.

The Consultant shall develop design packages for each of the three alternatives. The packages shall include:

- Proposed and existing grading.
- Location of proposed improvements and their coordination with existing systems.
- Proposed limits of construction, including potential staging areas, so that impacts to adjacent properties can be evaluated.

- A critical-path phasing plan that identifies the necessary order of construction and all critical project elements (i.e., outreach and permitting).
- Permitting requirements necessary for construction of proposed improvements and a strategy and critical-path timeline for obtaining the permits.
- Design and construction cost estimates.
- Schedule for implementation of each alternative including design, permitting, and construction.

Phase II. – Final Design and Permitting

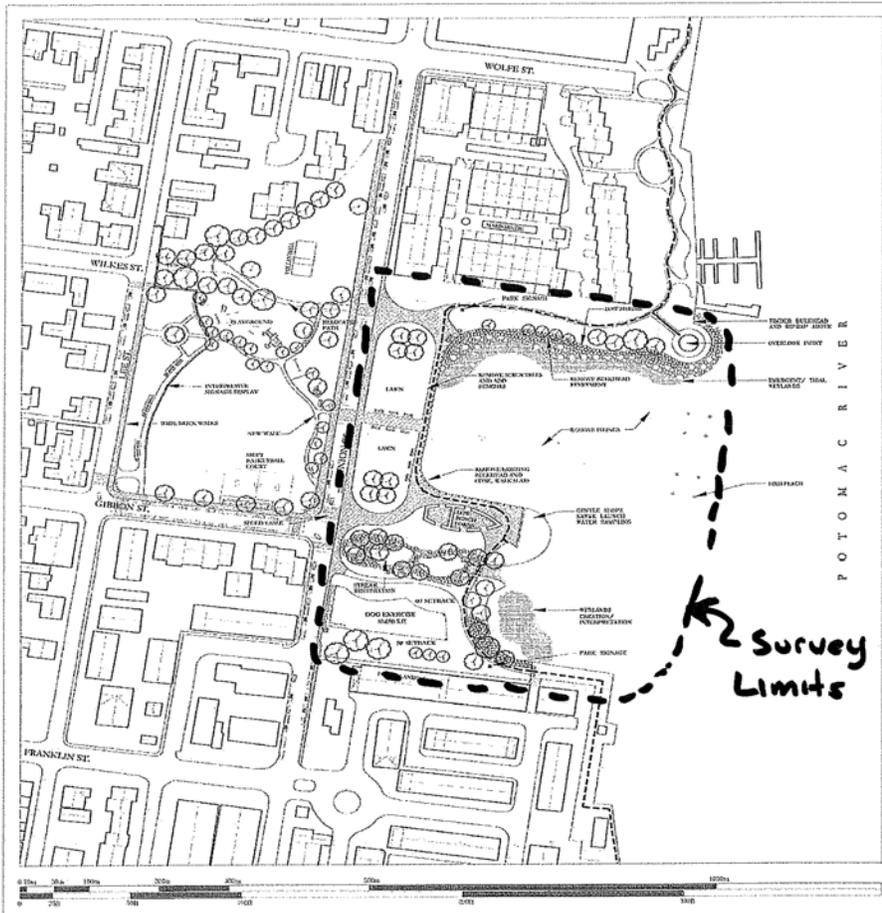
Upon approval of a conceptual design alternative by City Council, the task order will be issued for Phase II design and permitting services. The scope of the Phase II Task Order shall be developed based on the selected concept.

Phase III. – Construction Support Services

A Task Order for Construction Services will be issued once the final bid documents are complete and advertised for bid. These Construction Services shall include technical support during construction, response to requests for information, review of submittals and other appropriate services.

IV. Estimated Project Schedule

Notice To Proceed:	January 2, 2014
Phase I Completion (Alternative Selection):	Fall 2014
Phase II Final Design Completion	Spring 2016
Phase III Construction	Begin Summer 2016




WINDMILL HILL PARK
APPROVED CONCEPT PLAN
 APRIL 12, 2003


 CITY OF ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENT OF
 PARKS AND RECREATION

*THIS PLAN DOES NOT ALLOW FOR PEDESTRIAN BOARDWALK AT WATERFRONT TO SEPARATE PEDESTRIANS FROM THE DOG EXERCISE AREA.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2013

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
BETHANY A. CARTON, ASLA PARK PLANNER
LAURA D. DURHAM, CITY OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR
DAVID H. GHEZZI, AIA LEED AP ARCHITECT
JUDY LO, ASLA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
DANA W. WEDELES, AICP PARK PLANNER
RON M. KAGAWA, ASLA LEED AP DIVISION CHIEF

ITEM: ACTIVITIES UPDATE, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2013
OVERVIEW OF SELECTED PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

Division activities update items are attached:

1. Active Park Projects including Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Update of Selected Projects
2. Active Capital Facilities Maintenance Projects (CFMP) Report – Update on Selected Projects
3. Chinquapin HVAC Renovation – Progress Update Memorandum
4. Revised Schedule and Process for Updating Recommendations for Continued Implementation of the Open Space Master Plan

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Active Park Planning Projects

Friday, October 18, 2013

4:55:50 PM

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
VDOT				
	Freedman's Cemetery	LD RMK DG	90% Construction	01-Apr-14
	Notes: Issues with plaza stonework. City is seeking new quarry for stonework materials. Project completion is based on quarry availability and not as yet determined. Grand dedication is on hold.			
RPCA				
	Boothe Park Playground Renovations	JL, BC, RMK	90% CD	28-Mar-14
	Notes: Minor Site Plan Amendment approval anticipated October 2013. ITB issued 10/11/13. Anticipate completion of construction in June, 2014.			
	Chinquapin Feasibility Study	RMK LD	in progress	30-Apr-14
	Notes: Funding allocated on July 1. Solicitation released Sept. 6, 2013.			
	Four Mile Run Park Extension	LD	100% Construction	15-Jul-12
	Notes: Raingardens installed June 2013. Park furnishings to be installed Fall 2013.			
	Four Mile Run Restoration	Dana/Ron	30% CD	01-Sep-15
	Notes: Re-design of bank and wetland restoration underway, per EPA approval on 3/14/13. Funds are available until Sept 2015. Site 3 design at 15% CD - 30% CD due Sept. 30.			
	Ft Ward Park	LD		31-Jan-14
	Notes: Lardner/Klein began work May 2013 on management plan. URS began work June 2013 on stormwater master plan.			
	Hooffs Run Playground Renovation	Judy	Concept Design	31-Aug-14
	Notes: Community meeting held on June 24. Concept Plan complete. Opens houses held October 3 and 30.			
	Landbay K	BC RMK	90% Construction	14-Dec-13
	Notes: Construction underway. Park construction completion expected late fall 2013. North Pond to be separated and complete Winter 2013/2014. Maintenance Transfer in progress.			
	Large Park Planning	DW LD	50% Complete	01-Dec-13
	Notes: Plan refinement underway, based on public comment. Revised plans to go to PRC in November and City Council in December.			
	Phase II Improvements	Judy, Laura	10% Solicitatiion	31-Dec-13
	Notes: MOU with Del Ray Civic Association signed summer 2013. Funds allocated in September. Solicitation thereafter for Spring, 2014 construction.			
	Stevenson Picnic Shelter	Judy	100%	30-Aug-13
	Notes: Work complete. Pending invoicing.			
ACPS				

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Jefferson-Houston	DW RMK, DHG	20% Construction	01-Sep-15
	Notes: Construction underway. Completion anticipated September, 2015. Building will be constructed in plan phases. Foundations are complete, ready for concrete slab pours and steel erection.			
	Patrick Henry Recreation Center Renovat	RK BC	5%	01-Jun-16
	Notes: ACPS school replacement study community meetings on-going.			



Active Rec CFMP Projects

Parks, Recreation + Cultural Activities

October 17, 2013

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete	Actual Cost
FY 2013	Replace Fan Coil Unit	CB-13-01	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%	\$1,850.00
FY 2013	Replace Gym Floor	CB-13-04	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%	\$32,110.00
FY 2013	Replace RTU's	CK-13-02	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%	\$129,198.00
FY 2013	New Ceiling/Lighting in Locker Rooms, Life Guard & Pool Office, & Fitness Rooms	CN-13-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-	
FY 2013	Paint Gym	MV-13-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	\$5,350.00
FY 2013	Kitchen Renovations	MV-13-02	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	\$14,200.00
FY 2013	Replace Millwork - New Base Cabinets & Locks	NL-13-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2013	Regrade and Re-pave exterior area to stop water intrusion.	WR-13-02	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%	\$25,000
FY 2014	Restrooms Upgrade	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	RFP in Procurement	-0-	
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	CK-14-03	Cora Kelly Center	PO Complete	-0-	
FY 2014	HVAC Commissioning	CK-14-02	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	Gym Doors Replacment	CK-14-04	Cora Kelly Center	RFP to Procurement	-0-	
FY 2014	New HVAC Controls	CK-14-05	Cora Kelly Center	Reviewing Estimates	-0-	
FY 2014	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph I	CN-14-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Completed FY12	100%	
FY 2014	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-14-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-	
FY 2014	Fabric Acoustic Panels	OD-14-03	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	HVAC Work	LC-14-03	Lee Center	PO Complete	-0-	
FY 2014	Fire Alarm Upgrade	LC-14-05	Lee Center	In Design	-0-	

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete	Actual Cost
FY 2014	Restroom Renovations	LC-14-04	Lee Center	RFP to Procurement	-0-	
FY 2014	HVAC Unit Replacement	MV-14-01	Mt. Vernon Center	In Design	-0-	
FY 2014	Resurface Gym Floor	MV-14-03	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	Repair Curtain Motor, Gym	MV-14-04	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	MV-14-05	Mt. Vernon Center	Ordered/Dec.	-0-	
FY 2014	Gym Floor Resurface	NL-14-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	Gym Curtain	NL-14-03	Nannie J. Lee Center	Ordered/Nov.	-0-	
FY 2014	New Reception Counter	NL-14-04	Nannie J. Lee Center	In Design	-0-	
FY 2014	Gym Bleacher Replacement	NL-14-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	Canceled		
FY 2014	Replace Damaged Dance Floor	WR-14-01	William Ramsay Center	REQ Out	-0-	

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2013

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: LAURA DURHAM, OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES

ITEM: REVISED SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR UPDATING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

ISSUE: Park and Recreation Commission receipt of the revised schedule and process for updating the recommendations for continued implementation of the 2003 Open Space Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

In June, 2012 the Park and Recreation Commission received an Open Space Master Plan 2003-2013 Implementation Status Report and Recommendations for Future Action. The memorandum outlined a process and schedule for the consideration of a new open space acreage target, as well as for submitting a new ten year (2014-2024) implementation plan to City Council. At that time, staff projected a City Council discussion on open space in late fall/early winter 2013.

DISCUSSION:

Based on interdepartmental discussions over the summer and fall, a revised schedule was established in order to thoroughly research and discuss recommendations for ongoing implementation of the Open Space Plan. The timeline also outlines opportunities for engaging the public. Between October 2013 and January 2014, an interdepartmental staff group will be meeting bi-weekly, covering each of the 15 Open Space Plan Goals. Along with this internal work, the public stakeholder schedule includes the following:

- **October 2013** – Update on 2003-2013 Open Space Master Plan Implementation memo to Boards/Commissions and City Council
- **November 2013** - Update on 2003-2013 Open Space Master Plan Implementation memo posted online with public comment board
- **December 2013** – Online Survey “What’s Next for Open Space”
- **February 2014** – Open Space Summit on best practices, draft recommendations 2014-2024 implementation, and information/updates on related planning efforts (Waterfront and other Small Area Plans, Stormwater Policy, Natural Resource Management Planning, Urban Forestry Plan, etc.)

- **April 2014** – Recommendations for 2014-2024 Open Space Master Plan Implementation to City Council

Based on public comments and discussion this winter, the schedule for the Open Space Summit and City Council report is flexible, but with a goal of City Council adoption of a 2014-2024 implementation plan in the spring of 2014.

STAFF:

Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2013
TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN, & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
ITEM: CHINQUAPIN RECREATION CENTER HVAC PROJECT - UPDATE

ISSUE: Staff update to the Park and Recreation Commission regarding progress on the Chinquapin Recreation Center HVAC Project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receives the staff memorandum and materials as an information update.

BACKGROUND: Chinquapin Recreation and Aquatics Facility, 3210 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, is currently closed for renovation and upgrades to the HVAC system with architectural improvements.

DISCUSSION: As a means of keeping the general public informed on progress, Staff is providing Community and General Public Project Updates using the Department's website. A photographic journal of construction progress from September 14, 2013 through work currently underway at the facility. The journal is updated weekly.

The complete journal may be found at:

<http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=70502>

CONSTRUCTION WORK CURRENT UPDATE:

The following items have been completed or are planned to complete this week:

- HVAC units installed and prepped for startup next week;
- Boiler in the mechanical room installed and pumps started. Testing in progress.
- All pre-inspection components of the ceiling installed. Inspection begins October 11, 2013.
- Painting in all areas and should be substantially complete in the locker rooms this week;
- Furniture installation in administration area complete.

Upcoming work for this week, October 15th through 18th (per confirmation of General Services):

- HVAC units start-up, testing and initiation of commissioning;
- Mechanical room piping, completion and equipment start-up;

- Complete all painting and finishes;
- Final cleaning;
- Install penthouse louvers and remove skylight screens;
- Preparation for storefront installation as scheduled for October 21, 2013.

Additional comments (per RPCA):

- New 39” LED HDTV flat-screen will be mounted below ceiling near the main reception desk to provide public with continuous RPCA bulletins for upcoming programs, special announcements, and events. Similar flat-screens will be provided at all recreation centers and facilities throughout the City.
- RPCA has selected Tawny Tan, a neutral color, for all interior spaces. The existing blue and maroon painted interior surfaces will be refinished in the new color.
- New fiberglass sand-filter tank was installed this month in the pool mechanical room. The new tank replaces two defective existing steel tanks.
- The pool water was drained to accommodate the new filter tank installation and allow for annual routine maintenance and repairs. Work is complete; the pool is refilled and ready for use.
- RPCA will coordinate final cleaning of the facility and sterilization of infants play room later this month and prior to reopening.
- RPCA is currently working with the Department of General Services (DGS) for installation of a new exhaust fan in the existing pool mechanical room.

Chinquapin Recreation and Aquatics Center’s HVAC Renovations and Upgrades Project remains scheduled for completion with return to normal operation on November 1, 2013.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Copy of updated photo journal. Complete photos are available on the City’s website.

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Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
Department of General Services
City of Alexandria, Virginia



Chinquapin Park Recreation Center HVAC Renovations and Upgrades 2013

Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
UPDATE October 17, 2013

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
PHOTO JOURNAL**

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



All new roof curbs completed;
roof work prep completed.



Ladies locker room mechanical
equipment in place.



Mezzanine area pipe and
insulated duct installation.



Locker room new roof top
equipment in place.

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



Siemens company's systems control technician on site.



2 x 2 acoustical ceiling installation in progress at admin. area.



Ceiling grid system completed in admin area.



Ceiling tiles delivered and stored on site.

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



Duct to underside of natatorium ERUs.



Large ducts in place with piping, control wiring and power installation.



Locker room rooftop unit in place with piping.



RTU#3 rooftop curb in place.

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



Gentlemen's locker room unit.



Pipe-fitting in progress.



Piping to ERUs in progress.



Mechanical room work nearing completion.

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



Moving back into Admin; #1



Moving back into Prog. Suite.



Moving back into Admin; #2



Pool mechanical room: Remove existing sand filter tanks.

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



Restoring manager's office.



Roof top unit connected.



New rooftop unit RTU#3 in-place; connections in progress.



New 2x2 acoustical ceiling tiles in-place at lower level corridor.

September 12th through October 4th

New Construction Work:



New boilers in place.



Boiler pipe-work completed.

Project Costs and Scope of Work:

Chinquapin Recreation Center's HVAC Renovations and Upgrades is actually two projects within one!

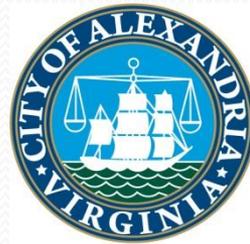
- I. HVAC Work: This concerns replacement of major mechanical components, equipment, ductwork, piping, and roof top units with new. The new system will increase patron comfort throughout the center. Additionally, completed work will allow remote control system access for immediate adjustment of settings.

- II. Architectural Work: This concerns replacement and improvement of various architectural systems. New work includes installation of new storefront for the pool office, new south entrance, storefront system for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), new vented all-metal lockers at men's and women's locker rooms, and other miscellaneous improvements such as new ceilings, new paint finish, and new signage.

Total HVAC Work	\$1.5 million dollars
Total Architectural Work	\$465 thousand dollars
Project Budget.....	\$2.0 million dollars.



Thank you for your patience!



Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
Department of General Services
City of Alexandria, Virginia

DATE: 10-14-13

TO: Judy Guse-Noritake,
Chair, Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Thomas Mulcahy
Construction Program Manager, Planning Design and Construction Office

VIA: Ron Kagawa
Division Chief, Park Planning, Design + Capital Development
Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

CC: William E Finn
Director, Educational Facilities Office

SUBJECT: TC William Tennis Courts Project Update

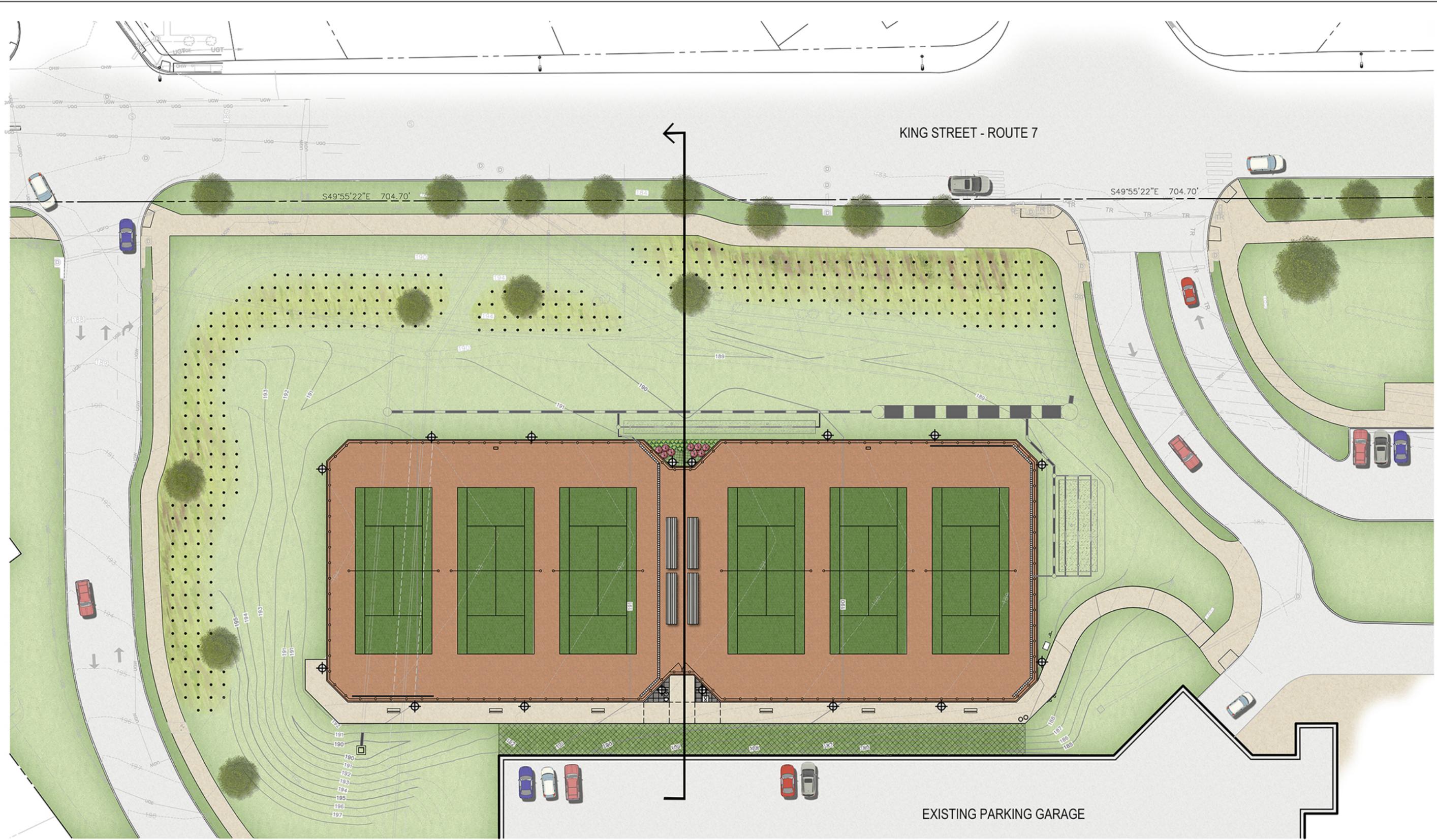
Pursuant to the Memorandum dated May 13th, 2013, ACPS would like to ask the Park and Recreation Commission (P&RC) for a Memorandum of Support for the T.C. William Tennis Courts project.

Since the last P&RC presentation, significant design progress has been achieved. ACPS staff (with support from City RPCA and P&Z) held several community and civic association meetings to further refine the proposed tennis courts layout at T.C. Williams High School. As a result of these meetings, the following design improvements were made:

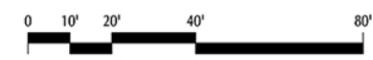
- the courts were shifted closer to the parking garage allowing for an enhanced buffer of a 110' setback from the property line along King Street (70' required) and a 140' setback from the nearest property line on the eastern border
- decreased amount of impervious court surface
- pedestrian circulation improvement to a wider sidewalk along the length of the court that allows additional bench seating
- added trench sand filters to the Stormwater Management system
- Reduced the height of the light poles to 30' (vs. 50') poles (16 poles in total)

The project will be presented for approvals to the City Planning Commission and City Council on December 3rd and 14th, respectively.

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TC WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL



TENNIS COURTS
PLAN VIEW
09.23.2013 Scale: 1"=20'



City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: AQUATICS IN ALEXANDRIA

ITEM:

This memorandum provides additional information regarding planning efforts for aquatics. City Council determined in the FY14-2023 to fund \$25 million pool facilities. A new 50-meter indoor pool at Chinguapin was the only facility specifically identified. Current FY2014 funding of \$500,000 supports a site feasibility study for Chinguapin. Additionally, Council approved operating funds for Warwick Pool for the 2013 season only.

BACKGROUND:

The 2012 Aquatics Facilities Study, completed by the firms of Kimley-Horn and Councilman-Hunsaker, identified a series of recommendations to meet the existing and future aquatic needs in Alexandria, as well as to reduce the current subsidy per pool user/visit borne by the City today. The study recommended a three-pool system, including two outdoor family aquatic centers and one indoor facility. In addition, the study recommended other specialty facilities, including one therapeutic pool, one smaller outdoor neighborhood pool and the conversion of three existing (currently closed) pools to spraygrounds and an interactive fountain. The total construction cost of the recommendations was \$48,655,000. Implementation of the study recommendations would decrease that current user subsidy per pool visit from \$9.17 to \$2.85.

DISCUSSION:

The approved FY2014-2023 CIP includes \$20 million for aquatic facilities at Chinguapin, including funds for a feasibility study related to a new 50m competition pool (\$17.5 million in City funding supplemented by \$2.5 million in private capital contributions). In addition, \$5 million for "Aquatics Facilities to be Determined" is planned for FY2018. Given the current condition of the City's outdoor pools (with the exception of Charles Houston), it is important to determine and plan for the use of these funds in the near future.

Key points to consider at this time are:

- City Council approved Warwick Pool operation for the summer of 2013. If the pool is to operate again in 2014 several capital maintenance repairs need to occur. The pool will not meet ADA requirements without significant renovations. To renovate the existing pool, the estimated cost is \$887,702.

- Ewald, Colosanto, and Nannie J. Lee pools are closed. The expense to renovate these sites will not create significant new capacity to serve public demand. Operation of these facilities is depends on significant City subsidy. If new investment is feasible, these sites should contain newer aquatic features to meet current market needs and facilitate greater cost recovery.
- Old Town Pool is our most highly used outdoor pool. There is potential to meet demand better through renovation and expansion. This would bring newer facilities to meet a broader range of aquatic user group needs. The facility would be less subsidy dependent and able to support expansion of service.
- The public, consultant report, and staff recommendation support a west end aquatic facility. Collectively we need to determine a possible location and facility type.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities worked with consultants and the community to prepare a 2012 City of Alexandria Aquatics Facilities Study. Subsequently, City Council decided on a funding level for aquatic projects in the FY2014-2023 Capital Improvement Plan. Further City Council guidance is needed regarding the status of Warwick Pool, determination of projects for the \$5 million approved for general aquatics projects, and the future of a west end facility. Staff will continue to work with City Council and aquatics stakeholders to further develop and implement adequate aquatics facilities in Alexandria.

ATTACHMENT: RPCA Staff recommendations and alternatives

STAFF:

Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager
Tom Gates, Deputy City Manager / Chief of Staff
James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator

Attachment 1: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Aquatic Facilities Alternatives

Chinquapin Pool

- *Consultant Recommendation:*
 - Replace Chinquapin Recreation Center with 25y x 25m Pool and Leisure Pool
 - Estimated Cost: \$28,366,000
- *Alternative 1:*
 - Construct new community recreation and aquatics center to replace existing center
 - Construct adjacent new three tier parking structure for 150 automobiles
 - Estimated Cost: \$29,818,030 - \$31,977,770
- *Alternative 2:*
 - Convert existing non-regulation/competition, to lap pool, leisure pool (with size modifications), and new diving well.
 - Construct separate new competition natatorium on site to house new full size competition pool with requisite support areas and connect existing and new facilities
 - Construct adjacent new three tier parking structure for 150 automobiles
 - Estimated Cost: \$16,815,990 - \$19,479,380
- *Alternative 3:*
 - Modify the existing building and structural system by adding 8,000 SF floor area.
 - Demolish and remove existing non-regulation/competition pool plus diving well and leisure pool.
 - Construct new regulation size pool, new leisure pool and new diving well.
 - Estimated Cost: \$7,795,070 - \$10,000,000
- *Alternative 4:*
 - Study feasibility and, if feasible, construct a separate 25y x 50m pool, renovate existing pool to a recreational pool.
 - Estimated Cost: \$20,000,000

Warwick Pool

- *Consultant Recommendation:*
 - Upgrade Warwick Park with Sprayground
 - Estimated Cost: \$2,450,000
- *Alternative 1:*
 - Demolish and remove existing children's pool only
 - Construct new interactive spray ground.
 - Construct new site access paths with landscaping.
 - Renovate and upgrade existing main pool and diving well.
 - Renovate existing bathhouse and pool deck
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,928,730 - \$2,356,760

- *Alternative 2:*
 - Demolish and remove existing children's pool and existing main pool
 - Construct new interactive spray ground.
 - Construct new site access paths with landscaping.
 - Renovate existing bathhouse and pool deck
 - Construct new minimum park facility building for spray ground support
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,798,180 - \$2,097,730
- *Alternative 3:*
 - Minor repairs to the existing children's pool, main pool, and bathhouse
 - Transfer of programming and maintenance to local non-profit organization via sub-lease
 - Estimated Cost: \$843,520 - \$1,029,790
- *Alternative 4:*
 - Demolish and remove existing children's pool and existing main pool
 - Construct new small (community) recreation pool (1,900 SF) and new pool deck
 - Renovate existing bathhouse
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,279,327 - \$1,546,532

West Side Pool

- *Consultant Recommendation:*
 - Add West Side Pool with Medium Family Aquatic Center
 - Estimated Cost: \$5,300,000
 - Upgrade Ewald Park with Sprayground
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,995,000
- *Alternative 1:*
 - Construct medium-size aquatics facility in Brenman Park
 - Estimated Cost: \$11,262,795

Lee Center

- *Consultant Recommendation:*
 - Replace Lee with Indoor Wellness/Therapy Pool
 - Estimated Cost: \$3,370,000
- *Alternative 1:*
 - Demolish and remove existing pool
 - Construct new interactive therapeutic spray ground with overhead canopy
 - Estimated Cost: \$924,130 - \$1,109,720
- *Alternative 2:*
 - Demolish and remove existing pool
 - Construct new therapeutic pool with overhead canopy
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,103,130 - \$1,329,220

Old Town Pool

- *Consultant Recommendation:*
 - Replace Old Town Pool with Medium Family Aquatic Center
 - Estimated Cost: \$5,510,000
- *Alternative 1:*
 - Demolish and remove existing children's training pool and construct new leisure pool with play features
 - Renovate existing main pool
 - Replace and upgrade outdoor pool deck
 - Renovate and upgrade existing bathhouse
 - Estimated Cost: \$1,111,560 - \$1,217,730
- *Alternative 2:*
 - Demolish and remove existing children's training pool and construct new leisure pool with play features
 - Demolish and remove existing main pool and construct new competition/lap pool
 - Replace and upgrade outdoor pool deck
 - Renovate and upgrade existing bathhouse
 - Estimated Cost: \$3,173,880 - \$3,720,500

Colasanto

- *Consultant Recommendation:*
 - Upgrade Colasanto with Interactive Fountain
 - Estimated Cost: \$832,000

Chinquapin Aquatics Center - Alternate 1



Chinquapin Aquatics Center - Alternate 2



Chinquapin Aquatics Center - Alternate 3



Warwick Pool - Alternate 1



Sanborn Pl.

Replace Existing Pool Deck

Existing Playground

Renovate Existing Lap Pool and Diving Well

Renovate Existing Community Building

Demolish Existing Childrens Pool

New Access Paths

New Interactive Spray-ground

New Deck

Landover St.

Existing Parking Lot



Warwick Pool - Alternate 2



Sanborn Pl.

Existing Playground

New Interactive Spray-ground

Replace Existing Community Building w/ Small Facility Support Building - One Story

Demolish Existing Childrens Pool

New Pool Deck

approx. 2000 s.f.

Existing Parking Lot

Landover St.



Warwick Pool - Alternate 3
Existing to Remain as is

Sanborn Pl.

Existing
Playground

Existing
Pool

Landover St.

Existing
Parking Lot



Warwick Pool - Alternate 4



Sanborn Pl.

Existing
Playground
to Remain

Demolish
Existing Lap
Pool and
Diving Well

New Community
Recreation Pool

New Deck

Demolish
Existing
Childrens
Pool

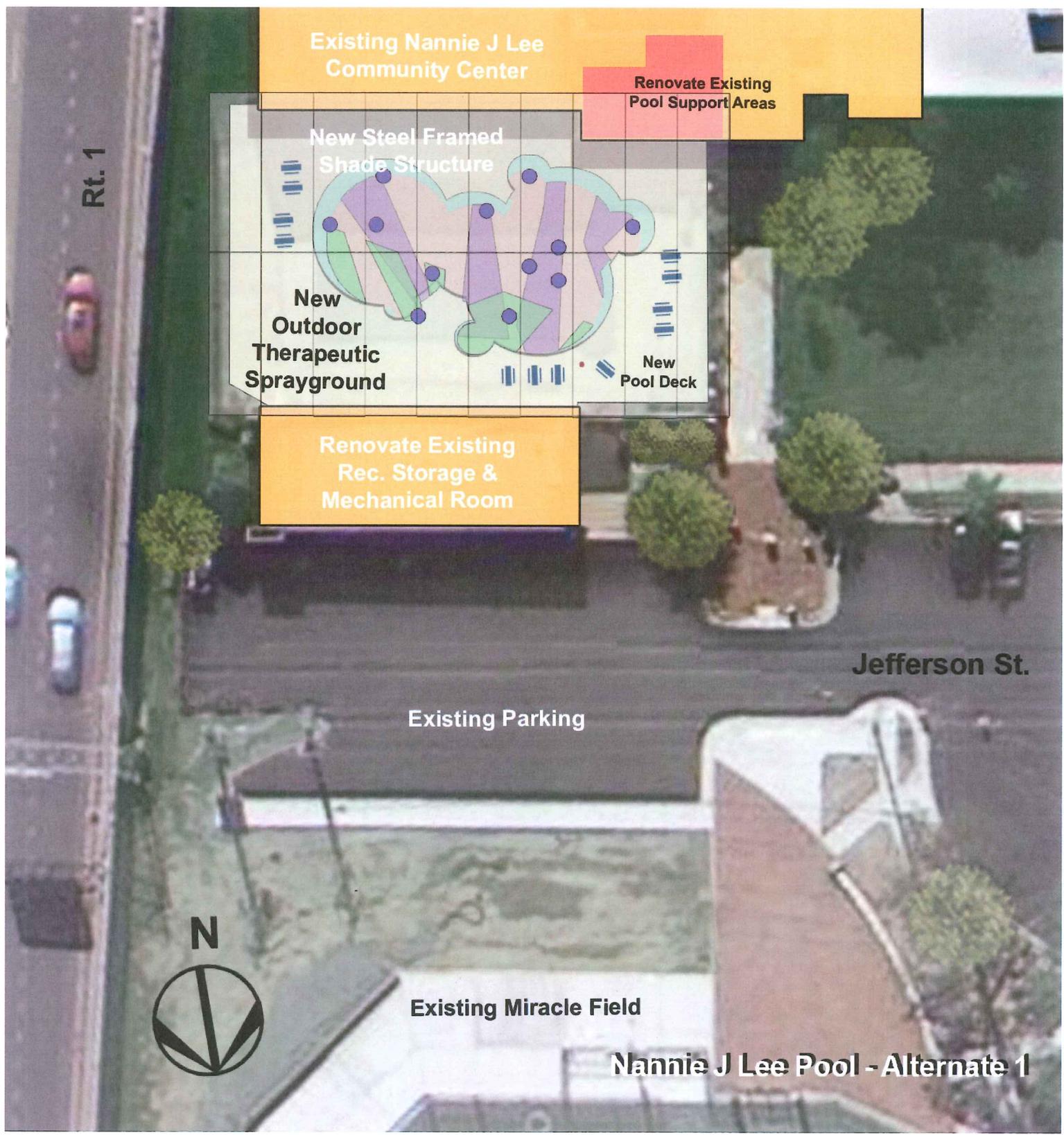
Renovate
Existing
Community
Building

New
Access
Paths

Landover St.

Existing
Parking Lot





Existing Nannie J Lee
Community Center

Renovate Existing
Pool Support Areas

New Steel Framed
Shade Structure

New
Outdoor
Therapeutic
Sprayground

New
Pool Deck

Renovate Existing
Rec. Storage &
Mechanical Room

Existing Parking

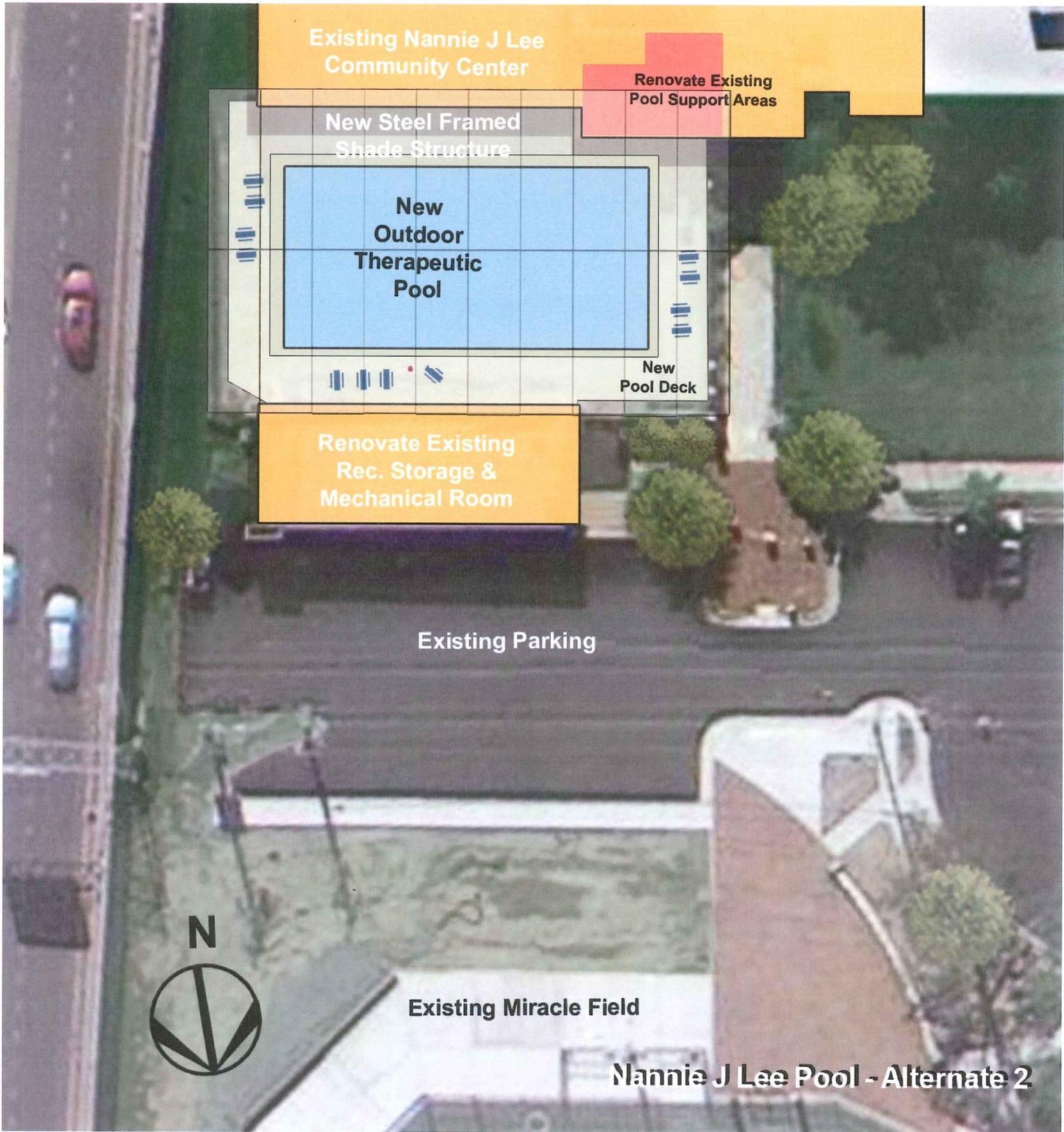
Jefferson St.

Existing Miracle Field

Nannie J Lee Pool - Alternate 1

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Existing Nannie J Lee
Community Center

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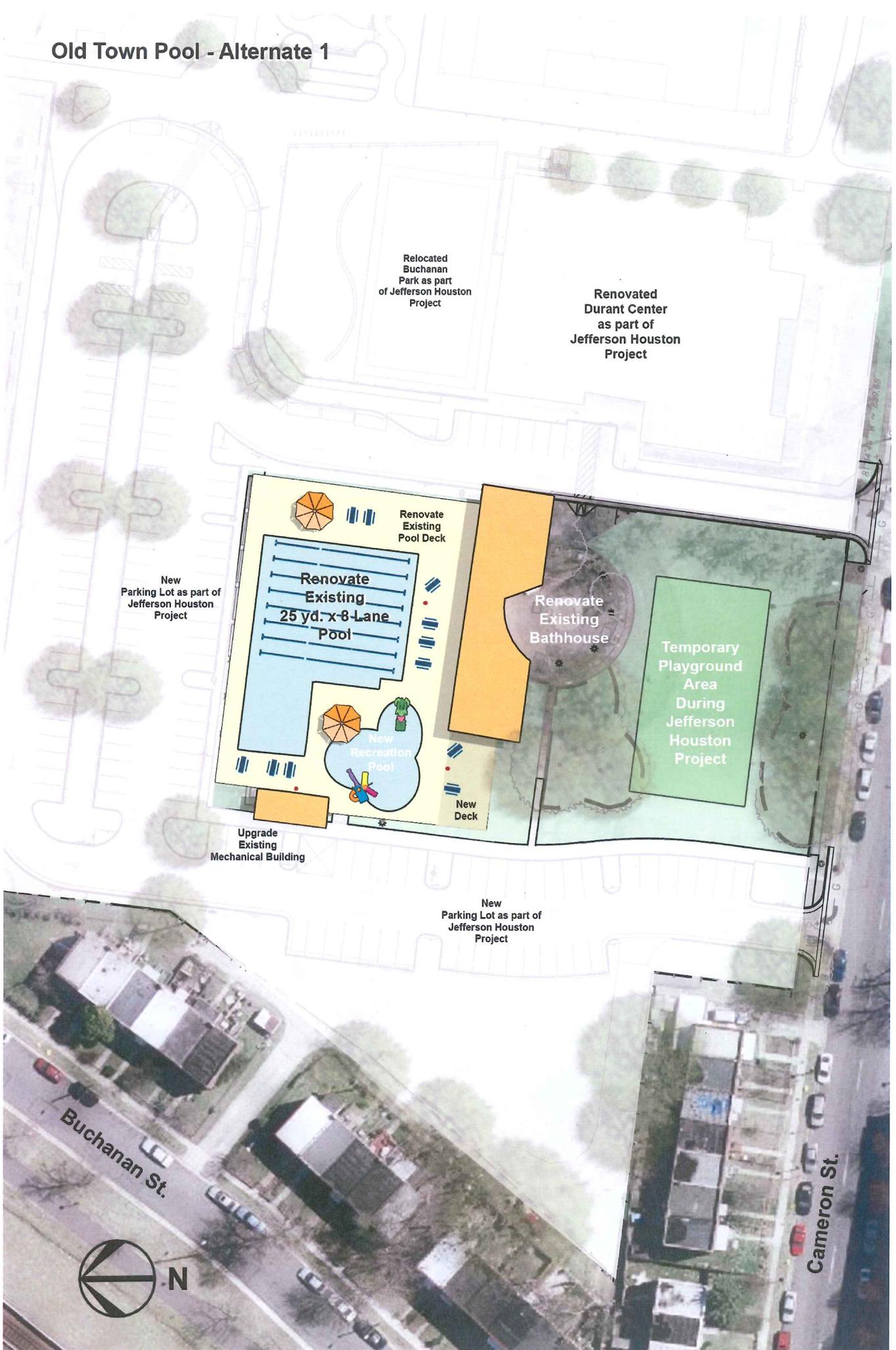
Existing Parking



Existing Miracle Field

Nannie J Lee Pool - Alternate 2

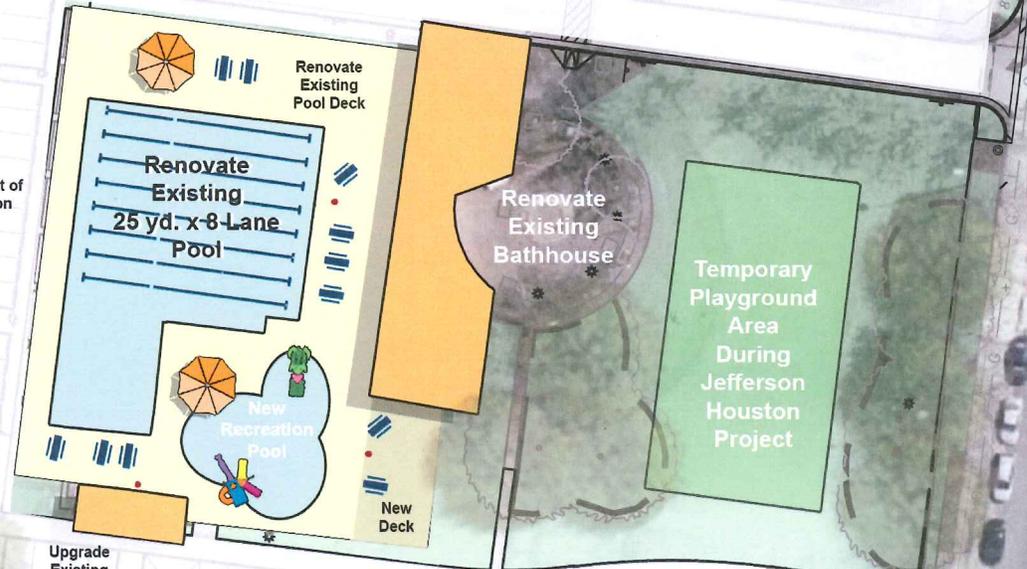
Old Town Pool - Alternate 1



Relocated
Buchanan
Park as part
of Jefferson Houston
Project

Renovated
Durant Center
as part of
Jefferson Houston
Project

New
Parking Lot as part of
Jefferson Houston
Project



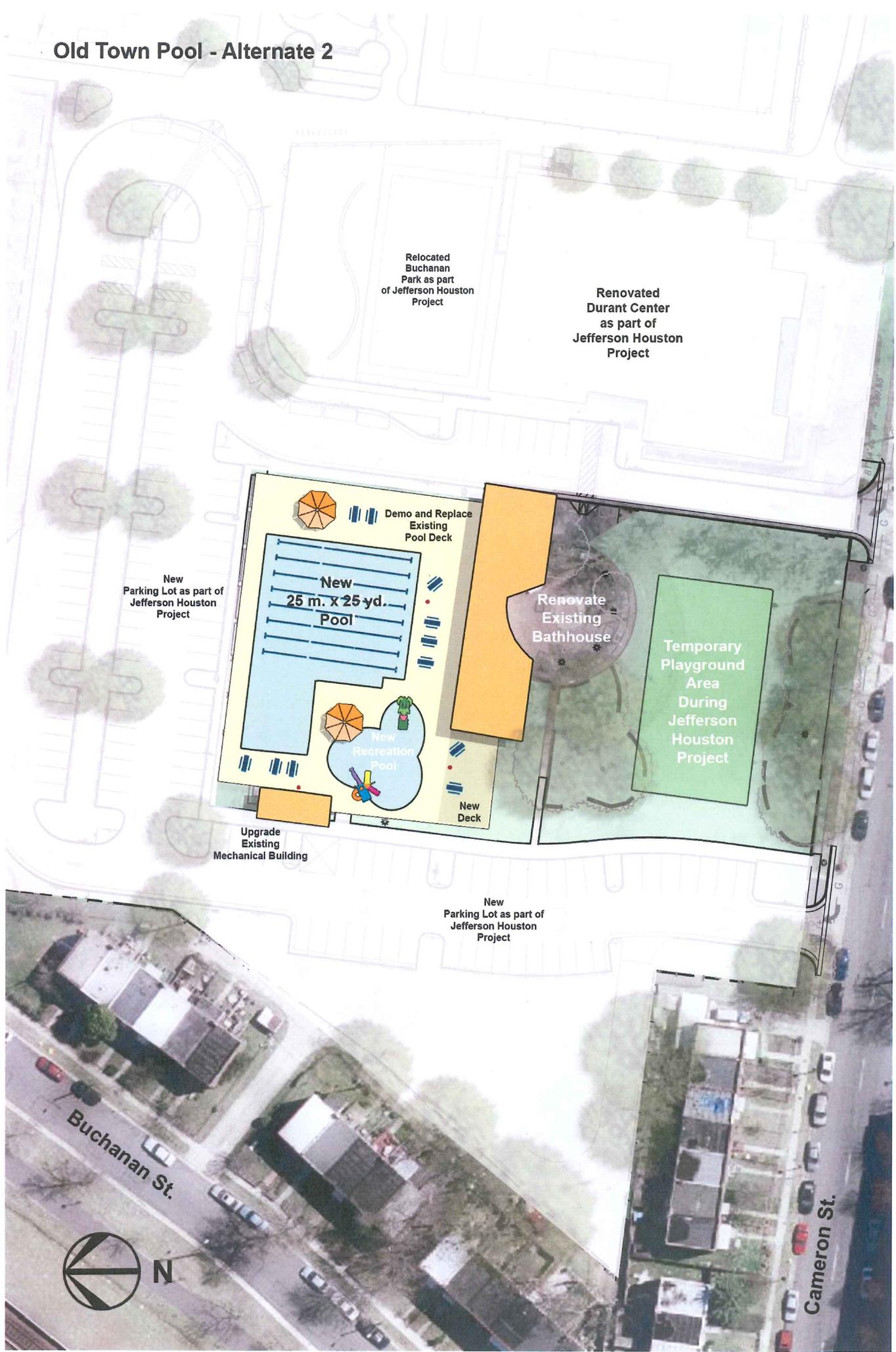
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Project

Buchanan St.

Cameron St.



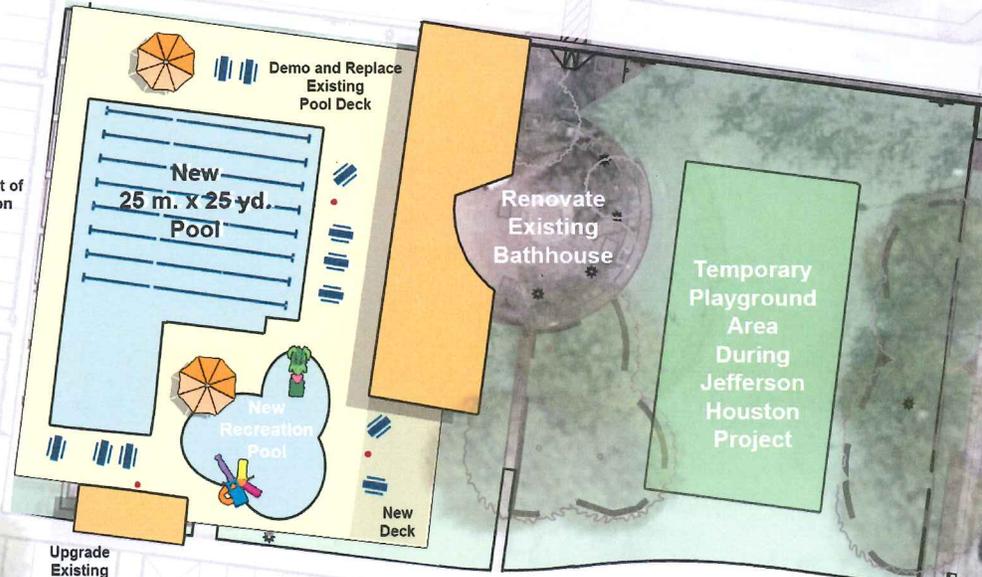
Old Town Pool - Alternate 2



Relocated Buchanan Park as part of Jefferson Houston Project

Renovated Durant Center as part of Jefferson Houston Project

New Parking Lot as part of Jefferson Houston Project



New Parking Lot as part of Jefferson Houston Project

Buchanan St.

Cameron St.



Alexandria City Council Holds Special Meeting, Public Hearing on Waterfront Plan Implementation

For Immediate Release: October 8, 2013

The Alexandria City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, at 6 p.m., in City Hall (301 King St.). The purpose of the Special Meeting is to provide a discussion and public hearing to examine the City's options, including eminent domain, for 1) implementing the approved Waterfront Small Area Plan and 2) resolving a longstanding dispute with the Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) concerning the Club's parking lot and adjacent areas. The disputed property is located in a key area of the Waterfront Plan.

After more than 15 years of negotiations and discussion, in June the City offered ODBC a compromise proposal regarding the disputed property. The proposal outlined nine parameters containing significant concessions to ODBC, while affirming the City's approved Waterfront Small Area Plan. The Plan, approved by City Council in 2012, is designed to improve the waterfront's appearance, increase public access, and implement vital flood mitigation measures. To date, ODBC negotiators have not formally responded to the City's compromise proposal.

The City wishes to resolve this issue for the following reasons:

- Implementation of the approved Waterfront Plan assures continuous public access and connectivity to the waterfront. The disputed property is the last barrier to ensuring this access.
- Implementation of the Waterfront Plan has begun; park and public space development will start this month; redevelopment is taking place and stakeholders need to know how to move forward.
- Flood mitigation measures planned for the lower King Street area, necessary to the sustainability and vibrancy of lower King Street, will be integral to the overall success of the Waterfront Plan.

The City has made every effort to offer the ODBC fair solutions; however, the Club's requests remain outside of what the City considers necessary for the public good. While no decision has been made about what tool City Council will use to implement the Waterfront Plan, one option under consideration is eminent domain. Eminent domain is the government's ability to acquire private property for public use after fair and just compensation to the property owner. There is an established judicial process in place so property owners are fairly and adequately compensated for any land acquired by eminent domain.

The City of Alexandria is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703.746.4500 (TTY/TDD 703.838.5056). We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that

the proper arrangements may be made. City Council meetings are closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

For media inquiries, contact Tony Castrilli, Director, Office of Communications and Public Information, at 703.888.7166 or tony.castrilli@alexandriava.gov

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June 14, 2013

Mr. Eric Desoto, Chairman
Board of Governors
Old Dominion Boat Club
1 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Desoto:

In response to the Old Dominion Boat Club's March 7 "Talking Points" proposal (Enclosure I), City Council has thought carefully about ODBC's proposal, discussed it a number of times, and then developed and approved the City's "Proposal to Resolve ODBC and City Issues" (Enclosure II).

In developing this City proposal, Council considered each and every issue raised in the ODBC proposal and sought to address those issues in a way that is fair and equitable to ODBC, the City government, as well as the Alexandria community. In developing this last and final proposal, Council took the City's adopted Waterfront Small Area Plan into account as it improves the appearance of the waterfront, provides better access for the public, and implements vital flood mitigation strategies. When designed and put in place, the flood mitigation measures will protect the lower King Street area from not only nuisance flooding, but also larger floods up to a 10-year flood level. These are important reasons, as Council strongly believes that the Alexandria community at-large is substantially supportive of the implementation of the Waterfront Plan. This was recently reaffirmed by the clear public support Council received after its recent super majority vote on the Waterfront rezoning.

In developing the City's response, Council looked back at the nearly eight years of intensive and drawn out negotiations that have occurred between the City and ODBC, and Council concluded that the framework solution that Council and ODBC had negotiated during the latter part of 2011 should be the basis of a City-ODBC agreement, as the City and ODBC negotiators had mutually agreed in 2011 on eight of nine items of that framework agreement. As a result, this "Proposal to Resolve ODBC and City Issues" represents the City's firm position that would serve as a fixed, unchanged foundation for working out the implementation details. That proposal represents a good long-term set of solutions for both the City and ODBC.

"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"

Mr. Eric Desoto, Chairman
Board of Governors
Old Dominion Boat Club
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We realize that there are many details which need to be determined to implement this "*Proposal to Resolve ODBC and City Issues*," and positively anticipate working out those details with ODBC. We would appreciate a response from ODBC as to whether it agrees to the City's last and final enclosed proposal no later than July 15, 2013. We look forward to ODBC's reply.

Sincerely,



William D. Euille
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Members of City Council
Rashad M. Young, City Manager
Miles Holtzman, President, ODBC

Talking points

March 7, 2013

Mayor Euille

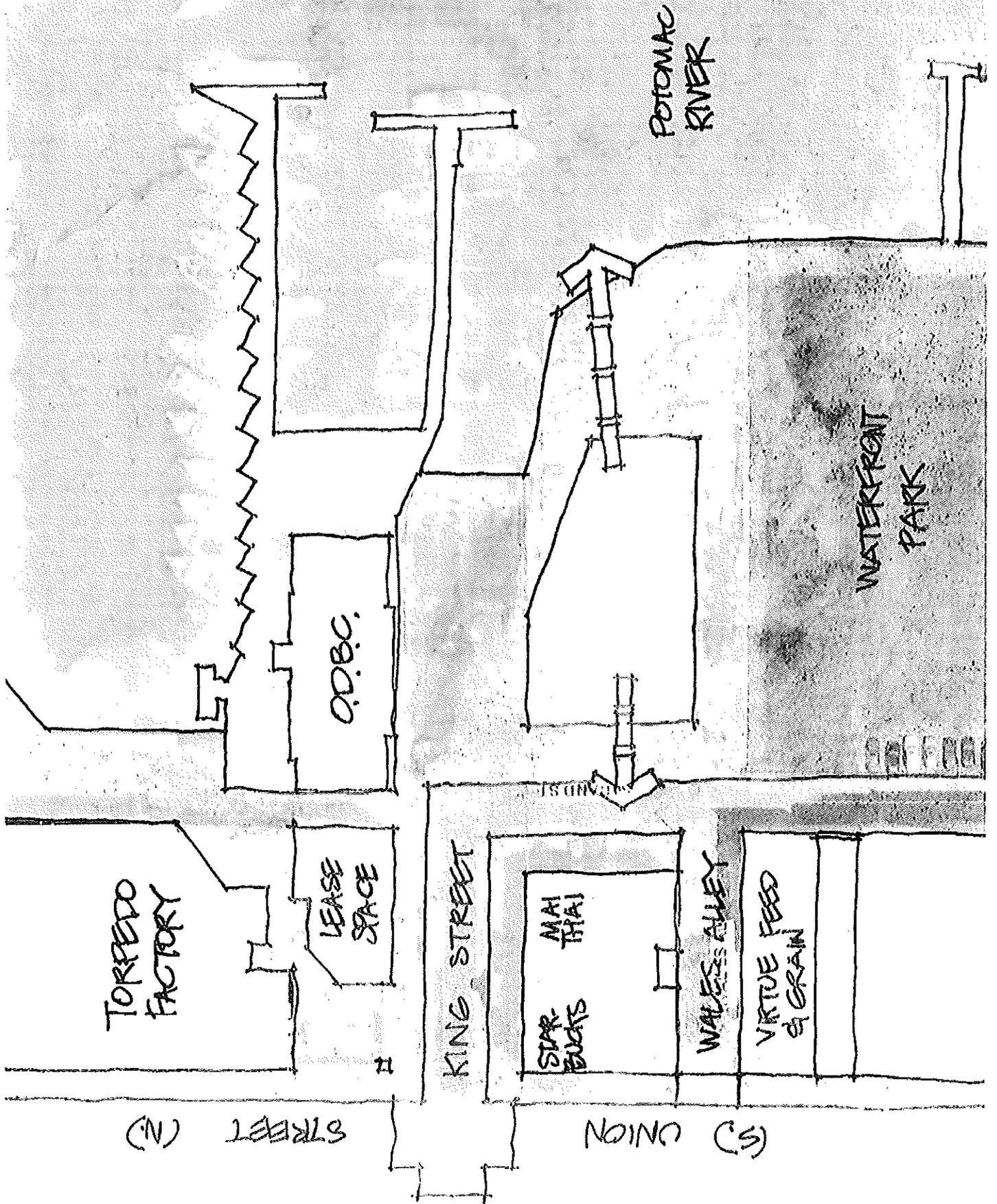
1. Wales Alley becomes a part of all ongoing discussions;
2. Permanent Ingress/ egress to its parking lot via Wales Alley or King St.
3. ODBC proposes to allow the city to lease property on Strand St. from the ODBC;
4. ODBC desires to improve, at its own expense, a portion of the western end of the ODBC parking lot;
5. The current lot will retain its current size with a portion of its western side to be used as a sidewalk;
6. ODBC will allow to occur and participate in the repairs to the storm sewers which are the cause of nuisance water along the strand;
7. ODBC will remove the Cities chain link fence and erect at its own expense a replacement fence and gate;
8. The ODBC would like explicit relief from all challenges to its rights of ownership by the city of Alexandria;
9. The parcel between #1 and #2 King St. will be landscaped and hardscaped

PROPOSAL TO RESOLVE ODBC AND CITY ISSUES

June 14, 2013

The following represents the City of Alexandria's response to the nine ODBC Talking Points of March 7, 2013:

1. Wales Alley and The Strand should remain public thoroughfares with the City determining the traffic and other usage regulations, and ODBC having the same rights, restrictions and privileges as established for the general public.
2. ODBC's parking lot will have ingress and egress maintained onto The Strand which will remain connected to the City's street network, with the City maintaining its rights in regard to establishing traffic and usage regulations.
3. The City would prefer to acquire the parking spaces on the Strand from ODBC in fee and would expect to pay market value for title to those spaces.
4. ODBC's entire parking lot would be improved, with the necessary re-grading of the ODBC lot undertaken, and flood control structures constructed along the perimeter of the ODBC parking lot in a manner to be engineered in conjunction with the overall flood mitigation measures to be implemented in the Waterfront Plan area.
5. The current ODBC lot will be changed to about a footprint of approximately 11,500 square feet (see attached) and reoriented so that public access can occur along the Potomac River and a public plaza can be constructed on the Strand side of the ODBC parking lot. Boat storage would be moved off of the ODBC parking lot to an off-site storage facility.
6. ODBC will allow to occur, and will participate in, the repairs to the storm sewers to reduce the number and severity of flooding incidents.
7. In conjunction with the construction of other adjacent public improvements, the chain link fence will be removed and new appropriate fencing installed along the perimeter of the parking lot, potentially incorporating flood prevention features as part of fence design. Any proposed fence will need the approval of the Old and Historic Board of Architectural Review.
8. Changes in ownership of land and all transfers between the City and ODBC shall be fee simple in nature so to make land ownership clearer for all in the future. ODBC can use the existing ODBC parking lot configuration until such time as construction of the public improvements, fence and parking lot improvements is ready to commence.
9. Appropriate landscape and hardscape treatment shall be used in all public space areas in keeping with the City's goal of a first-class design and appearance of the Waterfront areas, including the land between #0 and #2 King Street.



TORPEDO
FACTORY

LEASE
SPACE

ODBC

KING STREET

STARBUCKS

MAI THAI

WALKER ALLEY

VIRTUE FEED
& GRAIN

UNION STREET (N)

UNION STREET (S)

POTOMAC
RIVER

WATERFRONT
PARK

MARKET ST.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
DOCKET ITEM: 4**

(Item deferred – community meeting schedule for October 30 at Maury School 7:000pm)

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove parking on King Street from West Cedar Street to West View Terrace.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: East side of King Street from West Cedar Street to West View Terrace

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request remove parking on the east side of King Street from West Cedar Street to West View Terrace to install traffic calming and bicycle lanes.

DISCUSSION: The portion of King Street from Russell Road to Janneys Lane is scheduled to be resurfaced this fall. In conjunction with the resurfacing project, the City is proposing to narrow the moving lanes to provide traffic calming and install bicycle lanes in both directions. The City has received a number of requests from residents and civic associations for traffic calming along King Street and better bicycle access to the King Street Metrorail Station. Additionally, as part of the Complete Streets Program, the City examines all streets being resurfaced to identify opportunities to redesign the roadway to accommodate all street users. This project is intended to slow vehicle speeds and provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists as well as safer routes to the nearby schools. The lane widths would be narrowed from 11.5 feet to 10.5 feet with 4.5 foot bike lanes in both directions (Figure 2).

Bicycle facilities are recommended for King Street in the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan, which involved an extensive public outreach process in the development of the Plan's recommendations. These bicycle lanes would provide a connection from the King Street Metrorail Station to the newly installed bicycle facilities on Janneys Lane. The bike lanes would require the removal of parking along King Street from West Cedar Street to West View Terrace. Currently, there are approximately 37 parking spaces along the east curb of King Street with no parking on the west curb. The City conducted fourteen surveys of the parking utilization of these spaces over a month long period at different times of day and during different days of the week. The survey showed that, on average, there were less than three cars parked along this section of roadway at a time. Many of the houses from West Rosemont Avenue to Upland Place abut King Street but have a main entrance on North View Terrace. Parking utilization for this portion of the roadway was, on average, less than one vehicle per survey period. Vehicles parked along this roadway tend to be delivery or service vehicles and have out-of-state plates.

The public outreach for this project has included presenting the project to the Taylor Run Civic Association on June 12, 2013. Staff did not receive opposition to the project at this meeting. The project was also presented to the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on August 19, 2013 and received full support from BPAC. Neighborhood flyers were

also distributed describing the project in early September. A public meeting is also planned for September 18th to get community input on the project.

King Street Traffic Calming & Bike Lanes Project



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Title:	King Street Traffic Calming & Bike Lanes Project
Date & Time:	Wed Oct 30, 2013 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location:	Maury Elementary School Maury Elementary School
Event Details:	A follow-up on community feedback received from the September 18 King Street Traffic Calming and Bike Lanes Project meeting
Contact Person:	Hillary Poole
Contact Phone No.:	703.746.4017
Contact Email:	hillary.poole@alexandriava.gov
Fees:	Free
Audience:	Anyone may attend
Tags:	Bicycle , Community Meeting , King Street , Pedestrian , Transportation



**WHAT'S
NEXT**

ALEXANDRIA



What and Why?

A **community conversation** about civic engagement and how Alexandrians can best **participate in the public decisions** that shape their City.

Goals:

- **Expand** participation
- Make public participation **easier**
- Clarify the City's and community's **shared expectations for the public involvement process.**



Steps in the WNA Process

September 2012 - June 2013

- Series of 4 **community dialogues** where participants worked together in small groups; also offered “**virtual tables**” – an opportunity to participate in real time online video engagement during the dialogues
- 4 opportunities for **online engagement**, including online polls and online comment boards



Community Shaped Process

Early feedback:

- Use small groups to discuss/raise issues with report outs, rather than town halls where few get to speak
- Minimize staff presentation time
- Solicit input before issues framed/decisions made
- Post verbatim feedback/summaries on website
- Offer online opportunities to participate
- Use members of the community as facilitators
- Simplify language
- Offer Spanish interpretation, childcare
- Advance notice of meetings



Completed Sept-June:

1. Civic engagement principles: What standards are we *all* going to follow?
2. Civic engagement framework: What process can we expect for every project?
3. Communication and Engagement Tools: How can we expand the number of people who participate, and improve the participatory experience?
4. Guidelines for successful implementation and evaluation: What do we need to do to make this work, and how will we measure success?



Principles

- + **Respect** – *civility and open-mindedness*
- + **Easy Participation** - *flexibility to participate in many ways*
- + **Early Involvement** - *frame issues before conclusions drawn*
- + **Inclusiveness and Equity** - *all are informed, empowered*
- + **Meaningful Engagement** - *open and unbiased process authentically solicits and incorporates community input*
- + **Mutual Accountability** – *community and government share in responsibility to inform/engage according to principles*
- + **Transparency** – *open process, timely access to full info*
- + **Evaluation**- *periodic assessment of performance and principles*
- + **Sustained Collaboration** – *long term partnerships*



Framework

Why it's needed:

- **Consistency** throughout City government and from process to process
- **Shared understanding** of what to expect (phases, engagement strategies, tools, deliverables)
- Build **trust** and **transparency**

How it will be used:

- **Each** project has a *Civic Engagement Framework*
- Content includes: Project **goal**, **timeline**, **deliverables**, and **tools** and **activities** required to accomplish goal

Civic Engagement Framework

City Department:

Project:

Goal :

Overall project timeline:

Phase 1 Information *(Gathering, Organizing, Understanding)*

Key Principles:

Meaningful Engagement
Mutual Accountability
Early Involvement
Easy Participation
Inclusiveness and Equity

Engagement Activities:

- Hold public meetings that are well-organized and include group work to hear community opinions
- Collect research and identify community concerns
- Educate community on important issues about the project (online and in person)
- Reach out to the community to encourage participation (phone calls, door knocks, flyers, online)
- Visit a project location as a group

Tools:

- Offer online participation (surveys, forums, social media)
- Use graphics, maps, 3D models, & pictures to explain project

Products:

- Community engagement plan
A preliminary report that describes the project, schedule, tasks, and budget
- Clear goals for each step of the process that must be met before moving to the next step
- Community's list of issues to address and their view of what we should be working toward

2 Options *(Discuss and Evaluate Options)*

Key Principles:

Sustained Collaboration
Easy Participation
Transparency
Inclusiveness and Equity

Engagement Activities:

- Hold public meetings that are well-organized and include group work to hear community opinions
- Provide information about options, including what has worked well in other places
- Research possible options and potential impacts

Tools:

- Offer online participation (surveys, forums, social media)
- Hold group meetings with people who are affected by project
- Use graphics, maps, 3D models, & pictures to explain project

Products:

- Short term report with realistic options for achieving the shared view
- Provide tools to help the community choose between the options

3 Recommendations

Key Principles:

Transparency
Easy Participation
Sustained Collaboration
Mutual Accountability
Meaningful Engagement

Engagement Activities:

- Hold public meetings that are well-organized and include group work to hear community opinions
- Present final options and how/why they were selected
- Hold public hearings where community members can make statements for City officials to consider, revise, and/or approve

Tools:

- Offer online participation (surveys, forums, social media)
- Hold group meetings with people affected by project
- Hold meetings open to the public for elected officials to hear comments and make decisions

Products:

- Report with options that have been reviewed and chosen; Report will show how community ideas guided the final recommendation, and will include the proposed plan and schedule to complete the work

4 Implementation and maintenance

Key Principles:

Transparency
Meaningful Engagement
Sustained Collaboration
Mutual Accountability
Evaluation

Engagement Activities:

- Offer visits to project sites as needed
- Evaluate how well the plan is being carried out
- Identify someone from the City who is responsible for the work and who citizens can call
- Involve the community in carrying out the plan in each phase of the process

Tools:

- Provide a schedule of project activities to carry out the plan
- Notify community about public meetings

Products:

- Use objective measurements to determine if the community engagement in the decision-making process was successful
- Provide regular progress reports





Tools & Strategies for Meaningful Engagement

- Before event: *early notice*, *clear agendas* and *access* to background information
- Type of event: what's *most productive* for issue at hand? In person or online? Mobile workshop, town hall or open house? Provide clarity about what is on and off the table.
- After event: prompt *follow up*, *show* how *input* is shaping next steps
- Communications *toolbox* – what works best for broad participation?



Outcomes: What will success look like?

- Working **together** to solve common problems.
- Public is **well informed**, has a clear **understanding** of how to participate.
- More people **participate** in (and benefit from) City decisions.
- Community takes an **active role** in organizing others.
- City **decisions/actions** are accepted because they **reflect** public **participation** in a transparent process.
- Engagement approach is **consistent** throughout City government.
- Community and government have **mutual** trust.



Implementation

- Handbook serves as the **foundation** that establishes policies and procedures for consistent implementation
- **Consistent application** across departments, across boards and commissions, on council, and across the community.
- **Hybrid structure:** Some tasks centralized, managed by **City Managers Office**, others managed by **Departments**



Implementation

City Manager's Office

- Set **expectations**: policies & procedures
- Allocate **resources** for citywide training
- Ensure **consistent application** of principles/framework
- Manage performance **accountability**
- Manage internal **communication**



Implementation

Departments/Staff

- Attend **training** and apply principles/framework to projects in **City's Interdepartmental Work Program**
- **Manage individual participation processes**

Interdepartmental Working Group

- Guide implementation across departments
- Review organizational structure for refinement
- Develop guiding criteria regarding which projects require civic engagement plan or when the Handbook is simply a reference document
- Provide recommendations regarding evaluation



Evaluation

Departments/Staff

- Conduct ongoing assessment of civic engagement performance by project
 - brief summary of project's civic engagement process/outcome
 - brief evaluation using template.



Evaluation

Interdepartmental Working Group

Review evaluations completed by departments and develop proposed plan for future annual review, considering:

Use of Framework – is it **used consistently** by applicable City processes? Does it need to be revised?

Use of Handbook – is it used/referenced when **designing engagement processes**? Are elements out of date?

*Define process for **updating Handbook** when necessary.*

Communications/Outreach – have new avenues emerged? Are there **new digital engagement techniques**?

Implementation structure – is there a problem with **consistency**, has the effort become too **administratively onerous**?



Upcoming Projects

Projects in the FY14 Interdepartmental Work Plan will follow the principles, framework and guidelines in the handbook, including:

- Public Art Master Plan
- Eisenhower West Transportation Study and Small Area Plan
- Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan
- Stormwater Management Plan



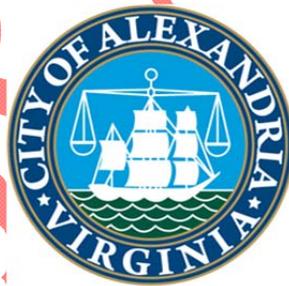
Next Steps

- **Sept. 6 - October 11**
 - Draft Handbook public review period; including online comment board
- **Sept. 3 - October 30**
 - Board and Commission briefings
- **October 28**
 - Revised Final Draft posted prior to public hearing
- **Nov 16** City Council Public Hearing
- **Nov 26** City Council Vote

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- Questions or comments?

City of Alexandria
Park & Recreation Commission
FY 2013 Annual Report

(July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)



Judy Guse-Noritake, Chair

Introduction

The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission is an eleven-member advisory board created by City Council in March 1970 to advise City Council on policy matters related to parks and recreation, as well as to broadly address issues related to park and recreation needs. City Council appoints nine residents to the Commission from three Planning Districts and two high school age members to represent the youth of the City.

The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission in its operations allows City residents to participate in planning activities, serves as a panel to hear citizen suggestions or concerns relating to recreation and park programs, and advises City Council on policy matters related to parks, open space and recreation. The Commission also lends assistance to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities in its continuing effort to be aware of, sensitive to, and to better meet the changing needs of its diverse residents.

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of each, except August and December, at recreation centers throughout the City. The Commission sponsors an CIVIC Awards program that recognize outstanding City residents, organizations, and youth.

Members of the Park and Recreation Commission for Fiscal Year 2013

Planning District I	-	Judy Guse-Noritake, Chair
Planning District I	-	Gina Baum
Planning District I	-	William Cromley
Planning District II	-	Jennifer Atkins (appointed Feb 2013)
Planning District II	-	Stephen Beggs
Planning District II	-	Ripley Forbes
Planning District II	-	Robert Moir (resigned February 2013)
Planning District III	-	Richard Brune
Planning District III	-	Judith Coleman
Planning District III	-	Brian McPherson
Youth Representative	-	Emma Schutzius (appointed October 2012)
Youth Representative	-	Nick Wager (November 2012)

City Staff

James Spengler, Director – Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
William Chesley, Deputy Director, RPCA
Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director, RPCA
Jack Browand, Division Chief, RPCA
Ron Kagawa, Division Chief, RPCA
Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator
Robin DeShields, Executive Secretary, RPCA

Park and Recreation Commission Accomplishments for FY 2013

- The Commission received specific project updates, provided input, and continued to support the following projects: Contrabands & Freedman's Cemetery Project; S. Washington St. Improvements; Playground Renovations; Four Mile Run Park expansion improvements; Witter Athletic Fields; Simpson Park Comfort Station; City Aquatics Study; Potomac Yard/Landbay K; Fort Ward Park Master Planning and Archeological Preservation project; City Playspace Policy; Large Park Improvements' Strategic Planning, and the status and implementation of the City's Open Space Master Plan.
- The Commission continued to initiate dialogue with the Alexandria City Public Schools to discuss and ensure that community-wide recreation and park needs are considered with proposed school renovations. In addition, the Commission worked closely with ACPS on the scheduled rebuilding of the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School including Buchannan Park, Durant Center and Old Town Pool, and the proposed Patrick Henry K-8 School & Recreation Center.
- The Commission continues to be active and initiated meetings with Planning and Zoning and Transportation & Environmental Services, including representatives from developers in order to monitor and provide recommendations during development of City approved Small Area Plans and Storm Water Management Projects. The Commission will be an active participant in the monitoring of and planning discussions associated with the unsolicited proposal it received from The St. James Group to build a sports and entertainment complex on the current site of Hensley Park.
- The Commission participated in community meetings, made recommendations, and provided support for the Department's development of a GreenPlay Fee Recovery Policy for programs and services. The formal policy will be presented to City Council for adoption in FY 2014.
- The Commission solicited nominations for the Annual Park and Recreation Commission CIVIC Awards. The CIVIC Awards recognize volunteer efforts of Alexandrians who provide a valuable service in meeting recreation, park, or cultural needs.

Public Land Initiatives FY 2013

- **Waterfront Properties:** The Commission continued its support for the Waterfront Small Area Plan. The Commission strongly advocates the need for including an adequate park maintenance facility on the waterfront to maintain new and existing park properties. In addition, the Commission continues to question the decision to retrofit the old Beachcomber Restaurant property, purchased with Open Space funds, instead of demolishing the building as originally envisioned to create needed open space on the City's waterfront. A large part of the concern is the integrity and preservation of the intent of the Open Space Fund. The Commission provided support to the proposed Waterfront Market to be located in the Torpedo Factory Office complex including the

licensing of City Marina decking for an outdoor dining area. The Commission advocated for proceeds from the license to be designated to open space funding.

- **Long Range Park Planning:** The Commission received a brief from Department staff on the planning process to develop a citywide open space system that equitably responds to the City's recreational and natural resource needs. Staff identified three Initial Objectives; 1. Determine opportunities for improving existing open space and recreational facilities; 2. Create individual Park Plans based on typology to guide the future development of existing open space and 3. Allocation of resources according to existing needs as well as future goals. Ben Brenman/Booth/Cameron Station Park, Chinquapin, Hensley, Holmes Run, Potomac Yard Park/Simpson Stadium Park, and Four Mile Run were identified as parks to be evaluated in this initial stage. Data was acquired through a series of Commissioner and the public meetings and surveys.
- **Potomac Yard Terminal Station Facility Relocation Study:** The Commission received a briefing from Planning & Zoning on the recommended relocation of a Dominion Virginia Power terminal from the City of Alexandria bank of Four Mile Run stream. The Commission endorsed the City staff recommendation to relocate the terminal which would result in the undergrounding of electrical lines and the improvement of visual esthetics of the City's gateway from Arlington County.
- **Block 19/Carlyle Development:** The Commission received several briefings with City staff and initiated a joint meeting with the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission regarding a proposal to locate a storm management pond in Block 19 formerly designated as a Community Park. The Community Park was approved as a Park/Resource Protection Area open space through the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan. The Commission unanimously opposes the use of designated parkland and other open space as storm management ponds.
- **Potomac Yard Park/Metrorail Station Landing Sites:** The Commission remained active in the discussions of the planned Metrorail in the Potomac Yard corridor, specifically, its impact on the park currently under construction and scheduled to open to the public in fall 2013. Each of the proposed options negatively affects park property.
- **Open Space Master Plan Update:** The Commission Chair and RPCA Open Space Coordinator briefed the Commission on accomplishments resulting from the 2003 approval of the City of Alexandria Open Space Plan and a framework for the plan's updating. A report and recommendations will be considered for review and recommendation in FY2014.

Formal Commission Position Letters / Recommendations (attached)

- May 21, 2013 – Green Play Policy (City Council)
- May 16, 2013 – The Waterfront Market (City Council)
- May 6, 2013 – The Waterfront Market (Planning Commission)
- April 23, 2013 – Jones Point Park (Congressman Moran)
- April 18, 2013 – Playspace Policy (City Council)
- March 11, 2013 – FY 2014 Budget Letter (City Council)

- January 16, 2013 – DRB & Block 19 (?? Commission)
- December 18, 2012 – Wales Alley Extended (City Council)
- December 10, 2012 – Jefferson Houston School (City Council)
- December 3, 2012 – Jefferson Houston School (Planning Commission)
- July 3, 2012 – Community Transformation Grant (Dept. Health & Human Services)

Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearings

The Commission held topic-specific public hearings, and at the end of each of these hearings, residents were provided the opportunity to comment on any park and recreation issues. The Commission encouraged increased community participation by holding public hearings and regular monthly meetings at various recreation center locations throughout the City. The following public hearings were held:

- **June 20, 2013 – Capital Improvement Program External Project Requests**
The purpose of the public hearing was for commission members to discuss and make recommendations on capital improvement project requests received from community members.

Liaison Groups

Commission members serve as liaisons to multiple City commissions, committees and subcommittees in promoting park and recreation pursuits as well as community needs.

- Waterfront Commission - Gina Baum
- Youth Sport Committee – Robert Moir
- Four Mile Run - Ripley Forbes
- Freedmen’s Cemetery – Robert Moir
- ACPS & Capital Improvements - Judy Guse-Noritake
- Community Gardens Policy- Judy Guse-Noritake
- Ft. Ward - Ripley Forbes
- ACPS School Projects- Judy Guse-Noritake
- Jefferson Houston School – William Cromley
- Open Space - Judy Guse-Noritake
- Braddock Plan Park- Judy Guse-Noritake

Park and Recreation Commission Future Goals

The Commission will continue to work with Alexandria residents and staff to evaluate existing recreation programs and to make recommendations to enhance and expand programs in order to serve the diverse needs of all of the City’s residents. The Commission will hold public hearings on future Department projects and work with staff to ensure budget proposals reflect future CIP

renovations and operational needs of the Department. The Commission will continue to work on issues pertaining to parkland and facility needs in support of City Council's Strategic Master Plan, City Open Space Master Plan, Capital Facilities Maintenance Program, and with the evolving Waterfront Master Plan readopted in early 2013. The Commission will continue to initiate cooperative and coordinated planning with the Alexandria City Public School System in developing mutual benefiting opportunities on current school sites that are scheduled for redevelopment and expansion in the coming decade.

In addition, the Commission is providing leadership for and is actively participating in a revision of the 2003 Open Space Plan. The Commission has taken the beginning steps and will continue the process in drafting a citywide comprehensive Community Garden Plan, and will finalize guidelines for the formation of Friends Groups in promoting community assistance in park preservation and beautification.

Attachments: Formal Commission Recommendations

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