City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 19, 2018
7 p.m.

Torpedo Factory Art Center
105 N. Union St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: Jennifer Atkins, Chair

II. Welcome & Introductions
Torpedo Factory Staff

III. Public Comments – non-agenda items

IV. Presentations/Information:
   a. Environmental Action Plan Update
      Ellen Eggerton, Sustainability Coordinator, T&ES
   b. RPCA Strategic Plan Update
      Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner, Park Planning

V. Items for Action:
   a. Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2018

VI. Project Updates – Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning
   a. Waterfront Projects Update
   b. Cameron Run Regional Park Planning Process
   c. Warwick Pool Update

VII. Director’s Report

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

IX. Commission Reports (verbal reports by District)

X. Next Month Meeting Items – Working Draft Attached

XI. Next Meeting: May 17, 2018 – TBD

XII. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Activities

- Thursday, May 3 – FY 2019 Budget Adoption
  7 p.m. – City Hall, 301 King St.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 19, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR 
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM VIII

Program Wrap-Ups

- On March 25-29, two members of William Ramsay Recreation Center’s mentor program were selected to receive a college tour. Teens Michelle Marfo and Abdul Fofonda attended the First AME College Tour. The tour included visits to seven colleges, including Florida A&M and South Carolina State University. This trip was sponsored by Mr. Thomas Carpenter of Tomorrow’s Black Men, Inc.

- Alexandria youth participated in four Spring Break camps offered by the Fee Classes and Camps section. Participants enjoyed Hoop Life Basketball, Tennis Camp, Alex Fun Spring Break Camp, and STEAM Camp. STEAM Camp was a brand new offering that reached maximum enrollment.

- Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center’s FUNtastic Spring Break Camp was a great success! Over 60 daily participants enjoyed engaging, challenging, creative, and fun activities the entire week. They participated in field trips and enjoyed swimming activities, bowling, laser tag, and glow golf. The week ended with a Color Fun Run and Egg Hunt.
On March 22, the Sports Section concluded the **Winter Men’s Basketball League** team games. The league consisted of 12 teams that played at Francis Hammond Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The league has included 12 teams consistently over the past few years.

On March 22, the **Positive Youth in Motion** mentoring group at William Ramsay Recreation Center had a guest motivational speaker, Mr. Henok Solomon. The topic of the discussion was Resiliency, including its definition, comparing everyday objects to resiliency, and how it applies to their daily lives.

On March 22, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center hosted a **Teen & Tween Spring Social**. The theme for the event was “March Madness”. It was a safe evening of recreation activities for all middle school teens/tweens in the community. Over 20 participants enjoyed 3-on-3 basketball, basketball trivia, a YouTube video station, photo booth, music and food.

On March 22, William Ramsay Recreation Center held a **Magic Show** for their OSTP participants. The magician displayed magical illusions and selected audience members to participate in his act.

On March 23, OSTP participants at Chick Armstrong Recreation Center engaged in a **Book Swap**. Children were given the opportunity to recycle their used books in good condition in exchange for new books. The center received 24 books during the event which have now been added to their reading library. Over 100 children and parents participated.

On March 23, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center Cheerleaders participated in the **Bowie State University Cheerstarz Cheerleading Competition**. The girls competed as Traditional Rec Level 1, in accordance with USASF guidelines, and competed against 2 other teams, taking 1st place in their division. The team is now preparing for the Alexandria Spring Invitational Cheerleading Competition and Cheerstarz's National Competition in Baltimore, MD.
• On March 24, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center partnered with National Community Church for the Annual Arlandria Eggstravaganza at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run. Participants were involved in various activities including an egg hunt, face painting, and sack races. They also enjoyed cotton candy, popcorn, and prizes. With the help of volunteers this was a very successful event for all that attended.

• On March 24, the Winter Indoor Futsal Soccer Program concluded at Chick Armstrong Recreation Center. The program attracted 12 top quality teams from established programs in the Northern Virginia area. For 13 weeks, it gained many spectators ranging from children to adults, and received great reviews from players, coaches, team representatives, referees, and spectators.

• On March 30, Charles Houston Recreation Center held a Spring Celebration for the OSTP Spring Break participants. Over 60 attendees enjoyed decorating, dying and hunting for eggs. They also tie-dyed shirts and baked sweet treats.

• On March 31, Chinquapin Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility held its annual Underwater Egg Hunt. Children ages 6 months to 13 years explored the water to find as many eggs as possible. Eggs were exchanged for prizes, including one special prize for the golden egg! Over 100 participants also enjoyed music, an inflatable obstacle course, and a visit from Alexa the Bunny.

• On March 31, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center held its Annual Egg Hunt & Spring Extravaganza. Over 200 guests enjoyed hourly egg hunts, moon bounce fun, face painting, slime making, cupcake decorating, crafts and more! Mickey and Minnie Mouse and Peter Rabbit also visited the event. Families also enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, and other light refreshments donated by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.’s Psi Nu Chapter.
On April 2, the Sports Section concluded its Winter Coed Volleyball League, which consisted of eight teams. Teams played ten regular season games, and ended the season with championship games at Jefferson Houston Elementary School.

Program Updates

Out of School Time FY15 through FY18 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

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*Fees paid in installments.

**Lowest scoring measures related to the in-person and online registration processes at 78% and 76% bringing overall score down from previous years.

Upcoming Events

- The annual Alexandria Spring Invitational Cheer Competition will take place on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m., at T.C. Williams High School. The competition features 3 age categories of youth cheerleading teams from neighborhood recreation centers and the metropolitan area. Each team will receive a team trophy at the awards presentation immediately following the competition.

- On April 27, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center hosts Family Cosmic Skate Night. Families can use skates provided by the center or bring their own skates to enjoy an exciting evening of family friendly activities.

- On May 5, REC Fest will be held at Armistead L. Boothe Park. Enjoy pony rides, face painting, class demos, moon bounce, kite making and flying, a special performance by Rainbow Rock Band, and more family fun! REC Fest is an explosion of fun for the whole family to meet instructors, recreation center staff, and register for programs and camps on-site.
The Alexandria City Track & Field Meet will take place on May 19 at T.C Williams High School. Participants can enter two track events plus a relay and one field event. The top two place winners in each group event will advance to the regional meet. This program is only open to City of Alexandria residents.

Staff Updates

- **Lindsay Burneson**, Recreation Manager I, at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility, was recently promoted to Recreation Manager II. Lindsay has been an asset to her team since she was hired in 2014.

- On March 5, Recreation Services hired **Debbie Woodbury** as Regional Program Director at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Debbie has over 18 years of experience in Parks and Recreation, including work with the City of Raleigh, NC, the City of Falls Church, and as a former member of our seasonal staff team with RPCA.

- On March 21, Recreation Services hired **Julie Miles** as Recreation Manager for the Fee Classes and Camps section. Julie started her career in recreation with the YMCA in 2005. She spent seven years at the Aylawn Program Center in Bethesda as a Program Coordinator for gymnastics, music and ballet, and then became a Program Director where she was responsible for all youth and teen sports, enrichment and arts programs and camps.

- **Edvin Estrada**, Recreation Leader I-Front desk, at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility, was recently promoted to Recreation Leader III-Manager on Duty.

- In March 2018, **Ann Redfearn, Lindsay Burneson, Jacquay Plummer and Kelly Gilfillen** graduated from the National Recreation and Park Association’s 2-year Revenue Development and Management School program. The school is presented in conjunction with NC State University.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 19, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
PARK OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM VIII

1. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
   • On April 2, The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announced that RPCA successfully met the requirements of DEQ-E3 recertification in the areas of Water Use, Non-hazardous Waste Disposed, Non-hazardous Material Use (Nutrient Management) and Non-hazardous Material Use (Weed Abatement). Recertification was based on the completion of the 2017 Annual Environmental Impact Report by the RPCA-ESMS team. This achievement demonstrates RPCA’s continued commitment to reducing our own environmental impact and serving as a model for both our suppliers and residents.

2. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
   a. Park Maintenance
      • Spring cleanup and sanitization of picnic pavilions and restrooms is complete as the spring sports and rental season begins.
      • The City’s athletic fields made it through the winter with minimal weather damage. Fields have received their first mowing cuts of the season and were prepared for the opening day per established standards.
      • In preparations for the upcoming mowing season, staff is prepping parks by edging, trimming, removing organic debris and conducting detailed litter pickups.
      • Several staff completed training and certifications to expand their knowledge and develop their skill sets. Dan Roush and James Nichols completed the NRPA Revenue Development and Management School. Dinesh Tiwari was recertified by

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the National Recreation and Park Association as Certified Park and Recreation Executive.

- In June 2017, plans were developed and launched to adjust the placement of existing trash cans and additional recycling cans throughout park districts. Goal is to improve service efficiency, appearance, recycling and emulate the National Park Services “Leave No Trace, Pack it in / Pack it out” philosophy. The execution of these plans in the Waterfront and Eastside Park Districts were completed last year. The plan will be executed in the Westside District parks next. More information on the project can be reviewed at: www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=18076

- The preparation of Waterfront parks’ flower beds is completed. Flower planting will take place at the beginning of May.

- Driftwood mitigation continues in the Waterfront Park areas due to high wind and tidal events along the waterfront.

- Adopt-A-Park Program’s 2018 season kicked off with an orientation meeting for the program participants on March 27th. Representatives from 13 organizations attended the meeting. Staff is actively pursuing more program participants for the adoption of parks in the west end of the City.

b. Park Facility Maintenance

- In partnership with Warwick Village Community Association, staff is developing a median landscape renovation program that enforces City ordinances regarding unauthorized gardening in medians and public rights-of-way.

- Staff replaced a broken backboard at Potomac Yard Park and the installation of a new sign at Mount Vernon Rec Center. New plantings have been installed at Armstrong and Chinquapin Recreation Centers. The electrical and irrigation installation is currently underway at Armstrong.

- The spring start-up on all irrigation systems, drinking fountains, and public restrooms is under way.

- All small equipment used for snow operations has been converted for mowing operations. 85% of mowing equipment (Toro fleet) either serviced or being serviced at this time in accordance with the contract with Turf Equipment.

- Staff is continuing to work to develop and implement Peak Academy principles based upon LEAN Six Sigma for other RPCA operations.

Horticulture:
• Registration for the 2018 community garden season is now closed. Both community gardens are 100% rented. Kiosks have been installed at both gardens to advertise upcoming volunteer opportunities and announcements.

• Phase 2 of the Chinquapin Organic Gardens PARKnership project is moving forward, after securing the sign permit; the sign is currently being fabricated. This phase will result in a new wayfinding sign identifying the Chinquapin Organic Gardens at Chinquapin Park. Phase 3 is also now underway with City staff securing fruit trees for the Dale May Memorial Grove. A new Adopt-a-Garden partnership is underway with the Founders Park Community Association. This will result in this spring’s renovation of the sunken garden at Founders Park.

3. URBAN FORESTRY

• The spring tree planting program got off to a slow start on March 15th due to the unseasonably cold weather affecting the availability of plant materials. Twenty-nine street trees were installed in March. This season’s goal is to plant more than 400 trees. Staff is coordinating planting of replacement trees for those removed over the winter and is currently looking for new locations to plant trees along City streets and parks. Planting will continue through the month of June.

• The winds of March slowed progress on the urban forestry proactive tree maintenance efforts. Twenty-one days with sustained winds above 20 mph (47 mph highest), and fifteen days with wind gusts above 30 mph (62 mph highest) caused significant tree damage throughout the City. Fort Ward was particularly hard hit with approximately thirty trees uprooted. Most of the month’s tree work was dedicated to clean-up from wind damage. Broken limbs continue to be reported.

• The King Street holiday lights have been shut down and are scheduled for removal this month. Upon completion, the trees will be inspected, and a work order will be issued to prune the King Street trees before the end of May.
4. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

a. Invasive Plant Management & Restoration
   - English Ivy seedlings and other non-native invasive plants were removed from Dora Kelley Nature Park, Forest Park, and the Ford Nature Center native pollinator garden. Litter and debris were picked up from the 5-acre Telegraph and Duke Meadow Complex.
   - Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), with the treatment of Lesser Celandine, Italian Arum, Periwinkle, Greater Periwinkle, Bush Honeysuckle, and many other non-native invasive plants at Timberbranch Parkway and Taney Avenue Park.

b. Cooperative Initiatives
   - On March 8, 2018, staff gave a presentation to the Virginia Native Plant Society, Potwomack Chapter, entitled “Woodland Edges: Last Defenses of Forests” in which Best Management Practices for resource protection and management were discussed. Over 100 persons were in attendance.
   - On March 17, 2018, staff supervised the Earth Sangha ecological restoration planting and weeding on the steep slope of the old Orange and Alexandria Railroad embankment at Windmill Hill Park. Fourteen volunteers planted 603 site-appropriate native wildflowers and graminoids.
   - On March 27, 2018, City Natural Resource Manager gave a presentation to the Maryland Native Plant Society entitled “The Limits of Restoration”. The merits of restoration projects for small and large order streams were discussed and contrasted. 149 persons were in attendance.
   - Staff supported the March 28, 2018 annual Alexandria Police Department volunteer workday at Charles Hill Park.
   - On March 31, staff led the “Spring Flora of the Holmes Run Gorge” field trip for the Ford Nature Center and Virginia Native Plant Society. 25 persons participated.
   - On April 5, 2018, staff supervised and participated in the Intus Windows and TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria ecological restoration planting at Ben Brenman Park. 47 volunteers planted 35 site-appropriate native trees. Staff planted 2 shrubs and sowed nearly 8.5 lbs. of City Champion Black Oak along the escarpment below Mount Ida.
   - Intus Windows and TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria ecological restoration planting at Ben Brenman Park.
   - Emerging Skunk Cabbage leaves.
native grass and wildflower seed.

c. **Environmental Review**
   - Staff reviewed the 5909 Jewell Court mitigation planting area and recommended appropriate native species to plant.

5. **JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER**
   a. **Programs/Updates**
      For the month of March, there were 92 interpretive programs attended by 1,372 people. The combined total number of visitors and participants for March was 1,977 people.

   b. **New permanent displays**
      - Ant Colony exhibit- A unique display of the life and habitat of carpenter ants. This display is an encasing of visible ant habitats connected with traveling tubes. This display allows visitors to observe the life of ants and identify the different ant types.
      - Insects of Dora Kelly Park- A wall-mounted display of a variety of insects collected by longtime volunteer Peter Edelman.
      - Additional new permanent displays are planning for installation next month.

   **School Programs:**
   For the month of March, the Naturalists conducted 5 school programs reaching 125 students and teachers.
   - March 12- The Naturalist went to Samuel Tucker Elementary School to conduct 5 second grade programs about “Life Cycles”. The 125 children learned about what animals need to survive and different types of life cycles. A variety of animals came to the school- including a newt, millipedes and a fat tailed African gecko.

   **Nature Center Programs:**
   During the month of March, there were 2 birthday parties, 59 impromptu programs, 2 weekday programs for preschool age children, 1 scout program and 2 weekend programs for adults. The total participation for these programs was 412 people.
   - March 24- A program on the Geology of Holmes Run was offered in Dora Kelley Nature Park. Joe
Marx, who has been leading geological walks in the Washington area for nearly twenty, started with a question and answer session, followed by a three-hour hike. The 20 participants discovered the landforms and geologic history of Holmes Run.

- March 31- The Annual Spring Ephemeral Hike was led by The City of Alexandria’s Plant Ecologist, Rod Simmons. The 26 participants saw a great variety of spring plants. An increasingly uncommon native wildflower in Northern Virginia, pennywort (Obolaria virginica) was recorded for the first time in the Holmes Run Gorge. Also, a worm snake was observed in iNaturalist as the first reported snake of this year in Virginia.

Outreach Programs:

- March 3- The Naturalist was invited to participate at Health and Wellness Fair held at Samuel Tucker Elementary School. Attendance was light due to the snowy weather on the day before. The parents and children were very interested in learning about the summer camps that the Nature Center has to offer. Everyone enjoyed meeting Spring peeper frogs, brown snake and the baby snapping turtle.
- March 16- Nature Center staff attended Family Splash Night at Chinquapin. More than 60 children and their parents were at the event
- March 23- The Nature Center staff conducted programs at Charles Houston Recreation Center. The first program was for the Out of School Time Program children. They got a close-up look at some of the center’s native animals. The second program was for the newly opened Teen Center.
- March 24- Despite the chilly weather, the Naturalist set up a table at Four Mile Run Park’s Eggstravaganza. Situated in Arlandria, this popular event was attended by more than 260 people. The visitors to the Nature Center table met a snapping turtle, learned about classes and camps and heard about the many volunteer opportunities in both the center and Dora Kelley Nature Park.

Afterschool Buddies Program:
March was all about getting ready for Spring for the nature Buddies. On the cold days, the children made ornaments for the spring garden and painted flower pots to begin germinating seeds. The Buddies also
learned the benefits of composting and built their very own compost bin. This month, they also completed several art projects. The Buddies completed a paper collage of the marsh in Dora Kelley Nature Park and used clay to sculpt models of the Nature Center’s large black bear. This was a shorter month with a week for Spring Break at the end. Of course, nothing is nicer than spending the warm days outside, and the children are looking forward to the longer daylight hours that Spring will bring.

c. **Volunteers and Interns**
   A total of 8 volunteers provided 64 hours of service during the month of March.

d. **Noteworthy**
   *Enrichment for Animals:* The Nature Center staff have been creating enrichment stimuli for the animals. From aquatic turtles chasing ping pong balls in their tanks to the snakes being introduced to a variety of scents, the animals appear to be enjoying these new activities. One enrichment that our smaller snakes seem to be engrossed with is the maze of paper tubes in a fish tank. Visitors are fascinated watching the animals partaking in these new activities.
## Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 19, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL PROJECTS

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM VIII

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PARKnership PROGRAM
Project Manager: Lucresha Murphy, PARKnership Manager

- **Virginia Tech Tree Planting**
  On Sunday, April 29, a volunteer lead tree planting will take place at Chinquapin Park, the area adjacent to the community gardens near T.C. Williams practice field. The location and planting are consistent with recommendations from the 2013 Citywide Parks Improvement Plan to create a grove at this site. Staff from Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) have worked closely on the design with students from the Virginia Tech Landscape Architecture program’s Alexandria Campus. In addition to redbuds and oaks, the students have selected 32 Tupelo trees to honor the victims of the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting. Through the studio project, staff and students carefully chose trees that are native to the region, require minimal maintenance, and were specifically placed in a manner that allows continuation of current site uses, including T.C. Williams Cross Country running and regular dog walking.

- **Volunteer Program**
  The volunteer program is going full steam ahead. With over 741 volunteers registered in the Volgistics Database valued at $397,906.88, we are continuing to provide more volunteer opportunities within the department. Majority of the volunteer opportunities include coaching, park clean-ups, tree plantings, partnerships, and volunteer choices at the Nature Center. During the month of April. The Nature Center has had a major increase in its volunteers since February 2018. We created new job descriptions which includes opportunities for those that need court ordered volunteer hours. The City is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony at Market Square on April 23, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 pm.
DALE STREET GARDENS VOLUNTEER EVENT  
Project Manager: Judy Lo, Urban Planner III  
Last fall the PARKnership program partnered with Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA) to improve the Dale Street area of Four Mile Run Park. The Dale Street Concept Plan features raised garden beds, multi-seasonal plantings, new fencing and soft surface pathways. On May 15, 16 and 17, RTA volunteers will be constructing the new raised planter beds, storage boxes, pathways, and site furnishings. This first phase of improvements also includes new water service and fencing. The second phase anticipated to start this fall will complete the planting installations.

3550 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE PARK IMPROVEMENTS  
Project Manager: Judy Lo, Urban Planner III  
The Park Plan is currently under Site Plan Review and is anticipated to approved this spring. The park improvements include multi-generational features such as a hardscape plaza and seating area, picnic shelter, game tables, natural play area, and other site improvements. Construction of improvements will occur June-November 2018. The park improvements are a PARKnership with Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA). For additional information, visit the project website.

POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION  
Project Manager: Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner  
On April 10, the City Council reviewed updates on the new Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project and approved a new funding agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The revised project budget is $320 million, funded through a variety of sources including tax revenue from new development in Potomac Yard, regional transportation authority grants, developer contributions and special tax district revenue. Once WMATA awards the contract, the contractor will apply for an amendment to the previously approved development special use permit for the station to incorporate cost-saving solutions. The process will require extensive public outreach in fall 2018 and will include approvals by the City’s Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, and City Council. Construction activities are expected to begin in late 2018, with the new station in service in late 2021 or early 2022.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND ARLINGTON COUNTY RECEIVE 2018 GOVERNOR’S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE SILVER AWARD  
Project Manager: Dana Wedeles  
The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announced the 2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards on April 5, 2018 at the 29th Environment Virginia Symposium in Lexington. The Governor’s Environmental Awards recognized the significant contributions of environmental and conservation leaders in four categories: sustainability, environmental project, land conservation, and implementation of the Virginia Outdoors Plan. They are given to businesses and industrial facilities, not-for-profit organizations, and government agencies. The City of Alexandria and Arlington County received the Silver Medal for the Four Mile Run Tidal Wetland and Living Shoreline Restoration Project.
ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- **HOLMES RUN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**
  Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).

- **WARWICK POOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).

- **WINDMILL HILL PARK SHORELINE PROJECT**
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).

- **KING STREET PARK AT THE WATERFRONT**
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).

- **PATRICK HENRY K-8 SCHOOL & NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER**
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief & Margaret Orlando, Division Chief
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).
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| 7/20/17  | South Park Update (Arlington Presenting)  
Summer 2017 Program Update (Recreation Services)  
Cameron Run Park Planning (Discussion)          | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
|          |                                                                                       | Recommendation    | NA                  | Sep or Oct   |
| August   | No Meeting                                                                             |                   |                     |              |
| 9/19/17  | Cameron Run Park Planning Final Report  
RPCA Needs Assessment                           | Recommendation    | NA                  | Oct 10&14    |
| Note Date |                                                                                       | Endorsement       | TBD                 | TBD          |
| Change   |                                                                                       |                   |                     |              |
| 10/19/17 | Hensley Park Design Update  
DC2RVA Update  
Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Update  
Natural Resources Management Plan Update       | Information       | TBD                 | TBD          |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | March 2018   |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
| 11/16/17 | Teen Center Tour (7-7:15)  
Strategic Master Plan Update  
Priority Based Budgeting  
Program Update: Park Operations                  | Information       | TBD                 | TBD          |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
| Dec 2017 | No Meeting                                                                             |                   |                     |              |
| 1/18/18  | RPCA Photo Contest Winners  
DVP 230kv Power Line Public Meeting (1/11/18)  
Cameron Run Park Planning Process  
Rebuild Alexandria Grant Projects  
(1) Dale Street Garden & (2) 3550 Commonwealth Ave. Park | Recognition       | NA                  | NA           |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | TBD                 | TBD          |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | TBD                 | TBD          |
|          |                                                                                       | Endorsement       | NA                  | NA           |
| 2/16/18  | Landscape Guidelines Update  
Athletic Field Master Plan Update  
Youth Football Program Update                  | Information       | Dec 2018            | Dec 2018     |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
| 3/15/18  | FY 2019 Operating & CIP Brief  
Program Update: Office of the Arts  
Dominion Energy 230kv Line                       | Information       | NA                  | May 2018     |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
| 4/19/18  | RPCA Five Year Strategic Master Plan  
Environmental Action Plan                        | Information       | TBD 2018            | TBD 2018     |
|          |                                                                                       | Information       | Spring 2018         | Spring 2018  |
| 5/17/18  | Approved FY2019 Operating/CIP Budget Update  
FY 2019 Community Matching Fund (Public Hearing) | Information       | NA                  | NA           |
|          |                                                                                       | Presentation      | NA                  | NA           |
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FY 2019 Agenda Items
- Soccer Symposium (July - Park Planning & ASA Presentation)
- Athletic Fields Master Plan Update (July discussion & October endorsement)
- Pocket Park Plan (September Receipt, October discussion & November endorsement)

### NOTE(S):

#### PARK PLANNING:
- Open Space 10-Year Implementation Strategy - **COMPLETED**
- Cameron Run Park Planning - **COMPLETED**
- 2017 Needs Assessment - **COMPLETED**
- Athletic Fields Master Plan Update
- RPCA Strategic Master Plan Update
- Landscape Guidelines Update
- Pocket Parks Planning

#### PARK OPERATIONS:
- Natural Resources Management Plan

#### RECREATION SERVICES:
- Youth Sports Scholarship Policy - **COMPLETED**