City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2018
7 p.m.

Charles Houston Recreation Center - 901 Wythe St.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: Jennifer Atkins, Chair

II. Public Comments – non-agenda items

III. Public Hearing
   a. FY 2019 Community Matching Fund
      Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner

IV. Regular Meeting Begins

   Presentations/Information:
   a. 2018 Soccer Symposium
      Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner & Thomas Park, Executive Director, ASA

V. Items for Action:
   a. Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2018
   b. Adoption of a Participation by Electronic Meeting Policy
   c. Officer Nomination & Elections

VI. Project Updates
   a. Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning
      i. Waterfront Projects Update
      ii. Cameron Run Regional Park Planning Process
      iii. Athletic Field Master Plan Update
   b. Laura Durham, Division Chief, Recreation Services
      i. TC Williams Parking Permit Update – Chinquapin Park Loop Road

VII. Director’s Report
    a. CIP Schedule
    b. Priority Based Budgeting
    c. Resource Allocation & Cost Recovery Policy

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: July 19, 2018 – Patrick Henry Recreation Center @ 7 p.m.
    Patrick Henry Construction Site Walk at 6 p.m. (RSVP by Monday, July 16)

XII. Adjournment
City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2018
TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION
SUBJECT: RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT - ITEM VIII

Program Wrap-Ups

- On May 8, the Sports Section held its two-day Senior Tennis Tournament which provided seniors the opportunity to stay physically and socially active.

- On May 10, over 20 teens from William Ramsay Recreation Center participated in a Mother’s Day Sip & Paint coached by Ms. Monet Gough, a trained artist. The teens painted flowers that were to be given to their mothers as a gift for Mother’s Day.

- On May 11, Fee Classes and Camps held a presentation at James K. Polk Elementary School about upcoming 2018 Summer Camp programs. Approximately 35 parents attended the presentation and received information on local camps, financial assistance and additional programming.

- During the month of May, William Ramsay Recreation Center youth and teens participated in the construction of a LEGO Table. The youth and teens used their creativity to transform an old computer table into a LEGO table. They then created tanks, basketball courts, a football field, and baseball stadium out of LEGO's.
During the month of May, William Ramsay Recreation Center held its premier NFL Youth Flag Football League for boys and girls ages 7-12. The program provided 54 youth players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in skills and lessons about football and teamwork.

On May 12, William Ramsay Recreation Center cheerleaders participated in their last Cheer Competition of the season at Six Flags Amusement Park in Maryland. Both teams won their division and took home 1st place.

On May 12, Cora Kelly Recreation Center hosted its annual Mother and Daughter Tea for a day of appreciation and empowerment for mothers and daughters in the community. Sixty-four attendees enjoyed a tea menu, dancers, singing, a fashion show with the latest hats, hair and make-up tutorials and craft activities.

On May 17, Cora Kelly Recreation Center’s Seniors Lunch Cruise on the Potomac River entertained 36 seniors with a full day on the Spirit of Washington cruise ship. The event included a historical tour of Washington landmarks, music and a buffet lunch. The rooftop lounge provided a great view of various attractions and the opportunity to snap photos to remember the experience.

On May 18, Chinquapin Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility hosted their final Family Splash Night of the season. Participants enjoyed swimming, a floating obstacle course, games, relays, nature exhibits, demos, and more!

On May 19, Chinquapin Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility celebrated National Learn to Swim Day. Over 20 participants (youth and adult) received swim assessments to discover their swim level. They were also given information on our upcoming learn to swim classes and received a complimentary pool pass.
On May 24, the Alexandria City Council invited the public to a dedication ceremony and community open house to celebrate the opening of the New Warwick Pool. The open house featured family-friendly activities from the Mobile Art Lab and Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center, information on summer program offerings, and a “meet and greet” with pool staff.

Chinquapin hosted the US Swimming Foundation Make a Splash Program on June 2. Olympic Swimmers and medalists, Josh Davis, Cullen Jones, and Andrew Gremmel participated in swimming lessons, handed out goggles and swim caps, along with signing autographs and taking pictures. US Swimming Foundation contributed $2,500 to the Potomac Marlins to support the outreach and recruitment of youth interested in competitive swimming.

On June 2, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center hosted the Ninth Annual Youth Arts Festival. The event highlighted visual and performing arts from young artists throughout the City. Attendees enjoyed visual art displays, interactive art activities and stage performances including song, dance, instrumental music and spoken word. The festival was in collaboration with the Department of Recreation, Alexandria City Public Schools, and the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

On June 7, William Ramsay Recreation Center held its Spring into Summer Fashion Show. The event provided the OSTP youth a chance to grace the runway and build self-confidence.

On June 16, the Girls Softball League Championship games took place at Witter Field. The Nittany Lions won the National Division, and the Crimson Tide won the American Division.
The MARPSA Regional Track Meet was held June 16, at Gaithersburg Elementary School. The regional meet included 47 participants that advanced from the Alexandria City Track and Field Meet.

Program Updates
Out of School Time FY16 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

- On June 21, the Men’s Basketball League Championship games will be held at William Ramsey Recreation Center.

- June 25 is the first day for Summer Camps offered by RPCA throughout the City.

- The William Ramsay Robotics Competition is on June 30. Throughout the month of June, youth grades 7 and 8 will learn how to design, build, and compete in Robotics. The students will develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles, while realizing the value of hard work, innovation and sharing ideas.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM VIII

1. ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND EQUIPMEMT RODEO
   Park Operations held its 5th Annual Field Day and Equipment Rodeo on May 30th. The theme for this training event was “Moving Forward Starts with Me” – to align with the current commitments for improving staff engagement. Training included a presentation on “Building an effective team for the 21st Century”, team-building exercises, vendor displays and of course, the ever challenging; equipment skills tests.

2. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
   a. Park Maintenance
      • Community volunteers held their second annual flowerbed cleanup in Holmes Run Park. The area improved is adjacent to Beatley Bridge. Staff delivered recycled mulch, while the volunteers removed weeds in the beds and spread the mulch.
      • Staff completed the construction and installation of the new shade structure and picnic area at Veteran’s Park. The area has been overseeded. The new facility will provide additional opportunity for the community to connect in the park.
      • RPCA welcomes Fox Five Zip Trip team to Potomac Yard Park
      • The Interactive Fountain at Potomac Yard Park was open for the season on May 25, 2018.
      • Because of the heavy and frequent rains, the waterfront parks’ staff has been dealing with removal and disposal of large amounts of driftwood from the shore areas.
      • Staff completed the leveling and resurfacing of the Montgomery Dog Park to prepare it for the summer season. Staff added fresh stone dust and leveled the surface of the dog park.
      • Windmill Hill Park Playground and Armory Tot Lot were refurbished with refreshing of the sand areas.
b. **Park Facilities Maintenance**
- African American Heritage Park Restoration Project is underway with the repair of the sidewalks and walkways. Memorial Gazebo restoration work is in the procurement phase in coordination with the Office of Historic Alexandria.
- Staff completed the preparation of the Old Town Pool and the new Warwick Pool for the pool openings.
- Staff is coordinating installation of a new meter and water fountain adjacent to the multipurpose athletic court in Four Mile Run Park directly behind Mom’s Organic Grocery. Anticipated completion is mid-July.

3. **URBAN FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE**

a. **Urban Forestry**
- The spring tree-planting program is steadily moving forward with trees planted along City streets and in parks during the month of May. To date, 777 trees have been planted to meet our goal of 800 by the end of June.
- Street tree GIS inventory data collection has begun. This will be the fourth of the five-year inventory program. Over the first three years of data collection, 19,463 records of trees planted in the City’s rights-of-way, in parks and at public facilities have been created. This data is being used to identify and prioritize tree maintenance needs. 2,000 trees were inventoried in May.

b. **Horticulture**
- City staff worked with the Founders Park Community Association to renovate the grove at Founders Park. Over two hundred new plants were installed at the May 26th community planting. The Adopt-a-Garden program has received more interest from residents with four more applications along with several new inquiries.
- Flower baskets with seasonal colors were installed along King Street between the King Street Metro and waterfront. 133 light poles received the wrap-around baskets and 7 more are planned in June 2018 – 140 flower baskets along King Street. In addition, hanging flower baskets were installed at City Hall and the City’s Marina.
- Seasonal color flowers were also installed throughout the City at Charles Houston Rec Center, Mount Vernon Rec Center, Old Town Pool, Durant Center, and Miracle Field.
- The way finding signage for Chinquapin Organic Gardens was installed.
3. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

a. Invasive Plant Management & Restoration

- The window to remove Garlic Mustard, one of our most troublesome non-native invasive plants, is May to early June. Staff hand-pulled and bagged thousands of Garlic Mustard plants, as well as thousands of English Ivy, Higan Cherry, Burning Bush, Oriental Bittersweet, Callery Pear, and other invasive seedlings and saplings from Rynex Natural Area, Dora Kelley Nature Park, Chinquapin Park, and Forest Park. Staff also removed twenty-five 8-16’ Callery Pear trees from Hammond School Meadow.


b. Cooperative Initiatives

- On May 9, 2018, staff co-led workshop training at the Long Branch Bog Complex in Franconia for the National Association for Interpretation (NAI), Beltway Chapter.

- City of Alexandria Herbarium (AVCH) assisted Virginia DCR, Natural Heritage Division, and Virginia Botanical Associates by providing 11 new plant records for the City of Alexandria; 9 new records for Arlington County; 2 new records for Fairfax County, and 1 new record for Page County to the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora – see Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora | Home. (City of Alexandria – the old capital of Fairfax County – doubles as Fairfax County in the Atlas.)

- Per request of Virginia State Botanist, VA DCR, Natural Heritage Division, Staff provided GPS ordinances for the 4 highly state rare, tracked plants that occur in Alexandria: Glandular Cinnamon Fern, Crested Sedge, River Bulrush, and Pearson Hawthorn.

- On June 7, 2018, City Natural Resource Manager was a Hands-on Plant ID instructor at the NPS-DOEE hosted EPMT/NCR-PRISM Training for pesticide recertification for natural resource professionals.

c. Environmental Review

- Staff completed the Beverly Park 6-month Landscape Review.

- Staff reviewed RPCA’s Internal Standard Operating Procedures and Best Management Practices for the use of pesticides on City lands for staff and residents.
4. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER
   a. Programs/Updates
   For the month of May, there were 135 interpretive programs attended by 2,191 people. The combined total number of visitors and participants for May was 2,893 people.

   School Programs:
   For the month of May, the Naturalists conducted 34 school programs reaching 863 students and teachers. This was the largest number of ACPS programs conducted in one month in the four years that the Nature Center has been gathering statistical informational on school programs.
   • May 9 - The Naturalist went to Patrick Henry Elementary School to conduct four, second grade programs about “Animal Classifications”. The 93 children learned about mammals, birds, insects, fish, amphibians and reptiles. The students learned about features are unique to each grouping of animals
   • May 22 and 23 - All the kindergarten classes from John Adams Elementary School hiked through Dora Kelley Nature Park to the Nature Center. The students rotated among the stations- life cycles at the marsh, exploring the nature center, classroom program with live animals from the collection and lunch on the deck. This was quite a long hike for these 105 children and teachers, but weather cooperated enough, so they were not caught in the downpours of rain, which happened most of the week.
   • May 31 - First graders from Lyle-Crouch Traditional Academy came on a field trip to the Nature Center. The 94 students, teacher and chaperons learned all about “Animal Life Cycles”. The children had the opportunity to see tadpoles and juvenile spotted salamanders netted from the marsh and then released.
   • Throughout May - Students from William Ramsay Elementary School came to the Nature Center. Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first and fifth grade classes came to explore a variety of topics- animal coverings, oceans, life cycles, and insects. More than 260 students and teachers took part in these programs.

   Nature Center Programs:
   During the month of May, there were five birthday parties, 61 impromptu programs, 2 weekday programs for preschool age children, 2 weekend programs for children, 1 homeschool program, a civic association meeting, 1 scout program and 2 programs for adults.
   • May 3 - The Afterschool Nature Buddies and students from the William Ramsay Recreation Center’ afterschool program participated in a presentation about fire safety. The City Alexandria fire fighters discussed planning escape routes in case of fire and
how to “stop, drop and roll”. The children also toured the fire trucks.

- **May 5**- As a part of the Green Craft Series, a weekend program was presented on creating “Soaps and Scrubs”. The participants made handmade soaps with natural oils, pure essential oils, organic herbs and spices. They also enjoyed making scrubs to cleanse the skin.

- **May 13**- The rescheduled “Chesapeake Bay Critters” program was held on Sunday, May 13. The participants learned all about the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A marine biologist from Glen Echo Park Aquarium discussed their roles of marine creatures and their impact on this important ecosystem.

- **May 17**- An evening program was conducted on “Protecting the Environment by Shopping Sustainably”. Team members from MOM’s Organic Market in Alexandria discussed the reasons behind the company’s environmental stewardship and product selection. Participants received a better understanding about the benefits of shopping sustainably.

- **May 25**- The “Fledglings” program focused on “Sensory Exploration”. The children hiked in the park to collect natural materials for sensory bags. After, the group played in the sand and water tables- our latest additions to the center. The sand table is filled with kinetic sand- a very different consistency to beach or sandbox sand.

**Outreach Programs:**

- **May 18**- Nature Center staff attended Family Splash Night at Chinquapin. More than 25 children and their parents were at the event.

- **May 19**- A film screening of “Add One Back” by environment filmmaker, Sam Sheline was held at the Beatley Central Library. Aquaculture oysters play an important role in filtering the Chesapeake Bay’s nutrients, sediments and pollution. By supporting this unique industry, we can help conserve the Bay. After the film presentation, there was a question and answers session.

- **May 24**- The Nature Center staff was invited to set up an information table at the Warwick Pool Opening Ceremony. Visitors learned about the many program offerings and had the opportunity unity to meet animals that swim (fire-bellied toads, a Chinese newt and a baby snapping turtle). With the beautiful weather, many visitors had their chance to swim that evening.

**Afterschool Buddies Program:**

Between spending long afternoons outside and taking care of the animals in the Nature Center, the Buddies have had an exciting month of hands-on nature activities. The group had time for some quiet nature
observations in Dora Kelley Nature Park and wrote or sketched in their nature journals. They played outside in Dora Kelley Nature Park as much as possible. The City of Alexandria Fire Department stopped by the Buddies to speak to about fire safety and what it is like to be a firefighter. The Buddies grew and harvested oyster mushrooms. Everyone brought some mushrooms home to cook! The children continue to care for the vegetables in their garden. On the many rainy days of May, the Buddies did arts and crafts including making Sun Catchers out of natural materials and insect-shaped Jell-O for snack.

b. Noteworthy

Exhibit at the Nature Center: A permanent display of aerial maps of the City of Alexandria are now on view for visitors to explore. The framed maps date from 1959, 1998 and 2017. It is very interesting to compare how Alexandria has changed over the past 56 years.
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 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

Attached, please find the FY 2018 Project Update Summary and FY 2019 Division Initiatives

cc: Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner
    Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner
    Judy Lo, Urban Planner III
    Lucresha Murphy, PARKnership Manager
    Robert Narvaez, Urban Planner II
    James Hixon, Dockmaster
    Martin Weeks, Assistant Dockmaster
FY 2018 Project Update

Park & Recreation
Commission Meeting
June 21, 2018

Park Planning, Capital Development & Waterfront
Patrick Henry Recreation Center

- **Project**: 18,000 sqft. recreation center with flex court, fitness room, soft playroom & multipurpose rooms. Exterior amenities include fitness trail, synthetic turf field, three playgrounds, basketball court and fitness station.
- **Status**: Under construction
- **Schedule**: Substantial completion December 14, 2018
- **Management**: RPCA / GS / ACPS
King Street Park at the Waterfront

• **Project:** New park at the location of the former ODBC. Amenities include natural & synthetic turf, flexible plazas with seating, trails, shade structure, lighting & rotating public art.

• **Status:** Under construction

• **Schedule:** Substantial completion mid to late fall 2018

• **Management:** RPCA / DPI
Windmill Hill Park
Shoreline Rehabilitation

• **Project**: Complete restoration of Windmill Hill Park east including dog park, shoreline trail, pier, seating areas, north & south water access; irrigation and lighting. Consistent with 2003 Park Plan with updated stormwater control.

• **Status**: Under construction

• **Schedule**: Substantial completion mid-summer 2018

• **Management**: RPCA / DPI
Warwick Pool

- **Project**: 4,100-square-foot pool with water depths from 0 - 5 feet; five 25-yard lap lanes; an accessible ramp for persons with disabilities; a seasonal bathhouse; lockers; passive lawn & recreational amenities for family & community activities.
- **Status**: Opened May 26, 2018
- **Schedule**: Substantial completion.
- **Management**: RPCA / DPI
Beverley Park

- **Project**: Complete renovation of the playground, open space improvements, shade structure and loop trail.
- **Status**: Open to the public
- **Schedule**: Close out
- **Management**: RPCA
Simpson Playground

• **Project**: Improve the open space to accommodate passive renovate playground to include shade, new surface & equipment for ages 2-12.

• **Status**: Finalizing contract award.

• **Schedule**: Substantial completion December 2018

• **Management**: RPCA / B&D
Dale Street Gardens

• **Project:** Features raised garden beds, multi-seasonal plantings, new fencing, site furnishings & soft surface pathways.

• **Status:** Phase 1 underway. Phase 2 (fall plantings)

• **Schedule:** Volunteer Days May 15, 16 & 17, July 13, and Fall 2018

• **Management:** RPCA in PARKnership with Rebuilding Together Alexandria
3550 Commonwealth Avenue Park

- **Project**: Improvements include features such as a hardscape plaza and seating area, picnic shelter, game tables, natural play area, & other site improvements.

- **Status**: Contract negotiations

- **Schedule**: June - November 2018

- **Management**: RPCA in PARKnership with Rebuilding Together Alexandria
Holmes Run Bike Trail & Stream Crossing

- **Project**: Improvements to a portion of the existing pedestrian & bicycle network along Holmes Run Trail & the replacement of the existing fair weather crossing with a new suspended pedestrian / bicycle bridge.
- **Status**: Under construction
- **Schedule**: Substantial completion spring 2018
- **Management**: T&ES / DPI, RPCA consulting
Joseph Hensley Park

- **Project:** Implement the recommendations of the 2014 Citywide Park Plan, including field renovations, restroom replacement, event space improvements, fitness and play features, circulation improvements and parking improvements

- **Status:** Design

- **Schedule:** Construction anticipated in 2019/2020

- **Management:** RPCA / DPI
Capital Improvement Program

• **Project Management**
  • One Page Project Management
  • RPCA CIP Council
  • Quarterly Progress Meetings
    • DPI
    • General Services
    • RPCA Project Managers

• **Challenges**
  • New CIP Budget Process
  • VFA & General Services Account Management
    • Recreation Centers CFMP
    • Chinquapin Recreation Center CFMP
Initiatives

**FY 2019**
- RPCA 5-Year Strategic Plan Public Engagement
- Landscape Guidelines Update
- Athletic Field Master Plan Update
- Pocket Parks Planning Process
- NOVA Parks License & Partnership Agreement
- Athletic Field Communication Towers RFP
- Open Space Easement Language Standardization
- Streamline City Project Plan Review Process
  - RPCA, P&Z, TES, DPI, GS
- Synthetic Turf Re-Carpeting: Minnie Howard & Fort Ward
- CPTED Training (*Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design*)
  - RPCA, P&Z, DPI, TES

**FY 2020+**
- Update Open Space Zoning Ordinance
- Update Park & Facilities Standards Manual
- Update Chinquapin Park Plan
- Update Dog Park Master Plan
- Develop Play Space Design Guidelines
- Develop Playground Partnership Policy