

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Park and Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 21 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center
5750 Sanger Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Summary Minutes

Commission Members: Chairperson, Judy Guse-Noritake, Gina Baum, Richard Brune, Clark Mercer, Bob Moir, Jeffrey Murphy, Mollie Timmons. **Absent:** William Cromley, Ripley Forbes, John Sullivan, Anthony Zamora.

RPCA Staff: Director James Spengler, Ron Kagawa, Dana Wedeles, Laura Durham, David Ghezzi, Robin DeShields. **Absent:** William Chesley, Jack Browand, Alisa Carrel.

Guests: Faroll Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning, and Gary Wagner, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning. Catharine Puskar, Walsh, Colucci Lubeley Emrich & Walsh, PC, and Ron Vine, Leisure Vision.

I. **Call to Order by Chair:** the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **Planning and Zoning - Presentation Alexandria Sanitation Authority - Proposed New Field:**

- Faroll Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z), and Gary Wagner, Principal Planner.
- **See Staff Report and background information provided by Department of RPCA ([www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/commissions/July 21](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/commissions/July_21).)**
- The proposal involves installing a partially above ground storage tank system and associated facilities with an athletic field above. The athletic field will be atop the roof of the tank and would be large enough for a regulation size multi-purpose field (360 ft. by 210 ft.), that would be publicly accessible and programmed. The field would have 20 ft. run out areas on all sides, and be lit.
- **Gary Wagner**, Principal Planner, provided a brief overview of the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA) expansion plan, onto land purchased within the South Carlyle Planning Area of the Eisenhower East SAP. Other properties in the area are owned by a consortium of property owners who want to develop an overall concept plan that will incorporate the ASA Plan.
- A density transfer of approximately 680,000 square feet, from the ASA site to other blocks within the South Carlyle area, was approved by City Council on June 25, 2011.
- The consortium of landowners hired a consultant, FX Fowle, to produce a plan to show how the transferred density would work on the northern properties. The overall concept plan for the South Carlyle planning area, and ASA site includes the following:
 - A large green amenity area
 - Expansion tanks will be sunk approximately 30 ft. into the ground (10-15 ft. would be exposed); a playing field will be built on top of tanks.
 - There will be four levels of parking garage, below the deck that will service the offices, residences, and ball field.
 - A Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) for the ASA expansion site has been submitted to P&Z, and is under review. The Applicant hopes to go to Planning Commission in September or October. This is a very complex site plan, that involves a new facility that has to meet federally mandated discharge standards. It includes a Nutrient Management facility—consisting of large tanks, pump stations, etc., all below the ball field.
 - Consideration must be given to how pedestrians and emergency vehicles would access the field. A 20 ft. wide path will allow emergency vehicles to get to playing field.
 - There will be an odor control area on east side of tanks with stacks above playing field approximately 50 ft. high. Maintenance gallery runs between the tanks below the deck.
 - Temporary restroom facilities will be at the playing level of the field. Permanent facilities will be provided in the future ASA office building.

- ASA wants to do an interpretative trails with description of operations to educate people walking along trails. Area is shown for future ASA office building – in the interim site will serve as a temporary gravel parking lot and staging area for ASA use, area will be fenced in - no access to public.
- Parking – 33 spaces are available on-street. In addition, they will be working with Zell to provide long-term parking inside garage.
- Update - See project schedule - process to date and anticipated schedule:
 - May 2011 met with Eisenhower East (E.E.), Design Review Board
 - June 16 - P&RC was given an update
 - June 25 - City Council approved density transfer- 680,000 ft. FAR
 - June 30 - E.E. Review Board reviewed application
 - Tonight - July 21 to Park and Recreation Commission
 - August 3 – will meet again with E.E. Design Review Board, before going to Planning Commission and City Council.
 - October to Planning Commission, then to Council.
- Questions/Comments from Commissioners:
- Q. Brune - only access is from Eisenhower Ave. from Holland Lane. Is there a possibility of another access point to Eisenhower Ave.
- R. Wagner- Access is from Holland Lane and Eisenhower Park Dr., which turns into Truesdale Dr. that goes directly into the City jail. Police Department is concerned with security of area. ASA wanted to have parking in this area, and P & Z felt entrance into site was critical in terms of first appearance of the field. They did not feel it was appropriate to have parking here, but wanted to maintain area as a soft green space with berms and landscaping.
- Discussed doing a pavement change where the public street meets the private access road to the jail facility in order to discourage the public from driving down the private street since there will be no turn around ability.
- Wagner - In the master plan Eisenhower Park Drive, was to wrap around, and connect to Holland Lane. ASA decided against providing a trail in this area for security reasons.
- Potential trail on southern end of site, this would be an extension of the trail system near Cameron Run. Possible location, being discussed with T&ES. Proposed trail would come up to the playing field, continue around the site, and go all the way to Eisenhower Ave. The trail will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to go through site. Staff is still exploring the possibility of bringing the trail around site within the RPA. Problem exists, crossing around Hooffs Run is very difficult. A portion of the trail was built by VDOT and dead ends on the east side of Hooff's Run.
- Chair- important to remember, when this was a pivotal development site- there was a greenway along Cameron Run. While she applauds the new field, attention needs to be paid to what occurs there in the RPA. She understands the difficulty of the trail crossing Hooff's Run but a trail was always envisioned.
- Q. Chair- will there be an agreement to allow the Department of RPCA to schedule the field. In addition, who will be responsible for maintaining the field, and replacing the synthetic turf with new carpet, when needed? This should be determined early in the process.
- R. Wagner- if is an asset- management issues need to be determined.
- Q. Chair - when is the field expected to come on-line?
- R. Hamer- the DSUP will go forward in the fall, field will be under construction within a year.
- R. Kevin Wise-ASA- There is a regulatory deadline, the field will be completed by the end of 2014.
- Chair Judy Noritake, and Vice Chair, Bob Moir thanked P&Z staff for their presentation. Mr. Moir said the Carlyle area will be very populated soon, it is important, that each time a community is built, there be consideration of having recreational fields plus facilities for

jogging and walking. This is a great area for development. The Chair said Eisenhower East will have lots of young adults, living there that will want to use this field.

III. **Beauregard Corridor Open Space Presentation by Development Team** - Discussion.

- **Catharine Puskar, Attorney –Walsh, Colucci , Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, PC**
- Ms. Puskar gave a brief oral presentation on the Developers’ Beauregard Corridor Open Space Concept Framework Plan - **See Handouts**. Ms. Puskar represents two property owners: Home Properties, near Hammond Middle School, and JBG Properties who owns the Hamlets Apartments (Mark Center). She is working with the citizens group, developers and stakeholders on redeveloping sites within the Beauregard Corridor Plan, involving: Home Properties, Washington Realty and Investment Trust (WRIT), Southern Towers, Duke Properties, Hekemiam, and JBG Properties, who owns the largest parcel, with about 130 acres. The focus is on maintaining, and creating additional open space throughout the Beauregard Corridor plan area. Proposed redevelopment includes residential, commercial, hotel and retail –broken up into different neighborhoods.
- **See open space exhibit**. There is some existing green space now. The Plan tries to consolidate open space into more meaningful/coordinated areas.
- There are some existing residential communities: Southern Towers has existing open space that would remain to serve the existing buildings consisting of 2300 rental units (estimated 5,000 residents). They will also be creating some new open space areas within the development, as well as on the Hekemian properties. These areas have not yet been programmed. Home Properties would have new green spaces as well.
- Q. Chair- what is the anticipated increase in number of residential units planned for area?
- R. Puskar - she is unsure, for JBG Properties – 6000 estimated units. They have spreadsheets and charts; she can make these available at a later time.
- The existing community consists of market rate affordable housing units built in the 1960’s. These are smaller units, with lower rental prices serving families with children. With the redevelopment, the demographics will change slightly.
- The proposed development includes a new fire station on the N.W. corner of Beauregard St. and Sanger Ave. The development plan also includes a new artificial turf, lighted athletic field adjacent to the William Ramsay Elementary School. The siting of the proposed field will try to minimize the impact to existing trees. The development plan will also provide additional opportunities for recreational uses and/or a dog park. In addition, a community garden is desired. The project is still in the framework/planning stage, working with-citizens and staff. The goal is to get the field completed with the construction of the fire station Kagawa - field size will be 360 ft. x 210 ft.
- Chair-the field will be located on existing open space, on a site owned by the City and ACPS. ACPS is excited about having an artificial turf field for use by children. In the future the City should not build fields without restrooms. At this location, patrons will be able to use restrooms at the William Ramsay Recreation Center. When planning for the field, attention should be paid to preserving as much mature tree canopy in development as possible. There is a need to discuss this with residents in neighborhood and “Friends of Dora Kelly” park soon – before this is finalized.
- Parking- Ms. Puskar said at the last staff meeting, they discussed locating parking between the field and recreation center, this will provide alternative parking for the recreation center.
- Puskar- the fire station could be built as soon as possible, similarly to the athletic field. Residential units are not slated to come on-line for the next 15 to 20 years. Staff may want to push to get the field and lights installed now.
- Chair- you spoke about smaller areas on the other side - connecting the greenway, and the two ½ acre (.5) acre open space parcels (total of one additional acre of open space) and the field. There are other places where there will be small-scale recreational activities.
- Puskar - said diagram is not reflective of all open space, is more focused on public space (see Framework Diagram). There will be additional open space around townhouses, multifamily areas, and other areas where there would be community amenities.

- Chair- said distribution of open space is important. While drive-by open space makes for beautiful communities, it limits the amount of open space for recreation activities. The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a private open space, it benefits the neighborhood, but is not part of development.
- We also need to be concerned with the ownership and management of open space areas, from the larger public spaces managed by RPCA to the smaller areas that may be owned and maintained by the homeowners association. As the P&RC and staff develops a community garden policy, she would encourage that in dense developments like this, residents take ownership of gardens, and have the first right to these parcels. We need a mix of public and private gardens. The Chair said that private maintenance should be encouraged of small gardens, as well for dog parks.
- Ms. Puskar- said there are certain things that they would be responsible for on their properties, such as community amenities. However, dog parks which will serve the surrounding area, will be considered public areas, and should be maintained by the City.
- Q. Chair - what are open space requirements for this type of development?
- R. Hamer - P&Z does not have standardized open space requirements, each plan is viewed on a case by case basis. This is a good opportunity for a field and to use natural areas that connect to each other.
- Chair- the next presentation is an overview of the Recreational Needs Assessment, one of the top desires is for more natural trails. Puskar - They have spent a lot of time with the community trying to improve walkability and bikability, and have also incorporated shared use paths and trails, this will get refined over time.
- Chair- Are designers and owners are looking to get LEED ND Certification for the neighborhood plan?
- Puskar- this does apply to JBG properties, JBG is considering this.
- Hamer- it is important for some of the open space to be visible from public streets – in order to help ensure public space feels public, and not like private space.
- Chair- regarding storm water retention ponds, she doesn't see these as open space, even though developers sometimes present them as such. In extreme weather conditions causes problems, i.e. Cameron Station, Ben Brenman Park- people see the water and think it's a lake that kids should be able to play in. They just cannot be made to serve that kind of function. Proposed SW facility should be privately maintained - constant maintenance problems for RPCA when these are "open space".
- Moir- asked if consideration could be given to adding a second dog park in the development at the other end (one exists by William Ramsey School).
- Chair- once the number of residential units is known, she will be able to provide an estimate to Ms. Puskar on the number of dog parks needed to serve area.
- Puskar- recommendations also include providing safe areas for children and teenagers to play, both active and passive uses.
- Chair- When thinking about small-scale active recreation, staff should think in terms of contemporary, small-scale recreational activities like rock climbing or bouldering walls. Baum- spray parks should also be considered.
- Bush - when City receives compensation from the BRAC project, perhaps funds can be dedicated to the field.
- Chair- the BRAC site converted a lot of open space. Funds should probably be used to acquire additional open space in this area.
- The Chair asked if there were additional questions – there were none, she asked that Ms. Puskar keep her informed of the project status. Ms. Puskar mentioned that a bus tour will be given this weekend - to drive to different developments to discuss design issues. The tour will go through Alexandria and Arlington, 73 people have registered so far.

IV. **Needs Assessment Presentation** - Ron Vine, President –Leisure Vision, and

- Dana Wedeles, RPCA, Park Planning- **See RPCA Staff Report and L.V. Executive Summary, Major Findings - Item IV.**
- **Ron Vine:** the survey questions were developed based on site visits with RPCA and cover a full range of usage questions, customer satisfaction and priorities-see presentation.
- The goal was to complete 600 surveys, 601 were completed. Results have a 95% level of confidence + or – 4%. The survey was administered through a combination of mail and telephone: to reach demographics close to the 2010 census: Latinos represent 13% of the population; and 13% of respondents. African Americans represent 22% of the population; and 18% of respondents. They also had a good breakdown of ages of households, representative of the Alexandria population.
- **Background** - Leisure Vision has completed 600 park and recreation surveys (12 or more in the state of Virginia). L.V. has clients in 46 states, and has the largest database in the U.S.A., which allows them to be able to compare Alexandria to other areas of the county. Cross tabular analysis were done for: households with children, and without children, age of respondent, race and ethnicity, if they use parks, or not, how long client have lived in the Alexandria, if they have dogs or not, income and gender.
- **Presentation/discussion will focus on three key areas:**
 1. Current Department's strengths
 2. Opportunities for further meeting cultural and recreation activity needs.
 3. Citizens' vision of the community and recreation, parks and cultural activities.
- 1. **RPCA's major Strengths:**
 - **Park usage; participation in recreation programs; usage of website; and the desire for cultural and special events, were are all rated high.** The Department of RPCA is considered the top community provider. See: **Organization Used for Recreation and Cultural Activities:** - 60% used the City's parks, recreation and cultural activities services in last twelve months. RPCA is the dominant player for households with children under 10 years of age. RPCA is in the top two brackets in every age bracket, households with kids 10-18, and households without kids.
 - **Park usage:** 81% of residents have parks within walking distance from home. See Visitation - 85% of households have visited parks in the last year; national average is 72%.
 - **Participation in programs:** 46% of households participate in recreation programs; national average is 30%. Alexandria is doing outstanding in this area. The 46% represents households with young children, older children, and households with adults 55 and over. Alexandria rates high in all these areas, over the national benchmark. Conversely, the largest gap area is in households with no children, or where everyone is between the ages of 19 and 54. Overall Alexandria is doing very well compared to other communities.
 - **Special Events:** Alexandria is second community across U.S. where the desire for farmers markets is the number one. Desire for special events in Alexandria is high 61%; Nationally Special Events is 39%.
 - **Ways Households Learn About Services Offered:**
The two most important ways are newspaper, and from friends and neighbors (both rated at 46%). Other ways are from the website 34%; national benchmark is 16%; Brochure/program guide is 29%.
- 2. **Major Opportunities - to improve excellent rating of parks:**
 - **Increase usage of Program Guide; address unmet needs, for Parks and Recreation and cultural activities; address needs of empty nester households, and increase awareness of offerings.**

- Usage of program guide is 29%; national average is 53%. Staff discussed, some possible reasons for lower usage of guide, may be that the guide can be easily accessed from RPCA's website. Additionally, guide is currently only sent to users of programs. Mr. Spengler said limited distribution of guide is partly due to budget cuts.

Park usage is 85%; however, only 23% say conditions of parks are excellent; nationally average is 31%. Mr. Vine said it is not unusual for a high usage system, to cause stress on park conditions. 63% of responders say conditions of parks are good. From a policy standpoint RPCA needs to decide if good is adequate.

- When asked what the reasons are "Preventing Households from Using Facilities or Programs More Often": 41% stated "I don't know what is being offered." The second highest response was "I don't not know location of facilities, 20%.

3. Citizen/Community Vision for the Future:

- Vine: a significant opportunity exists for met needs, but more for unmet needs. Some items citizens envision as the perfect park system for their households are: Having Farmers Markets, and Cultural and Special Events.
- Respondents felt programs should be paid for through a combination of fees and taxes, depending on the age of the user group. Respondents are most willing to spend their tax dollars on improving trails and passive usage of neighborhood parks, requiring open space.
- The highest need is for walking trails: 85% said they have a need. Natural Areas, wildlife habitats was the second highest, 67% said they have a need.
- 31% have a need for athletic fields (including both rectangular and diamond fields), though youth athletic programs are the number one need in households with children age 10-19 (21% of households have youngsters that are school age.) The Chair pointed out that the need for indoor swimming pools is higher at 52%.
- Need for Fenced dog areas: 27% households say they have a need, Unfenced rated 20%. Nationally 25% of households have dogs.

Question 6c in presentation shows the number of households in Alexandria whose need for Recreation Amenities are only being met - 50% or less. The biggest unmet needs are in natural areas and wildlife habitats, followed by indoor exercise facilities, walking trails, and indoor and outdoor pools. This shows where the greatest focus needs to be for facility improvements as the needs are not being met.

- **Recreational and Cultural Programs:**
- 19,000 households have less than 50% of met needs in special events; this is the highest ranked program with unmet needs.
- 18,207 households have less than 50% of met needs for farmers markets.
- Mr. Vine commented that the community really likes participating in park and recreation and in cultural activities. There are a lot of unmet needs, more than seen in the average communities.
- **Amenities that are most important:**
- Walking Trails - 57% desire walking trails, followed by biking trails, natural areas, and then playgrounds.
- Playgrounds - are the #1 priority for households with children under 10 years of age. 60% of households in this household age group say playgrounds are priority- the next highest need in this household type walking trails (44%).
- Walking and bike trails – are # 1 for households with children ages 10-19; soccer & lacrosse was #2.

- Walking and bike trails are number one priorities for empty nesters households. Vine - looking to the future, for empty nesters it is really key to look at what is the most important item for various age groups.
 - **RPCA recreational and cultural programs that are most important (O9).** In general, 25% said Farmers Markets, followed by cultural and special events.
 - Learn to Swim programs- are the #1 priority for households with children under 10.
 - Youth Athletic Programs- are the #1 priority for households with children 10-19.
 - Farmers Markets - are the #1 for empty nesters households.
 - **Activities that households are most willing to support with tax dollars - see chart.**
 - In order: (1) Improving existing walking and bike trails; (2) purchase land to preserve natural areas, (3) develop walking and biking trails that connect parks and (4) improve existing passive use in neighborhood parks
 - Mr. Vine said the Planning Director also spoke about some of these things (connecting trails) in the previous presentation (Beauregard).
 - As RPCA, and the City moves forward with its strategic plan they should incorporate survey findings and look for ways to address community desires and unmet needs.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Jane Yeingst, “Buddie Ford” Nature Center- asked why the Nature Center was not mentioned.
 - Mr. Vine- said the survey did not ask questions about specific centers. Natural areas and wildlife habitat speaks to what the Nature Center is about. Dana Wedeles, RPCA said survey was asking about outdoor facilities and programs.
 - The Chair said it is important what was shown as for priorities for the Department, in terms of advocacy, budgeting and planning. In terms of future population forecasting for the City; she believes that in 10-20 years from now Alexandria will be composed of many young families with children living in multi-family buildings. These families will require more recreational space because they will not have yards. The City should be planning for this.
 - Vine- They did not do projections for future populations. A survey is just a tool to help decision makers. The key is to look at data under: households with children under 10, households with children ages 10-19, empty nesters 20-54 years of age. This will be a good indicator on how to plan for the next five years.
 - Brune- regarding occupations and employment –was question posed, are you going to be living in the area for long term?
 - Vine- good point, this question is frequently asked when we are doing comprehensive planning surveys. The survey completed for the City however, considered other demographics they thought were more germane.

Mr. Vine thanked the Commission and RPCA staff for the opportunity to complete the City’s survey. He said that Dana Wedeles, Park Planner has been great to work with. Ms. Wedeles said the final report will be available soon-there are a few changes. There will also be GIS footage. Director Spengler said both the Needs Assessment and Aquatics Plan will go to Council in the fall.

- V. Approval of Summary Minutes from June 16, 2011 – Deferred.
- VI. Adoption of FY 2011 Annual Report, and Attendance Report submission - Jack Browand.
 - The Annual Report and attendance report was approved by the Commission as submitted. The reports will be forwarded to Rose Boyd, Secretary for Boards and Commissions.
- VII. **DIVISION UPDATES: To View Full Staff Reports go to:**
www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation/Commission reports.
 - A. Recreation Programs and Service Update - William Chesley (absent) - See Staff Report.

- B. Operations and Park Planning Monthly Report – Jack Browand, Acting Deputy Director for Operations - See Staff Report.
- C. Office of the Arts Update - See Staff Report by Alisa Carrel (absent) – The Office of the Arts was awarded a \$5,500 grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts for the construction of a performance stage at the building formerly known as the Duron building, now called the Conservatory. The estimated cost for the stage is \$11,000 \$5,000 has been received to date in the form of the state arts program. Durham-is getting updated estimates-stage will be up soon.
- D. Park Planning Updates - Ron Kagawa and Laura Durham.
 - i. Divisional Updates - Active Park Planning Projects - See Staff Report. Ron Kagawa said new report format was developed by his staff in MSAccess.
 - ii. Jones Point Park Update- See Staff Report.
Bob Moir – said he visited JPP, this is a very large park (64 acres) it is unfortunate that the park will not be able to be used or programmed by RPCA; park is under the control of VDOT. Ron Kagawa said parking is still an issue under the bridge, there are some amenities: four basketball courts, a playground, a comfort station, etc.
 - iii. David H. Ghezzi, AIA LEED AP - New Team Member - See Staff Report. Ron Kagawa, Division Chief, Park Planning, introduced new team member and Architect David Ghezzi. Mr. Ghezzi will work with staff on the CFMP and park standards, among other projects. The P&RC staff welcomed Mr. Ghezzi to the meeting.

Other: 1 & 7 East Del Ray Ave, will be finished and delivered August 15. Durham- said with the exception of plantings that will be completed in the fall.
- E. Marketing, Public Relations & Special Events – Cheryl Lawrence- See Staff Report.
 - o Director James Spengler commented that the recent City Birthday Celebration held July 9; at Oronoco Bay Park was one of the largest and most successful events he has seen.

VIII. Director's Report - James Spengler

- A. **Ft. Ward Park New Advisory Committee Update** - See Attachment: Docket item # 27, 6/28/11. Consideration of a Resolution Re-establishing an Ad Hoc Ft. Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholders Advisory Group (Res. #2460).
Discussion: City Council appointed a new Ad Hoc Ft. Ward Park Advisory Group. The new group will serve for a two year term. Group's Composition (See docket memo pgs. 2 and 3): *Three members to be recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission Chair.*
Mr. Spengler said recommendations are due back to the City Manager by August 2. The new group will begin meeting in September. The main purpose of the new group will be to determine the project scope for a master plan for Ft. Ward Park; help staff with selection of a consultant, and participate in the development of the master plan over a twelve to sixteen month period.
Chair – the original Ft. Ward Advisory Committee had three members from the P&RC: Rich Brune, Ripley Forbes, and Bob Moir, each worked on the committee for a year, and helped draft the report/recommendations. Mr. Forbes would like to serve on the new committee, Mr. Brune and Mr. Moir did not wish to continue if other arrangements could be made to represent the P&RC. As an alternative, staff is recommending possible appointment of active park users. Laura Durham said she is doing outreach to recreational users of park. The Chair asked Ms. Durham, to follow-up with Linda Reis to determine if she would like to serve as one of the P&RC representatives. Commissioner Moir said that the Ad Hoc Ft. Ward Stakeholders group's written report and recommendations will serve as a good guide for new appointees. Action: The Chair will submit names by August 2.
- B. **Waterfront SAP Summer Task Force**- See Attachment: Docket item #21, 6/28/11, Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a Waterfront Plan Work Group.
Mr. Spengler reported that a meeting was held in June with City Council to discuss the future plans for the waterfront. City Council did not vote on the Waterfront Plan in June, but took action to form a new committee to further study the Plan. The new group will consist of: five at-large citizen members; a representative from the Waterfront Committee (Chair, Nate Macek); a representative from Old Town Civic Assoc. and a non-voting member from City Council. The group will begin meeting in the summer and make recommendations to City Council in the fall. Laura Durham will forward information on the upcoming meeting on July 27-Enews will be out today.

IX. Reports from Commissioners (verbal updates):

- A. Waterfront Committee -William Cromley (absent).
- B. Youth Sport Committee - Jeffrey Murphy (absent). See Hammond Lights.
- C. Four Mile Run - Ripley Forbes (absent). The Chair reported that a meeting was held. Breakout tables discussed that Four Mile Run park needs to be master planned to make better use of it. Concurrent planning may be done with Arlington Co.
- D. Charles Houston Memorial Project - William Cromley (absent).
- E. Freedman's Cemetery - Bob Moir- project is moving along.
- F. Beauregard Corridor - **See discussion - Item #III**
- G. ACPS & Capital Improvements - Judy Guse-Noritake
 - o **Hammond Lights Update**- Planning Commission (P.C.) approved the SUP for lights (SUP #2010-0079). Neighbors challenged the decision. Issue is whether the P.C. had the authority to grant the variance for lights. The Plan will now go before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for approval - project will be delayed until September. Nancy Jennings, President of the Seminary Hills Association, submitted a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) requesting copies of all information on the project. The Department of RPCA responded and submitted information to the City Attorney's Office.
- H. Jones Point Park Liaison Group- Judy Guse-Noritake said the group meets quarterly, next meeting is Sept.
- I. Community Gardens Policy- Next Steps - Judy Noritake. This item will be taken up in the fall.

Other- Youth Policy Commission - Clark Mercer received a letter from the Mayor thanking him for his work on the now defunct commission. The commission was disbanded when the City formed a new consolidated commission to work with children, youth and families.

- X. Agenda Items for September 2011 meeting and location:** Aquatics Master Plan, Miracle Field Update, invite a representative from the swim meet, location-TBD.

- XI. Adjournment:** 9:00 p.m.

At the close of the meeting, the Commission will take comments on any other topic from the public, there were none.