

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

2701 Commonwealth Avenue

Alexandria, VA 22305

**Agenda**

- I.** Call to Order: by Jennifer Akins Chair.
- II.** Public Hearing: Non-designation of three Dog Exercise Areas.
- III.** Presentation: Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan
- IV.** Items for Information:
  - A. Public Comments. The Commission will receive brief comments on non-agenda items. Commenters should arrive promptly at the start of the meeting and prepare to keep comments to three minutes or less.
- V.** Items for Action:
  - A. Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2015, June 18, 2015, July 16, 2015.
- VI.** RPCA Staff Updates:
  - A. Director's Report:
    1. FY17 CIP Update
    2. Patrick Henry Project Update
  - B. Division Updates: Recreation Services; Park Operations; Public Information, Special Events, Waterfront Operations; and Park Planning, Design+Capital Projects
- VII.** Commission Business and Reports from Commissioners by District (verbal updates):
  - A. Sub-Committees on Public/Private Partnerships and Open Space
  - B. Memorandum to City Council regarding NOVA Parks Proposal to Acquire 517 Prince Street
- VIII.** Next Meeting: Agenda items and location for October 16, 2015.







Project Name	Project Description	Existing Project, Revised Project, or New Project Request	Approved Funding	RPCA Proposed Funding											
			FY 2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Total	
Nannie J. Lee Therapeutic Pool	Funding for the design and implementation of a full renovation at Nannie J. Lee Pool.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,400,000	\$0	\$3,400,000
Colosanto Pool Demolition/Spray ground Conversion	Funding for the design and implementation of a spray ground at Colosanto.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900,000
Ewald Pool Demolition	Funding for the demolition of Ewald Pool and site establishment in anticipation of the Neighborhood Park Plan improvements.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000
Polk Avenue Park	Funding for Phase II of the access improvements and path work at Polk Avenue Park.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Simpson Park Diamond Fields Improvements	Funding for improvements on the baseball and little league fields at Simpson Park.	New Project Request	\$0	\$1,550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,550,000
Organic Infill for Synthetic Turf System Fields	Funding for installation of organic or non-rubber infill as a substitute for existing crumb rubber infill during renovation/carpet replacement of synthetic turf system fields if directed by City Council.	New Project Request	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$215,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$715,000
Community Matching Fund	Funding to provide matching funds for community groups that propose fundraising for park projects. Community groups interested in receiving matching funds would annually compete for grant aid amounts up to \$25,000.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$700,000
Patrick Henry Synthetic Turf Field and Outdoor Play Features	Funding to supplement the existing Patrick Henry project including upgrades to a synthetic infill system turf field and additional funds for a community playground with outdoor fitness equipment.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000
New Park Restrooms	Funding for the design and construction of new restrooms at Potomac Yard Park and Lockett Field.	New Project Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$500,000	\$75,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,150,000

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Alexandria City Council and Alexandria City School Board wish to establish a Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Stakeholder Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and the City Council have adopted a program of requirements in regard to the educational services/programs and the neighborhood serving nature of the new recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Stakeholder Advisory Group shall advise staff on recommendations for the planning and design of a new Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center and conduct the other tasks specified in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of City residents with a wide-variety of interests can assist in making recommendations for the new school and recreation center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That there is hereby established the Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Stakeholder Advisory Group (the “Advisory Group”),

2. That the Advisory Group shall consist of 13 members, and the composition of the group shall be as follows:

**Resident Representatives**

- Patrick Henry PTA (2)
- Patrick Henry Recreation Center Advisory Council (1)
- Foxchase resident (1)
- Seminary Hill Association (1)
- Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association (1)
- Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association (1)
- Citizens that live within a one-mile radius of the school (2)

**City Commissions, Boards**

- Alexandria City Council (1)
- Alexandria City School Board (1)
- Park and Recreation Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (1)

**Total (13)**

That the City Council and the School Board shall each recommend one member to sit on the Advisory group;

3. That the City Manager and ACPS Superintendent shall appoint the thirteen members for the Advisory Group for a one-year term;

4. That the City Manager and ACPS Superintendent shall appoint an Advisory Chair to act as liaison between the Advisory Group and the Design Review Team;

5. That the Chairpersons of the Parent and Teacher Association, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation, Commission and the Recreation Center Advisory Council shall recommend to the City Manager its members for the Advisory Group;

6. That the members recommended by the Seminary Hill Association, Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, and Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association each have an existing involvement with the Patrick Henry School;

7. That, in making their appointments, the City Manager, Superintendent and Commission chairs shall endeavor to ensure that in aggregate, Advisory Group members are representative of the diversity of interests and uses of the school and recreation center site;

8. That the City Manager and Superintendent shall select the remaining members by issuing calls for nomination;

9. That the City Manager and Superintendent shall confirm all nominations and selections through an appointment letter; and

10. That the City Manager and Superintendent shall designate the Chair of the Advisory Group;

11. That the functions of the Advisory Group shall be:

- a. Attend scheduled meetings which shall be open to the public;
- b. Work within the framework for design principles and program of requirements established for the school and recreation center;
- c. Act as liaisons for neighborhoods and the groups they represent to provide input on issues and opportunities throughout the planning and design process for the new school and recreation center;
- d. Bring community values, knowledge, and ideas into the planning and design process in ways that provide lasting benefit to the local community and the City as a whole; and
- e. Advise staff and make recommendations regarding the preferred design of the Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center.

**Attachment 1**

12. That staff assistance to the Advisory Group shall be managed jointly by the Alexandria City Public Schools, the Department of General Services and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

13. That the Advisory Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis and will be formed for a limited duration of no more than one year unless otherwise extended by City Council and the School Board.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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**WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY  
COUNCIL ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

**FROM:** MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER  
ALVIN L. CRAWLEY, SUPERINTENDENT, ALEXANDRIA CITY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**SUBJECT:** PATRICK HENRY PRE-K THRU 8 SCHOOL AND RECREATION  
CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

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The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Mayor, City Council, and the Alexandria City School Board on the Patrick Henry Pre-K thru 8 School and Recreation Center Project, including an outline of the plan for community engagement:

Attachments 1 through 3 contains the project schedule and public engagement process visuals that were jointly developed by ACPS and City staff. Specifically,

- ACPS and City staff will present monthly project updates during the Joint City Council/ School Board Sub Committee Meetings.
- Joint City Council/ School Board Work Sessions will be held at critical points in the project schedule to ensure both City Council and the School Board have design and community input feedback simultaneously and can weigh in ahead of key decisions. The first work session is targeted for November 2015.
- Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings will be held throughout the process to aid in recommending key design decisions to ACPS and City staff. This group would be made up of community/neighborhood representatives, one School Board member, one City Council member and representatives from civic associations, commissions, or boards that have a vested interest in the project from varying sides and viewpoints. Draft resolutions to be proposed for adoption by City Council and the School Board are at Attachment 4.

- Design Review Team Meetings, including key staff from ACPS and City will be held bi-weekly. The primary purpose of the group is to collaborate with the architectural and engineering firm and project manager to develop a design that accommodates and balances the requirements of all stakeholders.
- Community meetings held monthly starting in September 2015.
- Online Engagement opportunities will be made available throughout the process to solicit feedback from members of the public unable to attend community meetings.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Patrick Henry Project Timeline

Attachment 2 – Patrick Henry Project Public Engagement Framework Graphic

Attachment 3 – Patrick Henry Project Engagement Process Graphic

Attachment 4 – Draft Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Stakeholder Advisory Group Resolution

cc: Emily Baker, Acting Deputy City Manager  
Clarence Stukes, Chief Operating Officer, ACPS  
Jeremy McPike, Director, General Services  
James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA)  
Elijah Gross, Director of Planning, Construction and Design, ACPS  
Laura Durham, Division Chief, RPCA

## Patrick Henry Project Timeline

This timeline is projected given the best information to date, but is subject to change and future discussion as circumstances dictate.

*(last updated 7/28/2015)*

### [View Glossary of Terms](#)

Fall 2018	Patrick Henry School of the Future and new City recreation center open
Construction Phase - potentially starts June 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two community meetings (September 2017, to alleviate construction issues community may be facing, and February 2018)</li> <li>• Hard hat tours over summer (July - August 2018)</li> <li>• Construction work substantially complete August 2018</li> <li>• Ribbon cutting ceremony September 2018</li> </ul>
September 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Board work session to review progress of initial construction work</li> <li>• Design work ends</li> </ul>
June - August 2017:	<p>Design review meeting and discussions with the Project Manager and design team continue throughout the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Construction Document (CD) phase and permitting</li> <li>• School Board works to approve design</li> <li>• Construction (C) phase begins</li> <li>• Building permit received</li> </ul>
June/July 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press briefing to explain next steps</li> <li>• Groundbreaking ceremony</li> </ul>
June 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two design review meetings</li> </ul>
May 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two design review meetings</li> </ul>
April 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One design review meeting</li> <li>• Final site plan submission/MYLAR for permits</li> <li>• Submit building permit</li> </ul>
March 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One design review meeting</li> </ul>
February 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two design review meetings</li> <li>• School Board work session for project update</li> </ul>
January 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One design review meeting</li> </ul>

- December 2016:
  - One design review meeting
  
- November 2016:
  - Two design review meetings
  
- October 2016:
  - Two design review meetings
  - Design Development (DD) phase ends: Construction Document (CD) phase and permitting phase begins
  - Community Design Review committee finalizes its work
  - School Board work session for project update
  
- October 2016 - April 2017:
  - Final site plan review process
  
- September 2016:
  - School Board work session to be updated on design process
  - Two Design Review meetings
  - Community meeting (early September) - project update
  - Public Hearing for DSUP
  - Preliminary site plan submission
  
- July - September 2016:
  - Design review meeting bi-weekly
  
- June 2016:
  - Joint City Council and School Board Work Session
  - Design review meeting bi-weekly
  
- May 2016:
  - School Board approval of schematic design
  - Community meeting
  
- April/May 2016:
  - Two Design Review meetings
  - Schematic Design (SD) phase ends: Design Development (DD) phase begins
  - Finalize Transportation Study
  - AP&Z review and comment/respond to comments
  - AP&Z completeness submission/notice of completeness
  - Construction Manager on board
  
- April 2016:
  - Community meeting
  
- March 2016:
  - One design review meeting
  - Community meeting - project schedule/project update: revised schematic plans presented to community for feedback
  - School Board work session to receive updates on schematic design
  - Public hearing on schematic design
  - Concept Review/Interdepartmental Development Review (IDR) meeting with Alexandria City planning and zoning (AP&Z)
  - Joint City Council and School Board Work Session

- Community meeting
  - Joint City Council/School Board Patrick Henry Project Work Session (to be held the same night as the budget work session)
- February 2016:
- Two design review meetings
  - Community meeting - project schedule/project update: initial schematic plans presented to community for feedback
- January 25, 2016
- Joint City Council/School Board Subcommittee meeting - members will be updated on the progress of the project
- Design team begins to draw up schematic plans
  - Two design review meetings
  - Community meeting - project schedule/project update by ACPS/Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities/Project Manager/design team: enable community feedback before developing schematic designs
- January 2016:
- Begin transportation study
  - Community Advisory Group begins regular meetings that will continue throughout the design process
- November 23, 2015
- Joint City Council/School Board Subcommittee meeting - members will be updated on the progress of the project
- Design team procurement process continues/concludes and School Board approves contract for design team in closed session
- November/  
December 2015:
- ACPS/City of Alexandria/Project Manager begins management of A&E/design team - design phase begins
  - Community Advisory Group is formed
- November 2015
- Joint City Council/School Board Patrick Henry Project Work Session proposed (to be held the same night as the budget work session)
- October 26, 2015
- Joint City Council/School Board Subcommittee meeting - members will be updated on the progress of the project
- Design team procurement process
- October/  
November 2015:
- Two CORE group meetings
  - Proposed Joint City Council and School Board work session
- September 30, 2015
- Community meeting - project schedule/project update/introduction of Project Manager, 6 p.m., Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Ave.
- September 28, 2015
- Joint City Council/School Board Subcommittee meeting - members will be updated on the progress of the project, 5 p.m., City Council Work Room, City Hall
- September 10, 2015
- School Board Work Session on Patrick Henry Project (School), 7 p.m., ACPS Central Office, 1340 Braddock Place

- September 8, 2015 City Council Work Session on Patrick Henry Project (Recreation Center), 7 p.m., City Hall
- Two CORE group meetings
  - School Board approves contract for Project Manager in closed session
- September 2015: ACPS and Alexandria City begin procurement process for professional design/Architectural and Engineering (A&E) and Construction Management (CM) services: ACPS/City of Alexandria/Project Manager develop scope of work
- Two CORE group meetings
  - Discussion around formation of Design Review Team and Community Review Group
- July 2015: Discussion around formation of Facilities Planning Committee/Design Review Committee (ACPS staff/PTA president and school representatives/civic associations), possibly to meet monthly and run tangentially to CORE group.
- June/July 2015 ACPS and Alexandria City begin procurement process for project management (PM) services
- June 24, 2015 Joint press briefing with City the day after the feasibility study for the recreation center is approved
- June 23, 2015 City Council approved a neighborhood serving concept Recreation Center project.
- June 22, 2015 City material regarding feasibility study posted. Promote City vote/feasibility study posting through email bank
- June 19, 2015 CORE group meeting
- June 12, 2015 [Joint press briefing with City/press release](#)  
**School Board Meeting**
- June 11, 2015
- [School Board Approves Construction of New Building for Patrick Henry](#)
  - [view materials](#)
- June 10, 2015 Promote School Board vote through email bank vote on Patrick Henry Project
- June 5, 2015 CORE group meeting  
**School Board Meeting**  
Patrick Henry project updates presented to the School Board. The School Board will vote to adopt one of the master plan options and opt to move forward with the design phase.
- May 28, 2015
- [view materials](#)
  - [watch video of meeting](#)

### **School Board Work Session on Patrick Henry**

The School Board discussed the project with ACPS facilities staff and had the opportunity to ask them detailed questions

May 19, 2015

- [view materials](#)
- [watch video of work session](#)

### **School Board Meeting and Public Hearing on Patrick Henry**

May 19, 2015

- [view meeting agenda](#)
- [watch video of meeting](#)

### **School Board Meeting**

The Patrick Henry Architecture and Engineering study was presented to the School Board for information purposes only. The study includes rough drafts of master plan options which have been drawn up as part of the feasibility study. These master plan options are not final. They will serve as a starting point in the design process.

May 14, 2015

- [Patrick Henry Architecture and Engineering Study](#)
- [watch video of meeting](#)
- [Press Release: ACPS Staff Present Recommended Option for Patrick Henry School to School Board](#)

Material posted online for Patrick Henry feasibility study ahead of School Board meeting on May 14. This included rough drafts of master plan options which have been drawn up as part of the feasibility study. These master plan options are not final designs. They will serve as a starting point in the design process.

May 11, 2015

- [view materials](#)

May 8, 2015 [Letter to Patrick Henry Community from School Board Chair \(PDF\)](#)  
April 22, 2015 [Architects Modify Possible Options for Patrick Henry Based on Community Feedback](#)  
April 14, 2015 School Board Work Session - Patrick Henry Community Presentation [watch video of work session](#)  
March 18, 2015 [Architects Unveil Three Possible Options for Patrick Henry Project](#)  
Fall 2014 Sorg Architects selected to carry out feasibility study  
November 2013 School Board brief and approval for feasibility study  
July 2013 Community engagement activities began surrounding possible future of Patrick Henry

# PATRICK HENRY PROJECT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



## ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING FIRM

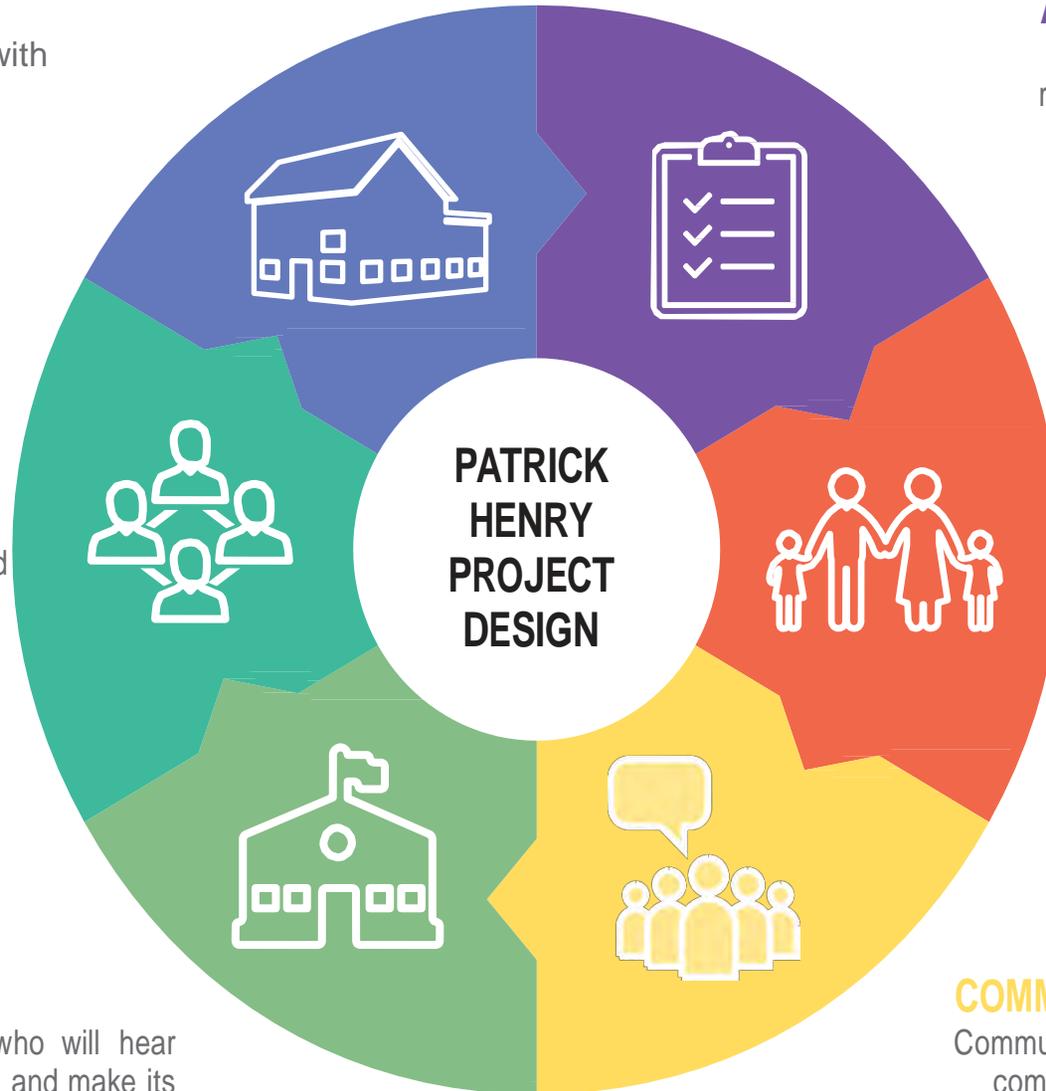
The Project Designer, who works with the stakeholders to produce the final design.

## PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL

The Planning Commission and City Council members will review the building and site design for consistency with adopted plans and regulatory policies. The Mayor and City Council will make the final decision on the required Development Special Use Permit.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The nine member elected body who will hear public comments about the project and make its proposed decision on the school design to the Planning Commission and City Council.



## DESIGN REVIEW TEAM ACPS & ALEXANDRIA CITY

Key planning, facilities, education, recreation and communications staff who will steer the design process.

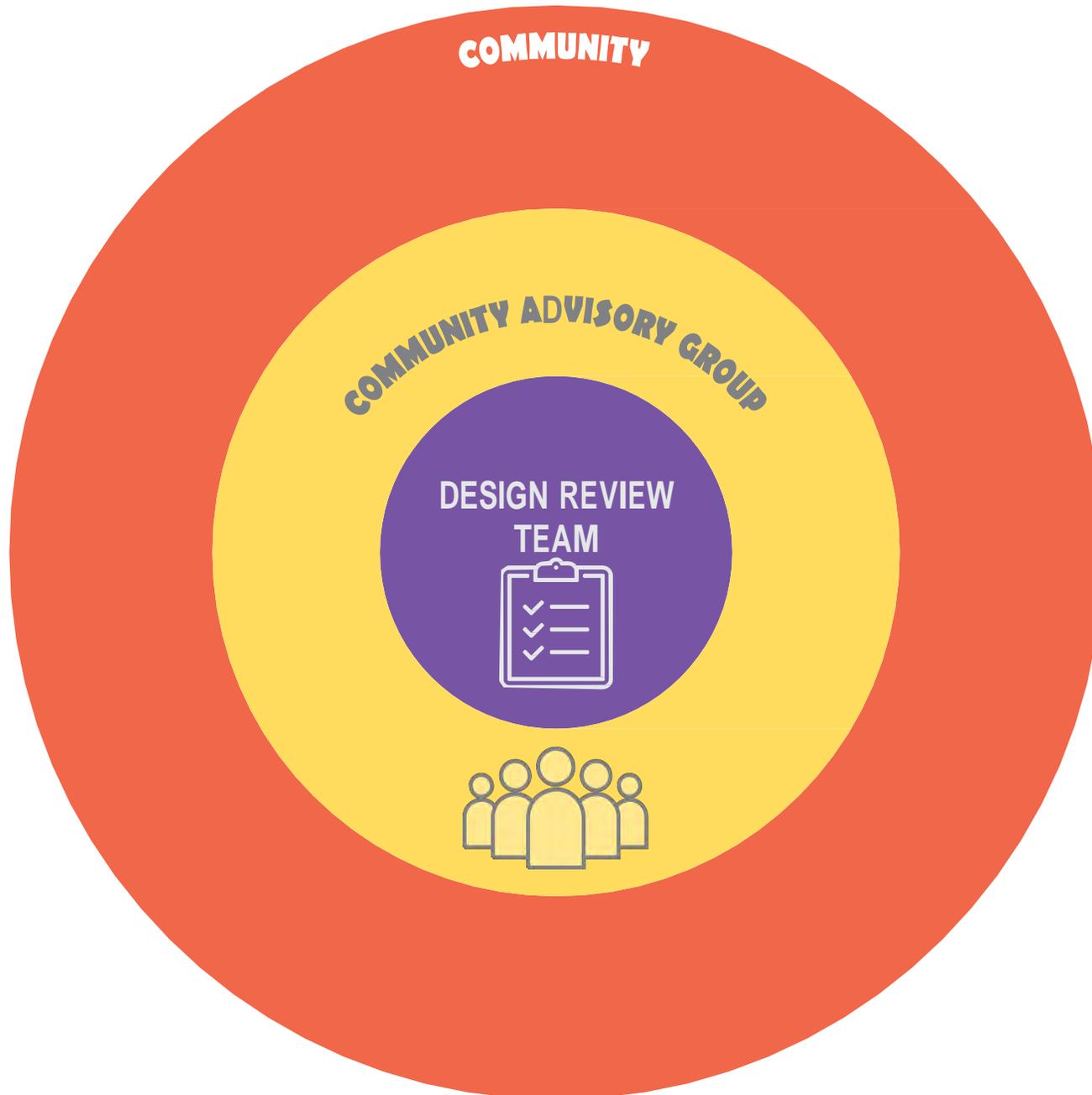
## COMMUNITY

Residents of the City of Alexandria who have a vested interest in the construction of the new school, recreation center and associated site improvements.

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Community members, representatives from community associations, groups, boards and one member each from the Alexandria City School Board and City Council.

# PATRICK HENRY PROJECT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM:** WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR<sup>WC</sup>  
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT,  
ITEM VI-B

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**Program Wrap-Ups**

- **Wahoo Swim Team** competed in the Colonial Swim League with competitions occurring over the summer with other local community pools. This season included 143 swimmers generating \$18,915. The sharing in responsibilities of this season was the first step toward transitioning the Wahoos to affiliate sports group status.

- On July 18, Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility hosted its first annual **Tons of Trucks** event. Children and their families had the unique opportunity to explore their favorite vehicles, get behind the wheel and meet the people who protect, build and serve our City. Six City departments participated in the event by providing City vehicles and machinery. The event drew 1,655 participants and \$6,850 in revenue.



- On August 10, Alexandria became one of 125 cities to take part in Play Ball Month with **Let's Move & Play Ball Alexandria**. Play Ball Month is an initiative in which the Commissioner of Major League Baseball called upon Mayors of each city to host a baseball or softball related activity in August. Mayor William Euille, recreation staff and over 350 children from Out of School Time programs participated in activities at George Washington Middle School.



- On July 17, actor **Kevin Bacon** visited William Ramsay Recreation Center. Mr. Bacon aided staff as they served the youth the USDA Summer lunches. He also spoke with the youth as he played games with them such as bumper pool and foosball. Everyone was very excited to see a celebrity. The press was there as well to cover the visit.



- On September 13, the **Itty Bitty Doggie Dive** gave dogs less than 25 lbs. an opportunity to go for a late summer swim at the Memorial Pool at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Over 40 dogs enjoyed the event. Larger dogs will have an opportunity to participate in the **Big Dog Day Swim** on September 19, at Old Town Pool.



- On June 20, first and second place winners from the Alexandria “Kids to Parks” Day Track and Field Games participated in the **Mid-Atlantic Recreation, Parks and Sport Alliance (MARPSA)/City of Gaithersburg Track and Field Games**. In all, over 300 participants from Alexandria, St. Mary’s County, Howard County, City of Gaithersburg and Rockville participated in the games. Alexandria runners did very well, placing in first and second place in 14 events.
- The **Four Mile Summer Movie Festival** came to an end on September 11, with its showing of the movie “Cool Runnings”. The movie festival included 4 movie nights over the past 4 months with each event drawing over 300 participants. Families enjoyed complimentary water, popcorn and cotton candy.

- On August 3, William Ramsay Recreation Center collaborated with Karin Epstein, Community Foundation Associate, to host the **"JUST PLAY!"** program. James Franklin led an energetic group exercise with the use of Hip Hop Music. Youth and their parents engaged in the activity. The program was sponsored by ACPS, Healthy Families Alexandria, Project Play, SCAN, Volunteer Alexandria and Running Brooke.



- On September 12, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Alexandria Multicultural Festival** took place at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park. This fun-filled family event included live performances by Rainbow Rock Band, Austin Burkett, Little Folkloric Dancers of Chirilagua, Black Royal Band, Tobas Dinastia, Centro Cultural Bolivia and RebK N Joseph. Activities included sports simulation with the Washington Nationals Baseball truck, art projects with the Mobile Art Lab, face painting, balloon animals and a clown.



- The 5th annual **First Responders Cup and Homecoming Day** took place on September 13 at George Washington Middle School. A special 9/11 ceremony was held in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 victims and the tragedy our country faced. Representatives from the Alexandria Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and EMS were in attendance. Following the ceremony, Fire, EMS, Sheriff and Police personnel participated in the first game coin toss on each field before Alexandria teams played Arlington County Youth Football Club. Arlington edged out the Alexandria Titans this year winning the First Responder's Cup for the first time.

- On July 11 and August 15, the Memorial Pool held **Dive in Movies**. Families and youth from preschool to teens enjoyed water fun, popcorn and a movie on the pool deck. The movies that were viewed this summer were "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" and the new version of "Annie". Each movie had an average of 65 attendees.



- The **Haircuts and Backpacks** event took place on September 4 at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Youth received haircuts and salon treatments, and over 300 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed just in time for the start of the new school year. In addition, music, face painting and balloon art were all part of the fun. Fire Fighters, Friends, and the Charles Houston Recreation Center Advisory Council sponsored this event.



- On September 4, Charles Houston Recreation Center and the Alexandria Police Department sponsored a **Teen Dance**. The event included a live DJ, barbecue, pizza and a giant inflatable. The event was attended by over 40 teens. This was a great opportunity for the Alexandria Police Department to engage youth in a fun and positive activity.



- On July 31, the youth from Camp Adventure and the Therapeutic Recreation Summer Camp at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center performed their **Annual Family Day Production** entitled "Sail Away with Us". Parents and staff members enjoyed the interactive show that took them on a trip around the world, exploring tropical islands as well as vast continents.
- **2015 Market Rate Summer Camps** showed a near 25% increase in revenue over 2014, resulting in an additional \$70,000. This increase can be attributed to day camps returning to their traditional host site at George Mason (\$15,000 of the \$70,000 increase or 21%),

implementation of scheduling refinements, and increased promotion. The market rate summer camp breakdowns follow:

	All Market Rate Summer Camps		
	2014	2015	% Increase
Participants Enrolled	1708	2085	22%
Camp Revenue	\$286,500	\$354,500	24%

	Alex Fun Day Camps		
	Francis Hammond 2014	George Mason 2015	% Increase
Participants Enrolled	197	251	27%
After Care Enrollment	38	90	137%
Before Care Enrollment	52	79	52%
CIT Enrollment	25	42	68%
Camp Revenue	\$39,340	\$54,250	38%

### Program Updates

### **Out of School Time FY13 through FY15 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison**

	FY-16 YTD School Year 15-16 YTD 8-31-15	FY-15 Actuals School Year 14-15 YTD 8-31-14	FY-15 Actuals School Year 14-15	FY-14 Actuals School Year 13-14	FY-13 Actuals School Year 12-13	FY-16 Summer 2015 YTD	FY-15 Actuals Summer 2014	FY-14 Actuals Summer 2013
Program Fee	\$415	\$415	\$415	\$300	\$250	\$125/\$300 (as of 7/1)	\$100	\$50
Satisfaction %	N/A	92%	92%	92%	92%	Pending	96%	92%
Registration #	612	776	1194	1,243	1,296	1,352	1,332	1,373
OSTP Revenue	\$173,764	\$161,557	\$353,851	\$268,536	\$212,225	\$130,750	\$103,100	\$54,352
Fee Assistance (Discounts)	\$46,080	\$52,314	\$125,146	\$87,608	\$73,050	\$41,060	\$28,715	\$13,798
Fees Charged	\$254,756*	\$276,404*	*\$497,338	\$366,071	\$308,031	\$174,060	\$133,965	\$68,622

\*Fees paid in installments.

- The **Miracle Baseball League** of Alexandria started its fall season on September 11. The program is for participants ages 5 and up. Youth games are played on Fridays at 5:30

p.m. and adult games on Saturdays at 1 p.m. There are an estimated 20-25 participants registered, generating approximately \$800 in revenue. Volunteers are always welcome.

- The **2015 Alexandria Titans Football** season began with a “Heads Up” pre-season clinic where USA Football-certified Titan coaches trained the players to prevent head and neck injuries. The Heads Up program is a pilot in 32 high schools in eight states, and is required in all of the Fairfax County Public Schools. Parents also had hands-on sessions of the Heads Up training, where they learned the same type of skills and terminology that the coaches and players use. Registration is still open with 140 current participants.
- The **American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program** is essential to the water safety of the community. Summer enrollment served 755 participants and 115 waitlisted in 130 class offerings, generating \$68,669 in revenue (individual swim lessons included). Outdoor Learn to Swim classes took place at the Memorial Pool and achieved an enrollment of 211 with 21 waitlisted in 43 class offerings generating \$16,851 in revenue.
- **Outdoor Pools** close September 13, with an extended week at Old Town Pool. Revenue for the season (May-September) will exceed \$60,000 with 21 season passes sold.

### **Upcoming Programs & Events**

- Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility will host **Family Fun Night** featuring Charles Barrett Elementary School on Saturday, October 3. Activities will include swimming for all ages, beach ball relays, basketball, floating obstacle course, pool safety tips, summer camp registration, swimming skill assessments for youth, and a Nature Center exhibit. July 17’s Family Fun Night featured Mount Vernon Community School and attracted 147 participants with \$588 in revenue.
- This fall, families can enjoy spending time together every first Friday of the month at **Freestyle Family Fridays**. The event kick-off October 9, invites families for an evening of fun at **Family Bingo** at John Adams Middle School.
- The **Robust Walk-a-thon** will take place on October 7, at Ben Brenman Park. Guest instructors lead groups through stations that show you how to weave low-intensity exercises into a walk, use environmental objects as exercise props and gain balance, strength, agility, flexibility and endurance. The Successful Aging Committee sponsors the event and includes representatives from RPCA, DCHS-Aging & Adult Services, ARHA and Senior Services of Alexandria.
- The **Multicultural Health Fair** takes place on September 26, at Cora Kelly Recreation Center. This annual event offers a number of free health screenings, fitness and nutritional advice, and information on how to lead a healthier life style.
- On October 31, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center will host its annual **Trunk or Treat Block Party**. The event is designed to be a scare-free zone, giving the community an

opportunity to trick or treat in a safe, kid friendly environment. Participants will be engaged in music and movement, safety awareness, group games and more!

### **Special Features**

- The Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center is entering the second phase of the **facility plumbing upgrades**. Contractors will be out the first 2 weeks in September for renovations and inspections.

### **Staff Updates**

- **Jacquay Plummer** of Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility was selected as the Employee of the Month for August. Jacquay is recognized for her exceptional work as a building manager and her efforts in coordinating Chinquapin's *Learn to Swim* group and individual classes. Jacquay is a hard worker and she goes the "extra mile to maximize program participation and revenue performance."
- Employee of the Month for July was **Jerdith Ross** of Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility. Jerdith is recognized for his excellent customer service as a front desk attendant, and his overall responsiveness and attention to detail.
- On July 23, **Rodney Bates**, Recreation Coordinator at William Ramsey Recreation Center was asked by MaryAnne Beatty, Director of Community Outreach for Communications at Senior Services of Alexandria to provide several short fitness segments for the Senior Living in Alexandria cable program. The fitness videos are 5-minute segments focusing on fitness tips for seniors.

### **Admin**

- A memorandum to the Commission dated August 5, 2015 is attached to the September 17, 2015 Commission report and serves as a follow-up to the public comments at the July 18 Park and Recreation Commission regarding **Rixse Pool's air temperature and water quality**. Pool operations at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatic Facility have been operating at industry guidelines and local health department standards for public swimming pools. The Commission received an email in early August 2015 related to pool inspection documents, water quality guidelines, and three recent inspections indicating that Chinquapin's water quality standards were met and no critical violations were recorded.
- The Department's registration and reservation management software was updated in Fall 2014 making data collection and reporting more reliable. Since then, the measurements

below are being tracked in the form of a **Recreation Services Scorecard** both quarterly and weekly. Beginning with Fall 2015, seasonal totals will be compared to the previous season for more informative weekly progress comparisons, allowing Recreation Services the ability to make adjustments “on the fly” to meet or exceed previous years’ participation and revenue scores. Summer 2015 scores will be included in the Scorecard in October’s report.

Recreation Services SCORECARD				
	Fall FY15	Winter FY15	Spring FY15	Change
Revenue from Registrations*	\$482,876	\$249,678	\$162,515	Registrations per week within 5% vs. Winter
# of Registrations*	3,537	2,358	1,908	
Avg. Value per Registration	\$137	\$106	\$85	
Revenue from Adult Leagues	\$54,025	\$26,975	\$66,350	17% increase in avg. value/team. Highest rev. season.
# Teams	110	50	105	
Avg Value per Adult Team	\$491	\$540	\$632	
# Free Drop-in Programs*	38	12	25	On par with avg.
# of Programs Offered*	381	365	268	Success rate stable.
Success Rate	73%	79%	78%	
Overall Satisfaction Rate	90%	90%	88%*	Increased evaluation response rate stable at 19%.
Evaluation Response Rate	10%	19%	19%	
Likelihood to Recommend	92%	92%	91%*	
Passes Sold	752	558	501	# Passes sold per week increased by 7%.
Pass Revenue	\$73,245	\$48,219	\$43,866	
Avg. Value per Pass	\$97	\$86	\$88	
Daily Visit Revenue	\$51,707	\$66,260	\$50,518	
Revenue from Reservations	\$196,310	\$95,942	\$108,031	Rev./wk. +33%
Combined Revenue	\$858,163	\$487,074	\$431,280	\$1750 increase per week vs. Winter

\*Reflects information managed using RecTrac

- Recreation Services’ Dress Policy** was implemented at the beginning of the summer season as a customer service tool to make staff easily identifiable by patrons. The sapphire blue from the City seal has been designated as the division’s signature color and is to be worn with straight-leg, khaki colored chino pants or shorts. Front desk and manager-on-duty staff now wear sapphire blue polo shirts and program leaders wear coordinating t-shirts, each appropriate for their job duties. The coordinated appearance upholds the RPCA guarantee of being professional and conveys a unified team approach.



# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR <sup>WC</sup>  
RECREATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON CHINQUAPIN AIR AND WATER QUALITY

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This memorandum serves as a follow-up to the public comments at the July 18 Park and Recreation Commission regarding air temperature and the water quality at the Chinquapin pool. Pool operations at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatic Facility have been operating at industry guidelines and local health department standards for public swimming pools. Three recent inspections reported water quality standards were met and no critical violations were recorded. See attached "Table III: Chemical Water Quality Standards for Swimming Pools" and inspection reports dated June 5, June 12, and July 2, 2015.

United States Swimming, the governing body for competitive swimming recommends water temperatures between 83 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit. The City's General Services Department maintains all recreation center HVAC systems and has reported water temperatures at the Chinquapin pool averaging at 83 degrees Fahrenheit on each of the three dates where the Health Department made inspections. Air temperatures were recorded below 83 degrees Fahrenheit. The HVAC system that heats the water and ventilates the natatorium were replaced and engineered to exceed current health department standards for air exchanges daily and based on customer feedback, both water and air quality have improved since the 2013 renovation.

The Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatic Facility routinely averages over almost 500 patrons each day. During the summer months, the swimming pool will be visited by competitive adults, youth swim teams, active seniors, summer camp participants, lap swimming pass holders and multiple types of aquatic program participants. Maintaining the safe operation of this type of environment requires active management, leadership, and vigilance by all our staff members assigned to the aquatics program. There have been no reports of illness as it relates to the conditions of the pool.

The facility underwent an operational Health and Safety Assessment in the spring of 2014 (Report Attached) to review, among other things, the ambient pool air level. We sought and received support from the Alexandria Health Department and the Northern

Virginia Regional Park Authority in conducting an independent review of the complaint registered about air and water quality at the Chinquapin pool. The Alexandria Health Department found no violations with air or water temperature. Michele Howard, Environmental Health Technical Specialist with the Alexandria Health department indicated that the *“air quality is better than most natatoriums she has visited”* and further stated that the *“City is doing exactly what it needs to for both good air quality and safe water.”*

We are planning to establish a small work group consisting of staff, a representative from the Center Advisory Council and a few of the user groups (Wahoo Swim Team, Masters Swim Club, Class Instructors, etc.) to help define the standards for water and air quality that best meets the needs of our varied pool users. As it currently stands, we are meeting Health Department standards and there have been no reports of illness as it relates to the conditions at the pool.

Attachments: Alexandria Health Department Inspection Reports (June 12, 2015, July 2, 2015 and July 12, 2015)  
Chinquapin Health and Safety Assessment Report (April 2014)

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS MONTHLY UPDATE – ITEM VI-B

### 1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

#### a. Environmental Sustainability Management System (ESMS)

- RPCA's application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an E-3 Certification has been accepted and pending an on-site review by the DEQ staff. DEQ's E-3 Certification is part of the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program promoting the use of the ESMS and pollution prevention and is based on the principles of ISO 14001.

#### b. Park Maintenance

- Trail improvements have been completed at Stewart Avenue, creating a new entrance to Mount Jefferson Park & Greenway. Citizens are using the newly created access to the park.
- Goat Hill Park clean-up was completed, including brush and debris removal and clearing of the vegetation along the fence line.
- New solar lights were installed at flag poles in Ben Brenman, All Veterans, Simpson and Four Mile Run Parks.
- Staff has been working over the last few weeks getting all of the fields ready for fall play. Here is just one example of their work at Armistead Boothe softball field.
- African American Heritage Park - walkway repairs are scheduled by T&ES to be completed by the end of 2015.



Stewart Ave Park



Goat Hill Park Cleanup!



Armistead Boothe Park

- Angel Park – turf damage repairs and new sign installation has been completed as per staff discussions with the adjoining civic associations. Installation of a new gate to control vehicular access will be completed within the next few weeks.
- Summer youth program “TeensWorks!” concluded in September. Five students received training in synthetic turf maintenance. Staff provided teens with a positive first job experience, focusing on creating good work habits, receiving constructive feedback and punctuality. The teens learned valuable life lessons while being mentored by park staff.
- James Mulligan/28th Street Park Trail/pathway improvements are scheduled to start in September. Staff has coordinated work with ARHA and will make sure the Bolling Brook HOA is informed of the project and have signs posted on site.
- New park facilities coming on line in October include Potomac Yards Park - Phase Two and Limerick Field (this will bring the city’s total of synthetic fields to seven).



Teens Work!



Ben Brenman Park

c. Park Facilities and Public Grounds Maintenance

- Staff continues planned maintenance including park light inspection and timer management, irrigation system repairs and timer management, and preventive maintenance of turf equipment and vehicles.
- Mowing and landscape maintenance program for rights-of-way, schools, and public facilities is ongoing per established service standards and schedules. Maintenance schedules have been posted to the City's website for public information: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/18076>
- Staff continues inspecting playgrounds as part of our Playground Safety Program. The second of three annual playground safety inspections started on September 9, 2015.
- Contractors continue alley cleanup as requested by T&ES and Code Administration. The goal is to maintain alleys, making them accessible to T&ES refuse vehicles. The standard for vegetation control is 18’ feet high by 10’ feet in width.
- Staff continues inspecting areas in need of herbicide application (spot treatment) over the cracks and crevices to control weeds.
- Staff continues monitoring the growth of the hedges, and notifying the contractor when work needs to be done.



Turf field at Jefferson Houston.



Pathway repairs needed at African American Heritage Park

## 2. URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

- a. The Fall 2015 Street Tree Planting Program will begin September 15<sup>th</sup>. The City Arborist has set a goal of planting two hundred-fifty trees along city streets and in parks during the fall planting season which ends December 15<sup>th</sup>. The new tree planting contract includes unit prices for establishment and maintenance costs for three years that include watering. The option to include establishment and maintenance will be applied to designated trees that are planted in high visibility, commercial, and park areas where the availability of water is limited. The City Arborist anticipates that one hundred trees will be designated for the extended establishment and maintenance program for each year of the program. When fully implemented, three hundred trees will receive annual care and watering for the first three years after planting. The program will be expanded as needed and as funding allows.
- b. Data for 6,209 trees were collected in the first of a five year inventory cycle being conducted by ArborPro Urban Forest Management of Anaheim Hills, California. The data, which were collected in four designated areas of the City, represents approximately twenty percent of the city's street tree population and trees located in designated City parks. A list of high priority maintenance tasks identified in the data is now being developed and will be assigned to the City's tree maintenance contractor for completion during the late fall and winter months. The data will be used by the Urban Forestry Section to determine the relative health, age, and diversity of the City's street tree population. Used in conjunction with other programs, the data may be used to estimate the value of City's street tree population, and the contributions it makes toward storm water management, carbon sequestration and the capturing of other air pollutants.
- c. Matthew Barker was selected to fill the vacant Arborist position, and began working in the Urban Forestry Section in August. Mr. Barker is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist and an ISA Certified Tree Risk Assessor. His previous experience includes three years as an arborist with the Architect of the Capitol, and as a tree maintenance specialist with Bartlett Tree Experts and The Care of Trees companies.



Major Stiltgrass infestation removed at Forest Park.



Water Stargrass rediscovered in tidal wetlands along the Potomac River in Alexandria after last recorded sightings 100 years ago.



Native Field Thistle and Skipper butterfly in meadow below Duke Street.



Bur Cucumber in bloom.

### 3. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

#### a. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

- Staff performed major late-summer weeding and bagging of non-native invasive Stilt Grass and Long-bristled Smartweed at Forest Park and Rynex Natural Area.
- Staff supervised and participated in the August 22, 2015 Alexandria Jaycees volunteer workday at Forest Park in hand-pulling and bagging Stilt Grass and Long-bristled Smartweed.

#### b. Cooperative Initiatives

- Staff accomplished major advances towards soon-completing the revised and updated Alexandria Flora and City of Alexandria Natural Resource Management Plan through extensive field, herbarium, and office work.
- Staff assisted Virginia DCR, Natural Heritage Division, and Virginia Botanical Associates in adding 10 new plant records for the City of Alexandria to the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora.

#### c. Environmental Review

Staff met with contractors for a pre-planting meeting at the Four Mile Run Park Restoration Project area.

### 4. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER

#### a. Programs/Updates:

The Naturalist staff of the Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center conducted 53 interpretive programs in August which, were attended by 737 participants. This included one nature center summer camp, an outreach program at the Old Town Pool, information table at “National Night Out” and two visiting groups of campers attending St. Stephens/St. Agnes Vet Camp. The combined total of visitors and program participants for August was 1,314 people.

#### *Full Day Nature Camp:*

From August 10 - 14, the Nature Center conducted its final summer Full Day Nature Camp for rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The topic of this camp was “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Animals”. There were field trips to The National Zoo



Pre-planting meeting at Four Mile Run Park.



Freshwater Tidal Wetlands restoration area ready for planting at Four Mile Run Park.



Campers at Huntley Meadows



Frogs on a log

and Huntley Meadows Park. The campers had the opportunity to release a box turtle into Dora Kelley Nature Park. The turtle had been “dropped off” at the Alexandria Animal Shelter and was transferred to Naturalist Jane Yeingst for release into the wild. This was a week of hikes, programs and craft projects. On the final day, the children gave short presentations on animals that they had seen at the zoo.

*National Night Out:*

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, the nature center participated in the City-wide celebration of “National Night Out.” Festivities were first dampened by heavy rain and wind. Once the weather cleared, more than 100 people came to Moody Court (the neighborhood on the other side of Holmes Run Stream across from the nature center). Visitors to the nature table met the many species of frogs that inhabit the area around Holmes Run. Many children took home with them a coloring book entitled “Project Golden Frog.” This book teaches about amphibian conservation and efforts to protect the endangered Panamanian golden frog.

b. Volunteers and Interns:

A total of 5 volunteers provided 58 hours of service during the month of August.

c. Noteworthy:

*New Staff at the Nature Center*

The Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center has brought on three new seasonal staff members to our team! Fernanda Craig, Arianna Kelly, and Celia Thomas have been brought on to staff “Nature Buddies,” our nature-based after school program. These new team members are bringing a wealth of varied experience ranging from work in the natural sciences, classroom training and experience, environmentally geared youth programming, and caring for live animal collections. Welcome to our team.



A visit to The National Zoo



Visitors to the Nature Center table at National Night Out



New Staff. From left: Fernanda, Celia and Arianna

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM V1-B.  
DIVISION UPDATE

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### **Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival to Affect Parking on September 19 & 20**

The 13th Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. During the festival King Street (between Union Street and Washington Street) will be transformed into an open-air art gallery with more than 200 juried artists. To accommodate the event, parking will be prohibited on both sides of King Street, from Washington to Union Streets, beginning at 3 a.m. Saturday morning until approximately 9 p.m. Sunday evening. Parking will also be prohibited on the 100 block of South Pitt Street to provide for the Hotel Monaco's valet parking and taxi stand. The cross streets will be closed to vehicular traffic during operating hours of the festival; however, parking will be available on cross streets (with the exception of Pitt Street as noted). Cross streets will open to traffic when the festival closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday through approximately 10 a.m. on Sunday.

### **City Schedules Windmill Hill Geotechnical Assessment and Site Survey Work**

Beginning the week of September 14, City contractors will be on site at Windmill Hill Park (501 S. Union St.) to obtain soil samples and to perform associated site survey work. These tasks are part of the ongoing design effort for the park improvements consistent with the living shoreline plan approved by City Council in June of 2015. Soil sampling is an integral part of conducting a geotechnical assessment, which involves a truck mounted drilling rig taking samples in select locations of the park. The process will take approximately one week, and the park will remain accessible throughout, with minor limitations around the daily work areas.

- Website: [Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Project](#)

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS: SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2015**

Sep 19, 2015	Sat	10:00 AM	<a href="#">13th Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival</a> Outdoor Art Festival featuring multiple art vendors on the City's historic King Street between Washington and Union Streets with over 6 blocks of artwork by more than 200 artists from the US and abroad. This community festival features spectacular paintings, life-size sculptures, jewelry, photography, ceramics and more, offering extraordinary art for ...
Sep 19, 2015	Sat	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Big Dog Day Swim</a> Treat your pooch to a late summertime dip at one of the City of Alexandria's Annual Doggie Day Swims. For the first time, dogs 25 pounds and up can enjoy a pool to themselves. Following the end of the summer pool season, this annual event provides dogs with the opportunity to swim and play games in one of the City's pools. This year, due to the generous ...
Sep 20, 2015	Sun	10:00 AM	<a href="#">4MRStage Concert Series The Scrub Pines</a> The Scrub Pines are Andrea and Nelson of Hyattsville, MD, sharing a collection of acoustic ballads and instrumentals, gathered from deep in the woods, along the river and up in the hills. (Americana / Roots / Acoustic)
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Sep 23, 2015	Wed	12:30 PM	<a href="#">Get Moving in Carlyle</a> Fall into health! Join in free fun outdoor fitness classes this fall in John Carlyle Square beginning September 9th and continuing through November (weather permitting). Classes will be sponsored and taught by Carlyle area fitness studios including Local Motion, Onelife Fitness, and Pure Barre. Take the opportunity to try something new or enjoy ...
Sep 24, 2015	Thu	5:00 PM	<a href="#">Waterfront Commission - Special Meeting</a> Special meeting on Robinson Terminal South History Interpretation
Sep 25, 2015	Fri	6:00 PM	<a href="#">Supper Under the Stars</a> Social and networking event featuring Jazz by Mike Gillespie, flute, Thomas View, Bass, and Dan Leonard, guitar; catering by Hard Times Café; cash bar; ticketed event.
Sep 27, 2015	Sun	10:00 AM	<a href="#">4MRStage Concert Series - Lindsay Collette</a> Lindsay Collette is a singer/songwriter who plays folk and rock with just raw emotion and who vows "I will never in my lifetime ask myself 'What if?' "
Sep 30, 2015	Wed	12:30 PM	<a href="#">Get Moving in Carlyle</a> Fall into health! Join in free fun outdoor fitness classes this fall in John Carlyle Square beginning September 9th and continuing through November (weather permitting). Classes will be sponsored and taught by Carlyle area fitness studios including Local Motion, Onelife Fitness, and Pure Barre. Take the opportunity to try something new or enjoy ...
Oct 3, 2015	Sat	9:00 AM	<a href="#">Survive The 5 5 K</a> The Art of Driving will be sponsoring a race to promote educational awareness for teen drivers and parents. It will be held at Cameron Run Waterpark.
Oct 3, 2015	Sat	10:00 AM	<a href="#">20th Annual Art on the Avenue</a> An annual event held on Mount Vernon Avenue. There will be art demonstrations, live music, interactive art activities and food vendors.

Oct 4, 2015	Sun	10:00 AM	<a href="#">4MRStage Concert Series - Dan Barry</a> Dan Barry is a NY native singer/writer living in the DC area in same vein as Ben Harper, Jack Johnson, or Dave Matthews Band.
Oct 7, 2015	Wed	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Robust Walkathon</a> The walkathon will combine exercise promotion and raise funds for the Successful Aging Committee with collaboration of Senior Service organizations. Walkers will alternate between walking and exercise stations along the lake trail.
Oct 10, 2015	Sat	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Civil War Artillery Day</a> Program is weather dependent.
Oct 11, 2015	Sun	10:00 AM	<a href="#">4MRStage Concert Series - Matt Buchanan</a> Matt Buchanan plays folk, rock, alternative, and blues, and you may have seen him playing at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in the past.
Oct 17, 2015	Sat	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Family Fall Festival</a> A family event featuring fall activities such as scarecrow making, pumpkin and face painting, arts and crafts, exhibitors, food vendors, puppet show, pony rides, and performing groups.
Oct 18, 2015	Sun	10:00 AM	<a href="#">4MRStage Concert Series - Mike Elosh</a> Mike Elosh plays guitar, piano & harmonica to accompany his roots-based music.
Oct 24, 2015	Sat	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Alexandria Renew's Family Field Fest</a> Event features exhibitor booths, arts & crafts, fitness activities, food, and live music. Sponsored by Alexandria Renew and the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Come celebrate the opening of the new field located at Alexandria Renew Enterprises!
Oct 24, 2015	Sat	12:00 PM	<a href="#">Alexandria International Festival</a> The City will partner with various groups to present a festival featuring foods, vendors and entertainment from different countries.
Oct 25, 2015	Sun	10:00 AM	<a href="#">4MRStage Concert Series - Back Alley Blues Boys</a> Back Alley Blues Boys is a Metro DC based trio comprised of Art Hildebrand, Shawn Askin and Joe Weber. They play acoustic and electric guitar-driven blues, folk, and roots music, as well as some softer acoustic numbers and rock and roll tunes.

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

**TO:** ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**ITEM:** MONTHLY UPDATE FOR PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION;  
JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2015

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**ISSUE:**

The following items are provided to the Park & Recreation Commission as information at its September 17, 2015 meeting:

- Selected Capital Projects Overview Update
- Selected Capital Facilities Maintenance Projects Update

## **HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS IN BRIEF:**

### **ALEXRenew Field**

Construction of the field at ALEXRenew is complete, pending fulfillment of City punch list items. The field is constructed on top of the facility's nutrient management tanks and includes lights and public restrooms. The field will be formally dedicated on Friday; October 23. A daylong celebration sponsored by ALEXRenew, including recreation programs, demonstrations and other activities is scheduled for Saturday; October 24.

### **Hume Springs Park Improvements**

RunningBrooke of Alexandria ([www.runningbrooke.org](http://www.runningbrooke.org)) and Rebuilding Alexandria are partnering with the City to provide capital resources and volunteers dedicated to making improvements at Hume Springs Park. During the Fall 2014 Neighborhood Park Plan public outreach, staff received comments about enhancing the park playground and landscape, transforming the fence, and providing more gathering space for adults. The contributions of RunningBrooke and Rebuilding Alexandria will help to enable implementation of the Park Plan. On September 11, 60 volunteers from Rebuilding Alexandria participated in a "build day" and on September 19, an additional 30 volunteers from RunningBrooke will complete the work. For additional information about the Neighborhood Park Plan visit:

<http://alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=65170#neighborhood>

### **Beverly Park Renovation**

Renovation of Beverly Park playground is a part of the City's Capital Improvement Program for playgrounds. The work includes renovation of the playground, picnic shelter and remedy of the park's eroded slope areas. Staff is working with the North Ridge Civic Association. For additional information see <http://alexandriava.gov/27060#Beverley>.

### **Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor - Planning Process Update**

A presentation on this plan will be provided by Planning and Zoning staff at this, September 17 PRC meeting. The [Draft Plan for the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Area](#), as well as additional detailed information about the planning process and the Advisory Group/public meetings can be found online at: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=76672>. The Plan is docketed for the October 6, 2015 Planning Commission hearing, followed by the October 17, 2015 City Council hearing. The site plan for the adjacent Mount Jefferson Park is occurring on a parallel track with the development proposal for the Oakville Triangle site, and is tentatively scheduled for December Planning Commission.

### **Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space (600 N. Henry St.)**

The Park and Recreation Commission approved a concept plan for interim improvements to the Braddock Open Space in January 2014. The interim park improvements are open to the public. A group of neighbors have an agreement with the City to adopt the new open space as well as a separate agreement to activate the new open space neighborhood serving programs – a number of such programs have occurred, including the Bocce League, Sunday yoga programs, and other neighborhood events. The firm Andropogon, Inc. of Philadelphia, PA was selected to complete the concept design for the one-acre park and will present conceptual alternatives to the community on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chinquapin Feasibility Study**

Tasks 1A and 1B are complete with both reports available online at: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=78867>. Following the completion of the Task IB report, staff received revised a cost estimate for the design and construction of a 50 meter pool that significantly exceed the proposed CIP funding of \$20 million. The consultant completed a geotechnical study and utility survey over the summer, and is currently reviewing alternatives that may decrease the cost for construction of a 50 meter pool. Staff will update the PRC and community later in the fall.

**Jefferson Houston K-8 School**

The synthetic turf athletic field was accepted for use by City staff during the week of May 04. The Buchannon Park playground and multi-use court north of the Durant Center opened to the public at the beginning of the summer.

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# Active Park Planning Projects

Monday, September 14, 2015

9:58:58 AM

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
<b>VDOT</b>				
	<b>Four Mile Pedestrian Bridge</b>	DW RK	55% Design	31-Dec-15
	Notes: New landing location approved by Dominion. Buro Happold has provided scope to resume work, however new scope asks for additional funding. Alexandria and Arlington staff working to determine next steps			
<b>TE&amp;S</b>				
	<b>Oronoco Outfall Project</b>	JB		
	Notes: Dredging is anticipated in the winter.			
<b>T&amp;ES</b>				
	<b>Holmes Run trail Feasibility Study</b>	DW JL		01-Mar-16
	Notes: T&ES is at 60% with design to put pedestrian bridge at the stairs from the fair weather crossing at Ripley Street.			
<b>RPCA/ACPS</b>				
	<b>Patrick Henry Recreation Center Renovation</b>	Ron, Beth, Laura, D	20%	01-Jun-16
	Notes: ACPS School Board decision on June 11 to build new school around existing school. Neighborhood Recreation Center recommended by City Council June 23. Staff will update the public in Sept. 2015.			
<b>RPCA</b>				
	<b>Add Canopy Structure at All Veterans Park</b>	Judy	10% Design	31-Oct-15
	Notes: Identified in Holmes Run Plan. Design options under evaluation by Staff. Outreach to community groups to occur late Aug./Early Sept. Information Sign posted in park by 9/14			
	<b>Armistead L. Boothe Park Restrooms</b>	DG	95% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Restroom CDs are 99% completed. Remaining issue is phase in of the Deduct Meter by Alex Renew. Final decision on meter will be provided by Bill Eger, DGS.			
	<b>Ben Brenman Trail Improvements</b>	BZ, CW	100% Design	04-Sep-15
	Notes: Trail improvements were installed on August 31. Project closeout in progress.			
	<b>Beverley Playground Renovation</b>	JL	5% Construction Docs	01-Dec-16
	Notes: Construction budget allocation completed in April 2015. 30% plans complete. Further evaluation/redesign needed to mitigate tree impacts. Contract modification in progress.			
	<b>Carlyle Dog Park Improvements</b>	DR JN	5%	01-Nov-15
	Notes: This project will improve surfacing and park facilities, and combine with Living Landscape Dedicated Contributions. The scope of work is in final draft.			
	<b>Chambliss Court Resurfacing</b>	BZ	0% Construction	11-Sep-15
	Notes: Construction is complete. Project close out in progress Costs are combined with Minnie Howard Work; \$21,985.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	<b>Chinquapin Feasibility Study</b>	RMK LD	in progress	30-Sep-15
	Notes: Hughes Group is analyzing alternative construction methods and completing the geotechnical analysis to determine if the estimated cost can be significantly reduced. Work will be completed by Fall15			
	<b>Chinquapin Pavilion ADA Access Ramp</b>	BZ, DG	90%	11-Sep-15
	Notes: Project is completed and approved by City Code Admin. Railing painting complete and in the punch list stage.			
	<b>Chinquapin Playground Repair-Upgrade</b>	JL	80%	01-Oct-15
	Notes: Replacement parts installed July 30, 2015. Fence repairs and one additional equipment to be completed in the fall. Playground recommended to be re-located in 10 years--full renovation on hold.			
	<b>CIP Planning/Budget</b>	BZ, DW		
	Notes: The budget was adopted May 7. Planning for FY 2016 implementation is underway. Departmental drafts of Short Titles are in progress.			
	<b>City Marina Seawalls Planning</b>	JB	5%	01-Jan-16
	Notes: Engineering study to evaluate the condition of the existing seawalls in order to determine the priority and level of repair needed. Project is being coordinated with DPI.			
	<b>City Marina Utility Upgrade</b>	JB	0%	30-Jun-17
	Notes: Engineering/planning in FY16. The project proposal is in negotiation.			
	<b>Del Ray Community Plaza Trees</b>	DW	0%	30-Sep-15
	Notes: TES completed pavers and community group installed new picnic tables. Trees will be tagged in September.			
	<b>Digitize Geologic Atlas</b>	RT	60%	01-Oct-15
	Notes: A geologic study of the entire City was performed by Natural Resources Division several years ago. The work is in progress and anticipated to be complete in October.			
	<b>Entry portals and signs</b>	RT, OM	0% Construction	31-Dec-15
	Notes: The purchase of new signs per the City's Wayfinding guidelines will be coordinated with T&ES and P&Z.			
	<b>Four Mile Run Connector Design and EA</b>	DW	0%	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Bridge needed to connect new wetlands to ballfields. Funding for design allocated. Needs construction funding. RPCA drafting DPI charter for project management.			
	<b>Four Mile Run Restoration</b>	Dana/Ron	25%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Wetland restoration underway and on schedule. Grading complete. Plantings to begin in sept/oct. Ribbon cutting anticipated in November.			
	<b>Four Mile Run Trail Improvements and Mile Ma</b>	Dan R. and DW	5%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Mile Markers at warehouse and will be installed after the Four Mile Run Restoration project is complete.			

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	<b>FY16 Tree Planting - Fall</b>	JN	0%	18-Dec-15
	Notes: 452 trees along City rights of way, in parks and at public facilities			
	<b>Holmes Run Fitness Equipment Phase 2</b>	Judy	20%	15-Oct-15
	Notes: Purchase order request for two pieces of fitness equipment to be submitted by 8/15/2015. Quotes exceed estimated cost--scope revisions under evaluation.			
	<b>Hume Springs Playground Renovation</b>	JL		15-Oct-15
	Notes: Purchase Order submitted August 6. Installation began August 26. Volunteer work days scheduled for 9/11 and 9/19.			
	<b>Hunter Miller Basketball Renovation (lights and</b>	BZ, JN	100% Design	23-Oct-15
	Notes: The lighting permits are anticipated to be released September 1-4. The pavement and fence contracts have been awarded.			
	<b>Improve Landscape beds around Rec Centers</b>	BT OM	10% Design	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Plans are being coordinated with Recreation Center Directors.			
	<b>King Street Gardens Improvements</b>	DR/MH		01-Jun-19
	Notes: RPCA and OEQ are working on the rain garden restoration to bring that part of the artwork back to its original design/purpose. Staff will work with an art conservator and the artist on the restoration			
	<b>Lee Center Diagonal Path</b>	JL	10%	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Design to be finalized. Estimates to be obtained early September. Finalizing scopes with City sidewalk contractor.			
	<b>Lee Center Landscape Renovation</b>	JL RMK		30-Oct-15
	Notes: Draft Landscape Plan recommendations to be completed Winter 2015			
	<b>Maxicom Audit</b>	OM	70%	31-Aug-15
	Notes: The contractor has completed the data analysis. The physical audit was completed in June and the report will be submitted in September.			
	<b>Minnie Howard Tennis Court Repairs</b>	Beth James	0% Construction	11-Sep-15
	Notes: Construction is scheduled for September 1-September 4. Costs are combined with Chambliss Work; \$21,985.			
	<b>Native Plant Conservation Zone Enhancement</b>	Bob, John W.	0%	30-Sep-14
	Notes: This project will provide long-term improvements to better-define and protect eight NPCZs throughout the City. Design/Procurement in Summer.			
	<b>Neighborhood Parks Plan</b>	DW LD	75%	01-Jan-16
	Notes: Public feedback on draft plans completed in June. Staff will revise plans over summer and anticipate presenting plans to PRC and Council in Fall.			

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	<b>Old Town Pool Door Replacement</b>	DG, RB	5%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: The scope is out for quotes.			
	<b>Oronoco Bay Stair Replacement</b>	EL	50% Design	30-Nov-15
	Notes: The design is in progress.			
	<b>Potomac Yard Park</b>	BZ	80% Construction	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Phase I (main body) opened December 14. Phase II (south trail) anticipated to be complete fall 2015 (punch lists are in progress). Phase III (North Pond) to be separated and complete fall 2015.			
	<b>Recreation Facilities Security Review</b>	RMK		
	Notes: Internal analysis of the original APD assessment was completed on 8/24/2015. Tasks were prioritized and bundled per work category with highest priority bundle designated for immediate implementation.			
	<b>Replace Old Town training pool fence</b>	DG, RB	0%	30-Nov-15
	Notes: This project will replace the Old Town Pool fence around the training pool. The scope of work is currently out for proposals.			
	<b>Rubber Surface Repairs</b>	JL, SR,OM		20-Nov-15
	Notes: On-going project. Needed FY2016 repairs are being identified through the quarterly and weekly playground inspections, repairs to be scheduled weather permitting.			
	<b>Simpson Little Building Demolition/Backstop</b>	DG	90% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: CDs are completed. Outreach with Alexandria LL and Youth Sports anticipated to continue in September.			
	<b>Simpson Park Duncan Ave Entrance Improveme</b>	DG, DW	60% Design	30-Oct-15
	Notes: See Simpson Park Plan. Construction drawings are in progress in coordination with the little simpson press box project.			
	<b>Simpson Playground &amp; Passive Area Renovatio</b>	JL, DW	0%	01-Apr-16
	Notes: LWCF grant approved for project. RFP for design and construction documents in procurement. RFP anticipated to be released September 2015.			
	<b>Tarleton Trail Improvements</b>	LD		31-Oct-15
	Notes: Boulders placed along trail to prevent vehicular traffic on grass/lawn areas. Upcoming soft trail resurfacing planned for connector from South Jordan in Sept.			
	<b>Trail Signage</b>	DW	0%	30-Oct-15
	Notes:			
	<b>Warwick Pool Renovation</b>	RMK		
	Notes: Geotechnical and structural analysis for the site was completed in July. First draft of final facility assessment report received September 01.			

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	<b>Wayfinding for Citywide Parks</b>	DW	0%	31-May-16
	Notes: RFP in progress.			
	<b>Windmill Hill Bulkhead Replacement</b>	JB, BZ	10% Design	01-Jan-17
	Notes: City Council approved an amendment to the 2003 Park Master Plan to build a living shoreline to provide stabilization to the failed bulkhead and shore erosion. Staff will begin CDs in the fall.			
<b>P&amp;Z</b>				
	<b>Braddock Small Area Plan</b>	LD	90% Planning	
	Notes: Andropogon hired to complete concept design for one-acre neighborhood park. Concept alternatives will be presented at second community/AG September 29 2015.			
	<b>Eisenhower ASA/Alexandria Renew Restrooms</b>	BZ, DG	30% Construction	31-Oct-15
	Notes: RPCA is reviewing shop drawings and submittals during construction. Construction is anticipated to be complete in October 2015.			
	<b>Eisenhower ASA/AlexRenew Field</b>	BZ, RMK	90 % Construction	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Construction is underway and is anticipated to be complete Oct, 2015. Initial punch list inspections anticipated in September. Project website is <a href="http://www.alexrenewnmf.com/">http://www.alexrenewnmf.com/</a>			
	<b>Eisenhower Avenue Widening</b>	Beth Z.	90% Design	01-Oct-16
	Notes: Project is expected to be under construction for 18 months starting late 2015. 90% Drawings reviewed.			
	<b>Eisenhower West</b>	LD	100% Planning	
	Notes: Draft plan available in July 2015. AG continues to meet monthly. Final community meeting Setember 16 2015. City Council delivery in November 2015.			
	<b>Fitzgerald Square</b>	RMK		
	Notes: Initial SOW in progress. Consultant proposal in first draft.			
	<b>Mount Vernon Village Center</b>	RK JL LD	75% Design	
	Notes: Project canceled for financial reasons. RPCA needs to re-evalute funding for park improvements previously expected through project condiitions.			
	<b>Potomac Greens Park</b>	BZ	100% Construction	30-Sep-15
	Notes: Construction complete. RPCA has accepted the as-builts. Performance Bond was to be released June 17. Site walk with Elm Street occured the first week of July and a punch list was submitted for remedy.			
	<b>Potomac Yard I/J West and L</b>	BZ	60% Construction	
	Notes: Plan approved in Sept. 2011. RPCA staff consulted on the play areas, but the application is not officially reviewed by RPCA due to lack of public land. Construction of Leslie connection in progress.			
	<b>Potomac Yard Landbay I/J Parks</b>	BZ	75% Construction	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Phase I (Custis) complete/under maintenance bond. Construction of phase II (Howell) complete/under performance bond. As-built punch lists relayed to Pulte. Custis work is complete.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	<b>Waterfront Plan</b>	LD RMK		30-Sep-13
	Notes: Plan implementation underway including Phase II engineering and flood mitigation. Fitzgerald Square interim design commenced June, 2015			

**General Services**

	<b>Community Building Renovation Completion</b>	LD, DG	100%	
	Notes: Improvements to the building are complete. Staff are reviewing and negotiating a final proposal for a non-profit management lease of the building, including newHVAC. Decision pending late summer 2015.			

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	<b>Jefferson-Houston</b>	DW RMK, DHG	90% Construction	01-Sep-15
	Notes: School is completed and fully occupied. Project Consultant PM is coordinating outstanding issues closeouts for City Assets at the site.			

	<b>John Adams Transportation Improvements</b>	DW		31-Aug-15
	Notes: CC approved plan on 11/15. Parking lot expansion set to begin in summer. Bids came back over budget - ACPS is reducing Scope of Work.			



# Active Rec CFMP Projects

Parks, Recreation + Cultural Activities /  
Department of General Services

September 17, 2015

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2014	Restrooms Upgrade	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Replace fitness equipment with new	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	Canceled	-0-
FY 2014	Kitchen-Multi Purpose Upgrade	CB-14-02	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Gym Doors Replacment	CK-14-04	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	HVAC Commissioning	CK-14-02	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	CK-14-03	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-14-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2014	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph I	CN-14-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Completed FY12	100%
FY 2014	Fabric Acoustic Panels	OD-14-03	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	HVAC Work - New Chillers	LC-14-03	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Restroom Renovations	LC-14-04	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Fire Alarm Upgrade	LC-14-05	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Restroom Lighting Upgrade	LC-14-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	HVAC Unit Replacement	MV-14-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
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	Completed	100%
FY 2014	New Reception Counter	NL-14-04	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Gym Bleacher Replacement	NL-14-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	Canceled	
FY 2014	Gym Curtain	NL-14-03	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2014	Restrooms Renovations	NL-14-05	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Gym Floor Resurface	NL-14-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Replace Damaged Dance Floor	WR-14-01	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Window sealing	BF-15-01	Buddie Ford Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Multipurpose Rm Upgrade	CB-15-03	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Window sealing	CB-15-02	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Hot water heater	CK-15-04	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Lobby Floor Finish Replacement	CK-15-01	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	New HVAC Controls	CK-14-05	Cora Kelly Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2015	Restroom lighting	CK-15-03	Cora Kelly Center	In procurement	-0-
FY 2015	Restroom upgrades	CK-15-02	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Natatorium Door Replacement	CN-15-03	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2015	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-15-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph. 2	CN-15-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	LED Lighting Upgrade	CN-15-04	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Natatorium Doors Replacement	CN-15-05	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Procuremnt	-0-
FY 2015	Floor system repairs	CO--15-01	Colasanto Arts Center	Executing	50%
FY 2015	New Flooring and Wall base	OD-15-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Sump Pump Installation	OD-15-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Decommission AC Units	OD-13-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center		-0-
FY 2015	New Flooring in Corridor	OD-15-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Stage Lighting System	OD-14-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-
FY 2015	Water Damage-Fan Coil Unit	OD-15-05	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Equipment on Order	-0-

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2015	Interior Painting	OD-15-04	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Executing	100%
FY 2015	Restrooms Wall covering Replacement	LC-15-03	Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Replace Corridor Water Cooler	LC-15-01	Lee Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-
FY 2015	Cooling tower replaement	LC-15-07	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Paint corridor	LC-15-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Window replacement	LC-15-06	Lee Center	Executing	-0-
FY 2015	Replace Cabinets in Kitchen	LC-14-02	Lee Center	On Hikd	-0-
FY 2015	Millwork Replacement (Multiple Areas)	LC-14-01	Lee Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2015	RTU#2 replacement	LC-15-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Fire Panel Replacement	LC-13-04	Lee Center	Executing	90%
FY 2015	Exterior lighting upgrades	LC-15-05	Lee Center	Executing	80%
FY 2015	Fenestration System Replacement	LC-15-02	Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Ceiling Upgrade	MV-15-04	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	25%
FY 2015	Roof replacememt	MV-15-02	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	65%
FY 2015	Exterior lighting upgrades	MV-15-03	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	-0-
FY 2015	Reception desk upgrade	MV-15-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Activity Room Ceiling Replacement	MV-14-02	Mt. Vernon Center	Old Hold	-0-
FY 2015	New Fitness Equipment	NL-15-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Painting - Interiors	NL-15-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	New Fitness Equipment	WR-15-03	William Ramsay Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-
FY 2015	Restroom Renovations	WR-15-01	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2015	Install Sound Baffles	WR-15-02	William Ramsay Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-
FY 2015	Kitchen renovation/upgrade	WR-15-04	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** AUGUST 18, 2015  
**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** NOVA PARKS PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE 517 PRINCE STREET

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I am forwarding to you a proposal that the City has received from the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority ("NOVA Parks") regarding their proposed acquisition of the historic property at 517 Prince Street. NOVA Parks has negotiated an option to purchase this property, which is one of the most original 18th century houses in Alexandria. They are pairing this for financial reasons as an element of their request for a 30 year lease on the Cameron Run Regional Park property. The proposal is detailed more specifically in the attached memo from NOVA Parks Executive Director Paul Gilbert.

In response to comments made by members of the community and the Park and Recreation Commission last spring, NOVA Parks has explored non-NOVA alternative uses of the Cameron Run Regional Park and prepared preliminary costs associated with those uses, should the City decide to provide alternative recreational facilities. I have requested and received more details behind the cost analysis.

Staff is currently reviewing this proposal along with the cost estimates. We will be developing a community outreach strategy for the fall to discuss the merits of the proposal with the community and NOVA Parks. It should be noted that the structure of this proposal is malleable to some degree. For example, staff has already raised the possibility of historic preservation easements (interior and exterior) and open space easements for the 517 Prince Street property with NOVA Parks.

Attachment I: NOVA Memo in Regard to 517 Prince Street/Cameron Run Regional Park

Attachment II: 517 Prince Street Brochure

Attachment III: NOVA Memo Regarding Potential Alternative Uses for Cameron Run Regional Park

cc: Park and Recreation Commission  
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
Emily Baker, Acting Deputy City Manager  
Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria  
James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities



# NOVA PARKS

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

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DATE: August 10, 2015

TO: Mark Jinks, Alexandria City Manager

FROM: Paul Gilbert, NOVA Parks Executive Director *PG*

RE: Opportunity to preserve Alexandria's History

Mark, thank you for meeting with me and Emily Baker recently to discuss a unique opportunity to preserve the single most original 18<sup>th</sup> century house in Alexandria. The 18<sup>th</sup> century history of the City is central to its identity, and central to the tourism that contributes greatly to the City's success. While NOVA Parks (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) can fund this preservation, we will need the non-financial support of the City to make it happen.

Enclosed is a flyer about the property we are calling 'Murray's Livery.' Built in 1772 behind the modern Courthouse, this property was in the ownership of one family for 184 years, which explains its remarkably original condition. The house has been known by a number of names connected to its owners over time (Fawcett House, Brown House, etc.).

The story we have recently uncovered is that from 1772 – 1792 the owners Patrick and Margaret Murray both lived in the house and operated a livery stable behind the house. Livery stables were the 18<sup>th</sup> century equivalent to Enterprise Rental Car (or Bikeshare). They were places where people could rent a horse or carriage for a journey, or have their horse or carriage cared for. Patrick Murray was a blacksmith. The slave quarters upstairs were likely the area where several enslaved people lived who helped the Murrays in the stable operation. At that time, it was common for small business owners to have several slaves who worked with them in the operation of the business. This is a very different story than that of either the house servant or plantation worker that is more commonly told. Many livery stables had boarding houses connected with them to serve the travelers. We do not know the house was used in this way, but an oversized smokehouse built into the house suggests a commercial use. The three chamber, eight hole toilets in the back of the house served both the business and residential use.

If successful, 'Murray's Livery' will join the Carlyle House as historic sites owned and operated by NOVA Parks in the City. While Carlyle House tells the story of one of the City's wealthiest

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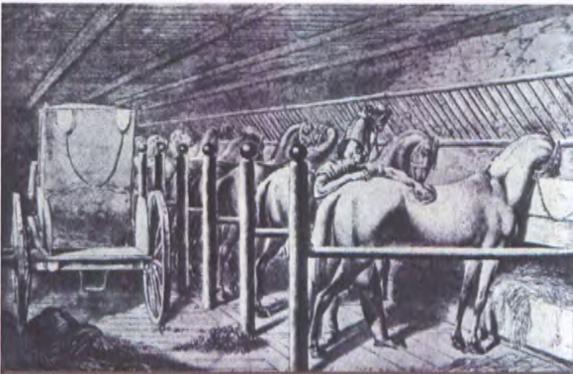
18<sup>th</sup> century residents, 'Murray's Livery' will tell the story of the working side of early Alexandria.

NOVA Parks has obtained an option to buy 'Murray's Livery.' We can finance this purchase with a 30-year loan, and we can pay for this loan with revenue from our Cameron Run Regional Park Great Waves Water Park. While NOVA Parks built Cameron Run Park and has run it for the last 34 years, the City owns the underlying land. Our ability to purchase 'Murray's Livery' is conditional on an extension of our lease for Cameron Run for another 30 years. This will achieve an important historic preservation victory in Old Town without costing the City anything. Our option gives us until January 2016 to obtain the lease and permits for Cameron Run.

Six months ago, the City's Park and Recreation Commission wanted alternative uses of Cameron Run explored before a new lease was entered into. We heard of this desire and provided you with a memo dated July 30, 2015 that contains cost estimates for all the options that the Commission members discussed. This analysis looks at three redevelopment scenarios ranging from \$7.6 – \$18.6 million.

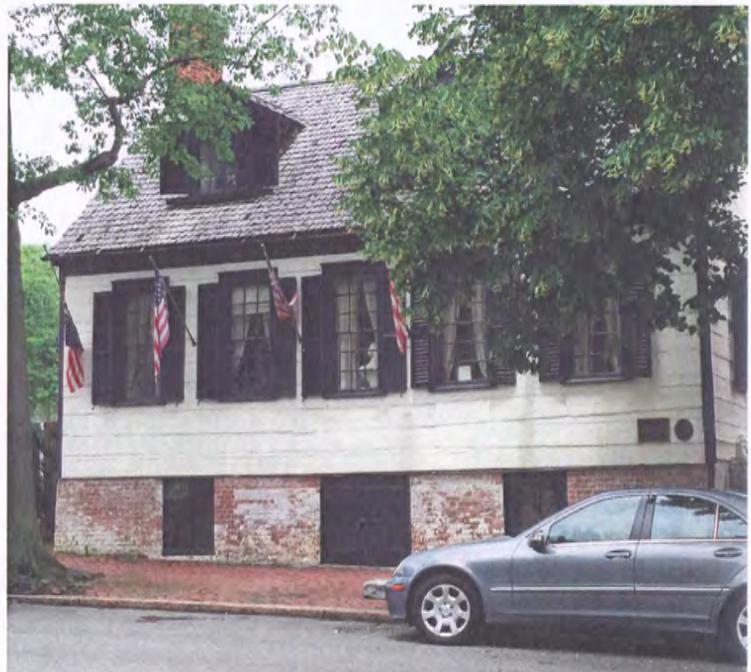
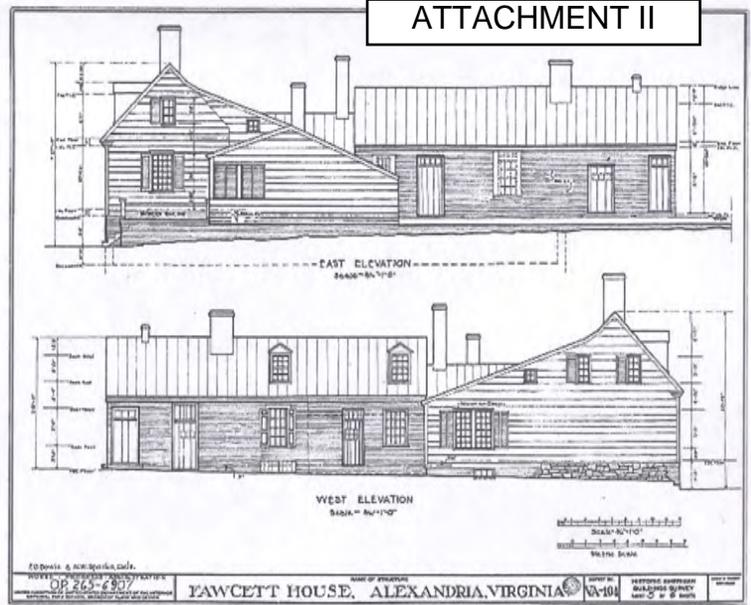
Currently, Cameron Run Regional Park is the most popular recreational facility in the City with over half of City residents reporting to use it on a regular basis. A 30-year extension of our current lease will bring reinvestment in the form of a new and popular water ride. City resident at Great Waves were recently polled and 67% of them were excited about the potential for the water ride called the "Master Blaster" that we would construct with a new lease.

We are excited that the combination of historic preservation and reinvestment into Cameron Run offer the City a wonderful win-win solution to serve a wide variety of needs and desires of your citizens. Senator Patsy Ticer captured what a good deal this would be when she said, "*NOVA Parks is offering the City a remarkable opportunity to preserve 'Murray's Livery' without impacting the City Budget. I am excited about this deal because it will preserve our history.*"



# 517 Prince Street "Murray's Livery"

A chance to save the most authentic and unaltered 18th century house in Alexandria





## The story of this unique property

Lance Mallamo, Director of Historic Alexandria recently wrote about this property that it was “one of the earliest homes in the City, and possibly the least altered 18th Century home in Northern Virginia.” But unlike the grand homes of our founders, this one tells the story of a more humble home and business that was typical in the 18th century.

This house was built in 1772 by Patrick Murray, a blacksmith. Murray also operated a livery stable just behind the house, where the Courthouse currently stands. From 1772 to 1794, Murray’s house and business were seamlessly interconnected. It is likely Murray owned several slaves who lived upstairs in his house and worked with him on running the livery stable business. The back of the house still has the three chamber, eight hole toilets that served the stable customers as well as the household.

Livery stables in the 18th and 19th centuries were places where customers could rent horses and carriages for

travel, or have their own horses boarded and shod, and carriages repaired. Such operations were often located on the edge of town. Until Alexandria expanded in the 1790’s, Murray’s Livery was just outside of the town line. Often, livery stable operations were connected to boarding houses to accommodate the travelers. While we have not yet established that Murray’s house was used for accommodations, the large scale toilets, oversized smokehouse and laundry areas could have supported such a commercial use.

After 20 years of operations, Murray became financially over-extended and lost the property through foreclosure in 1792. This speaks to the “boom and bust” nature of many 18th century business enterprises. As this property is interpreted in the years to come, some of the themes will be:

- How small businesses in the 18th century often blurred the lines between home and business
- The relationship between slaves and owners in enterprises like Murray’s Livery where they lived and worked together
- The role of livery stables in the 18th

century

- The design and construction of 18th century buildings

C. Richard Bierce, renowned historical architect, described this property as “The singular most authentic document of 18th and 19th c. architecture and construction that has survived to the present in Alexandria. It has evolved over its 243 year history yet it retains an extraordinary degree of integrity in that the complete record of original form, materials and techniques is preserved. Students of American architectural and cultural history will benefit enormously from the riches and mysteries of this unique resource that will be available for study.”



After the Patrick and Margaret Murray period, the property was owned by Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick for several years. Dr. Dick was a friend of George Washington, and later served as mayor of Alexandria. During the time he owned 517 Prince

Street, he commanded a cavalry unit under General Light Horse Harry Lee to quell the Whiskey Rebellion. Back in Alexandria, Dr. Dick was Superintendent of Quarantine during the 1795-1796 Yellow Fever outbreak.

The house had several owners, and usually rented until 1816 when John Douglas Brown purchased it. It stayed in the same family ownership until the year 2000. During this long family ownership the surnames included: Brown, Hooff, Fawcett and Cheeseman. In 2001, Joseph Reeder purchased the property and had wood borings and paint samples tested with the latest technology, as well as other research on the background of this unique historic gem.

## A chance to save history:

The 'least altered 18th century house in Alexandria' is not currently under a historic easement or public ownership that would protect it from being leveled or significantly altered. But the current owner would like to see it protected and has entered into an option agreement with NOVA Parks to acquire the property. NOVA Parks owns and operates the 1752 Carlyle House in Alexandria and numerous other historic sites around the region, including a grist mill, church, farm, sections of Washington's Patowmack Canal, and several battlefields. Preserving the significant historic sites of Northern Virginia is an important part of the regional park system.

NOVA Parks can fund the acquisition of 517 Prince Street through a 30-year loan. This same loan will also include a number of improvements and upgrades to the Great Waves Waterpark at Cameron Run Regional Park on Eisenhower Avenue, also operated by NOVA Parks. The revenues from



the waterpark can fund both the improvements at Cameron Run and the acquisition and protection of this historic 'Murray's Livery.'

*Because of this creative financing of historic preservation, the acquisition and preservation of 517 Prince Street is conditional on the Alexandria City Council granting NOVA Parks a new or extended lease on the Cameron Run Regional Parkland for 30 years.*

For the last 34 years, the City has leased the Cameron Run property to NOVA Parks who built and operates the current Cameron Run Regional Park. The additional 30-year lease will allow NOVA Parks the ability to pay off the loan for 'Murray's Livery' with the funds generated from the waterpark operations.

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If you would like to help preserve 'Murray's Livery' and the story of 18th century Alexandria that it tells, please encourage Alexandria City Council to extend the lease on Cameron Run to support the financing of this historic jewel.

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Senator Patsy Ticer

“The house at 517 Prince is the singular most authentic document of 18th and 19th c. architecture and construction that has survived to the present in Alexandria.”

C. Richard Bierce, AIA  
Historical Architect

“One of the most historically significant houses in Alexandria.”

Steven J. Shephard, Ph.D., RPA,  
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# NOVA P A R K S

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**DATE:** July 30, 2015  
**TO:** Mark Jinks, Alexandria City Manager  
**FROM:** Paul Gilbert, NOVA Parks Executive Director   
**RE:** Potential Alternative Uses for Cameron Run Regional Park

Six months ago, the City’s Park and Recreation Commission advised City Council to delay making a decision on the Cameron Run Lease until further study of alternative uses for that land could be conducted. We took note of that advice and have prepared this memo to answer the central question of alternative uses that the Commission raised.

The current lease between the City of Alexandria and NOVA Parks for the development and operation of Cameron Run Regional Park expires in 2021. The purpose of this analysis is to study several alternative uses for the 25.8 acre property and the potential development costs associated with each use. These were the uses that Commission members most frequently brought up in their dialog about Cameron Run.

The following three alternative uses are analyzed in this report:

1. Remove all improvements except existing parking area. Construct two lighted artificial turf fields and a park support building to include restrooms and staff office and maintenance space.

**Total Estimated Cost: \$7,650,000**

2. Remove all improvements except existing parking area. Construct one lighted turf field and one fieldhouse with indoor turf field and support facilities, such as restrooms and staff office and maintenance space.

**Total Estimated Cost: \$17,600,000**

3. Remove all improvements except existing parking area. Construct one lighted turf field and one indoor 50 meter pool facility with support facilities, such as restrooms and staff office and maintenance space.

**Total Estimated Cost: \$18,600,000**

All construction costs include estimates for design and engineering, permitting and the construction of storm water management and BMP facilities.

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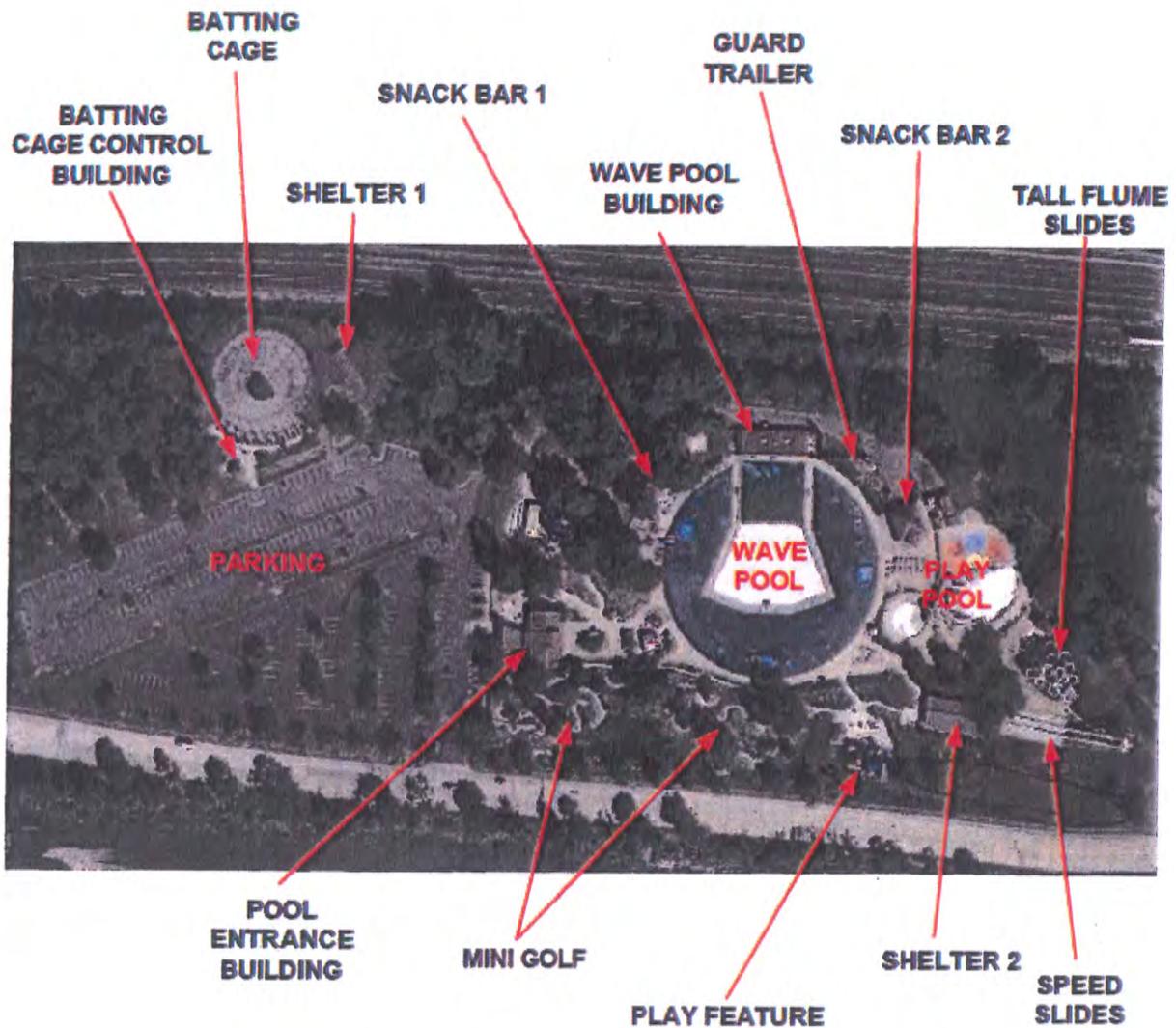
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The following aerial photo notes the existing major buildings and facilities at Cameron Run Regional Park. Cost for removal of these facilities and site restoration was provided by Downey and Scott, LLC – construction cost estimators.



1. Remove all site improvements except existing parking area. Construct two lighted artificial turf fields and a park support building to include restrooms and staff office and maintenance space.

The aerial photo below notes a conceptual layout to add two artificial turf fields to the site. The rectangles note a playing surface area of 190 feet by 370 feet. In order to fit the fields on the site, complete proper grading and install storm water/BMP facilities, it is likely the existing park entrance building will need to be removed. The aging pool entrance building has no insulation or HVAC system, and is not well designed for an alternative use.

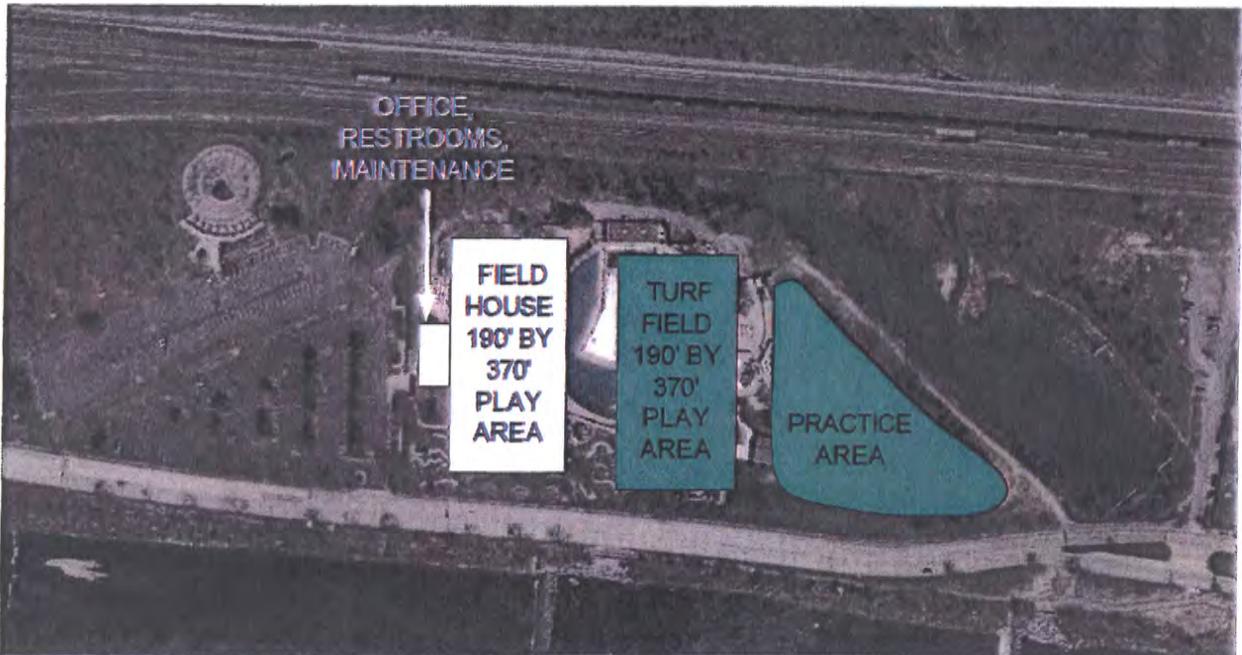
Facility Demolition and Site Restoration Cost:	\$4,300,000
(This cost by Downey and Scott)	
Two Turf Fields with Lighting:	\$2,600,000
Park Restrooms and Support Building:	<u>\$750,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7,650,000</b>



2. Remove all site improvements except existing parking area. Construct one lighted turf field and one fieldhouse with indoor turf field and support facilities, such as restrooms and staff office and maintenance space.

The aerial photo below notes a conceptual layout for this alternative. Restrooms and support facilities are included in the indoor field house.

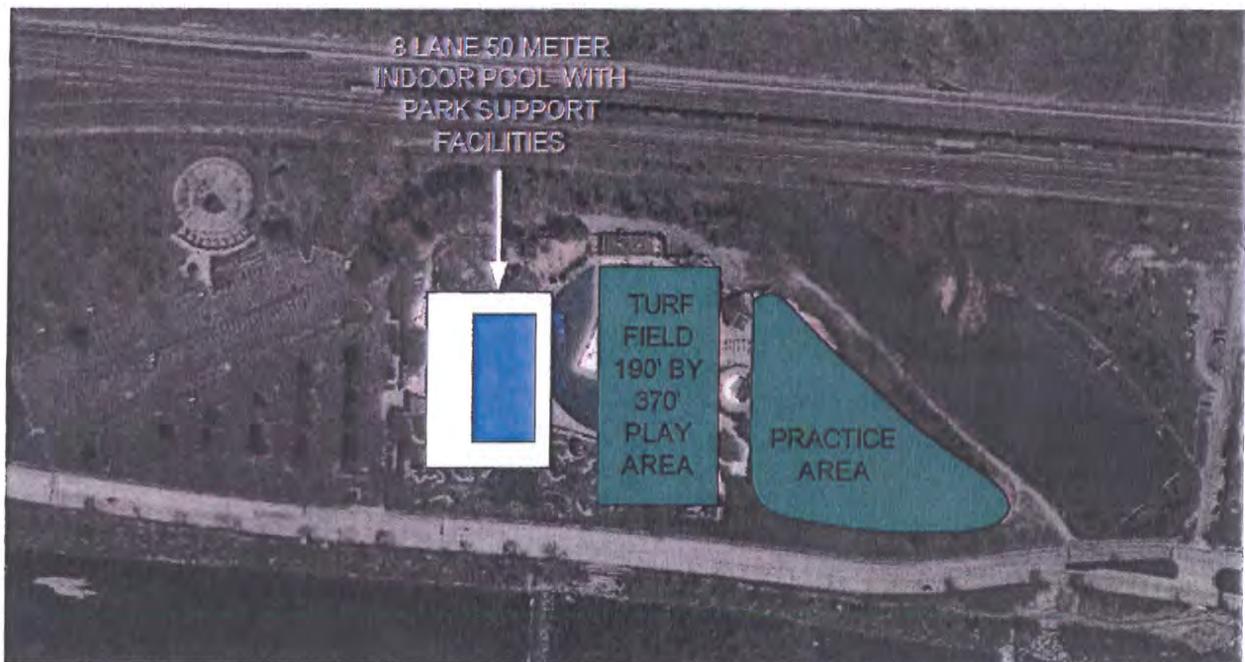
Facility Demolition and Site Restoration Cost:	\$4,300,000
One Turf Field with Lighting:	\$1,300,000
Indoor Field House and Support Facilities (75,000 sf):	<u>\$12,000,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,600,000</b>



3. **Remove all site improvements except existing parking area. Construct one lighted turf field and one indoor 50 meter pool facility with support facilities, such as restrooms and staff office and maintenance space.**

The aerial photo below notes a conceptual layout for this alternative. Restrooms and support facilities are included in the pool building.

Facility Demolition and Site Restoration Cost:	\$4,300,000
One Turf Field with Lighting:	\$1,300,000
Indoor Swim Lanes and Support Facilities (55,000 sf):	<u>\$13,000,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$18,600,000</b>



The cost estimates in this report are very conservative for simple facilities with some reuse of infrastructure. Actual costs would likely be higher. In the last year, Arlington County had to table plans to build an aquatic center at Long Bridge Park because the construction bids came in at around \$82 million for the facility they wished to build.

It is also worth noting that while operating plans have not been developed for these facilities, if they were operated by the City, it is likely they would run an annual operating deficit that the City would need to subsidize.