

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Park and Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

**Charles Houston Recreation Center
901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, Virginia**

AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order by Chair.
- II.** **EYA Concept Plan for New City Park - James Bland Development.**
- III.** Approval of Summary Minutes from September 23, 2010.
- IV.** Division Updates:
 - A. Recreation Programs and Services Update - William Chesley
 - B. Operations & Park Planning Monthly Report - Roger Blakeley
 - C. Office on the Arts Update - Alisa Carrel
 - D. Park Planning Updates - Ron Kagawa
 - E. Marketing, Public Relations & Special Events - Jack Browand
- V.** Director's Report - James Spengler
 - A. Jones Point Park Update
 - B. Simpson Fields Update
 - C. Potomac Greens
 - D. Lake Cook
 - E. ACPS Facility Request
- VI.** Retreat Action Items:
 - A. Continued Discussion of Draft Bylaws-Operating Procedures for Commission.
 - B. Develop list of items to address at P&RC meetings.
- VII.** Reports From Commissioners (verbal updates)
 - o Ft. Ward Ad Hoc Advisory Commission- Bob Moir, Ripley Forbes, Rich Brune
 - o Youth Policy Commission - Stephen Mercer
 - o Waterfront Committee- William Cromley
 - o Youth Sports Committee- Jeffrey Murphy
 - o 4-Mile Run- Ripley Forbes
 - o Charles Houston Memorial Project-William Cromley
 - o Freedman's Cemetery- Bob Moir
 - o Beauregard Corridor- David Dexter
 - o ACPS & Capital Improvements- Henry Brooks
 - o Other
- VIII.** Agenda items and location for November meeting.
- IX.** List of Upcoming Public Meetings
- X.** Adjournment

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2010

TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

LAURA D. DURHAM
OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON THE
CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED PARK AT THE NEW JAMES
BLAND DEVELOPMENT – ITEM II

On September 23, 2010 the Park and Recreation Commission held a public hearing to review and discuss the proposed public park at the redeveloped James Bland site. The purpose of the Park and Recreation public hearing was to gather input from the community and commissioners about proposed park concept submitted by the developer, Eakin Youngentob (EYA) and ensure that the design addresses the required conditions tied to the approval of the overall development. Based on the public hearing discussion and comment period, EYA is returning tonight with a revised final proposal for approval by the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission.

In October of 2008 City Council approved a proposal by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) and Eakin Youngentob (EYA) for redevelopment of James Bland into a mixed income community. The James Bland redevelopment project, now known as Old Town Commons, includes a 13,800 square foot central public park at the intersection of Alfred and Montgomery Streets. The City Council approved conditions require that the park include a children's play area and be dedicated to the City. Maintenance of the park will be the responsibility of the future homeowner's association. For more details, the staff report and development conditions can be found online at:

<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy09/101808ph/di10.pdf>

JAMES BLAND REDEVELOPMENT – DSUP#2008-0013
OCTOBER 18 CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
APPROVED CONDITION RELATED TO PUBLIC PARK

C. OPEN SPACE/LANDSCAPING/TREE PRESERVATION:

Condition 9: The applicant shall revise the site plan to eliminate 4 units in the southwestern block to provide a larger open space area at the corner of Montgomery Street and N. Alfred Street as generally depicted in *Attachment #2*. The park shall be subject to the following, to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA:

- a. The open space parcel (identified as Parcel “C” on the preliminary subdivision plat dated August 5, 2008) shall be dedicated to the City as public open space prior to issuance of a building permit for this phase.
- b. In order to increase the size and viability of the proposed major park at the James Bland Redevelopment site, it is proposed that the City purchase from ARHA four market rate building lots adjacent to the planned open space at the southwest corner of Montgomery and Alfred Streets. This purchase of the four lots will increase the size of the park from about 8,200 square feet to approximately 13,000 square feet.
 - i. The City would pay \$328,418 per lot which totals \$1,313,672 for the four lots.
 - ii. In addition, recognizing that ARHA, per its contract with EYA, will be sharing on a percentage basis in the upside gross sales revenue from the sale of the James Bland market rate units, the City would also pay a pro rata share of forgone upside gross sales revenue for the four lots which the City would purchase to expand the proposed park.
 - iii. The formula for paying this pro rata share would be to determine, after all the market rate units have been sold and the gross sales accounting completed, the per unit share of gross revenues which ARHA has earned. The City would then pay the pro rata determined per unit share for each of the four lots the City purchased to acquire the park.
 - iv. For example: If the total gross revenues from the sale of the 245 market rate subject to the revenue sharing agreement between ARHA and EYA totals \$2,450,000 and if ARHA’s share is 20% (\$490,000), then the per unit share would be \$2,000 per unit. The City would then pay an additional \$8,000 for the four lots it purchased from ARHA for the park.
 - v. The City would contract with ARHA to purchase the four lots prior to the issuance of the first final site plan for the James Bland redevelopment, with settlement to occur prior to the issuance of a building permit for the redevelopment phase which includes these four lots.
 - vi. The City would reserve dedicated open space capital funds to acquire these four lots.
 - vii. The funds for the four lots would be held by ARHA to help fund the James Bland project.
 - viii. The City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase contract for these four lots with ARHA which incorporates the above provisions.

- ix. The minimum standards which the Home Owners Association (HOA) will use to maintain the park are detailed in *Attachment 4*. These standards may not be changed by the City in a manner which would increase the HOA costs without prior approval of ARHA and the HOA.
 - x. In recognition of the public access status of this open space, the City would provide ARHA \$1,200 per year to offset the incremental HOA costs to ARHA of maintaining the expanded portion of the park.
 - xi. City Council has the option within 12 months to decide to purchase two additional lots to increase the consolidated open space using the same economic formula used to calculate the purchase price of the original four lots. (City Council)
- c. The open space and all associated amenities shall be privately maintained by the applicant and subsequently the Homeowners Association (HOA) upon conveyance to the HOA, whichever is applicable, to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA. The terms of the maintenance agreement of open space shall be part of the Homeowners Association documents and covenants which shall be reviewed and approved by the Directors of RP&CA and P&Z prior to issuance of the first certificate of occupancy.
 - d. The name for the park shall be designated in accordance with the City's policy and procedures for naming parks and the location for associated signage shall be depicted on the final site plan.
 - e. The applicant shall be responsible for the design and construction of the open space which shall receive public input from residents, be approved by the City, and contain interpretative elements recalling the history of the site and the area. The primary purpose of this open space is to provide a passive open space area lined with street trees, grassy areas, and a focal element such as a fountain, monument, or statue. This space shall be designed as an area suitable to accommodate informal community gatherings and events. As one of the principal open space-parks of the Braddock neighborhood, the open space shall be the highest quality materials, paving, design and amenities. The final design shall include the level detail and amenities provided in the preliminary plan.
 - f. The design of the open space shall be approved by the Park and Recreation Commission as a docketed item at a public hearing prior to issuance of a certificate occupancy for the first unit in the development.
 - g. The approved design for the open space shall be implemented and completed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the first unit in the block the park is located in.
 - h. An active children's play area shall be provided in this open space and shown on the design included in the final site plan. The play area shall include age appropriate play equipment and/or structures, required fencing, and a coordinated design palette of play area related site structures/equipment for children between 2-5 years and shall be integrated with the interpretation of the history of the site and area through an element such as a sculpture that can also be used as play and climbing structures for the children. Play area and site equipment must comply with ADA requirements and standards and designed and implemented to the

satisfaction of the Director of RP&CA. The play areas shall provide the following:

- i. Provide a coordinated design palette of play area related site structures/equipment.
- ii. Specification, location, finish, color, material, scale, massing and character of site structures and equipment shall be approved by the City.
- iii. Trees planted inside the playground fence shall be medium sized trees.
- iv. Playground equipment and site furnishings shall be appropriate for year round outdoor use.
- v. The play area, play equipment, and playground safety surfacing shall comply with the most recent guidelines, specifications and recommendations of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety, ASTM Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use (ASTM F1487) and ASTM Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment (ASTM F1292). Applicant shall provide certification that the play areas have been designed, reviewed and approved by a certified playground safety inspector (CPSI professional) with current certification.
- vi. Play area and equipment shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for Buildings and Facilities; Play Areas 36DFR Part 1191; Final Rule.
- vii. Play surfaces shall have immediate positive drainage. No surface drains or other impediments shall be placed in the fall zone, play or runout areas.
- viii. The playground surfacing shall have an under-drain system that is connected to the stormwater system. Ensure that under-drain system does not conflict with play equipment footers or tree wells.
- i. The archeological consultant shall provide text and graphics for the signage which shall be integrated within the open space subject to approval by the Office of Historic Alexandria/Alexandria Archaeology, RP&CA, and P&Z.
- j. Site furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, decorative paving, lighting, water fountain(s), fencing, and other appropriate design elements.
- k. Decorative metal fences to delineate the public open space area. All lawn areas shall be sodded.
- l. The open space area shall be fully open to the public following the hours and guidelines established by the Department of RP&CA. (Archaeology) (P&Z) (RP&CA)

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2010

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

**SUBJECT: OCTOBER 21, 2010 COMMISSION MEETING-ITEM IV-A
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT**

Youth Activities

- Alexandria City Community Theatre (ACCT) celebrated its 1st Anniversary with a production at the Lee Center on October 15. The production, “Spanglish”, featured Hispanic culture in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Children from various recreation centers participated in the production. Approximately 200 people attended the event.
- Additional new and expanded fee based programs were implemented this fall including the Lil Slammers Flag Football League and Lil Slammers Basketball League. In addition, other new youth sport programs are being planned for implementation in the winter.
- The Titan Youth Football Program is in week 5 of league play in the Fairfax County Youth Football League. There are 237 youths enrolled in the program. Program enrollment is 17% down from last year’s program enrollment total. Home games are played at George Washington Middle School. League games are scheduled through early November when playoffs begin. At least one round of playoff games will be held in Alexandria. The Titan Football Awards Program will be held at the Lee Center on November 20 and will begin at noon.
- RPCA and T.C. Williams are partnering on a youth field hockey clinic at Minnie Howard on October 30 that will be held immediately following a field hockey game between Christopher Newport University and Rowan University.
- Former University of Maryland basketball star and current South Lakes Basketball Coach Christie Winters Scott will speak at our youth basketball coach’s clinic At Hammond Middle School on November 13, 12 noon.
- The first “Saturday Nite Hype” middle school party was held at Chinquapin on October 2. The October 30 party will be in the form of a Hallow Scream event that will be held at the Lee Center/Nannie Lee Center. The event will begin at 8 pm and run to 10:30 pm.
- RPCA/Recreation Services Division have been working with ACPS elementary and middle school principals to share information about the Power-On and Power-Up After

School Programs and other RPCA programs. Staff attended Back to School Night events to promote the programs as well.

- Two staff members attended the National Safe Place (NSP) training in September. The two staff members will train department staff on the NSP guidelines. The program in short is a mechanism for ensuring that staff is prepared to quickly and effectively provide access to immediate help and safety for young people in crisis. Staff will also conduct programs at recreation centers and outreach to community groups to create and implement programs and strategies to keep young people safe.
- RPCA and several other City agencies and ACPS are partnering with The Center for Alexandria's Children on a Family Fun Day event on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The location has not been determined, but previous events were held at John Adams. Capital One Bank is sponsoring the event. The theme of the event is family fun, resource and information sharing, and community awareness of child safety and abuse prevention.
- Mac Slover is in the process of contacting representatives from all of the City youth sport organizations regarding field use opportunities immediately following the scheduled use of fields for fall sport programs.

Adult Activities

- Program Managers Margaret Orlando and Tamika Coleman assisted in the coordination and implementation of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics that was held at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, Virginia on September 17-19.
- The championship game of the Adult Late Night Basketball Program at Charles Houston was held on October 14. Six teams competed in the league. The league was designed as a recreation opportunity for young adults (active participants or spectators) residing primarily in the North End area of the City. EYA donated \$1,500 in funding to offset some of the costs of the program not covered by participant fees.

Neighborhood Recreation Centers

- Summer Power-On and Power-Up enrollment at the neighborhood recreation centers and program sites for summer 2010 was 1,243 children. Enrollment was down approximately 18% from the 2009 summer program, but the average daily attendance was up following the trend for the FY-2010 school year program. Specialty camps had another 1604 enrollments in a variety of camps throughout the summer. As was reported previously, customer satisfaction surveys were distributed to parents of children enrolled in the summer Power-On Program. The Power-On Program Out of School Time Satisfaction Survey was completed by 221 parents/guardians of youth enrolled in the program at the seven full time recreation centers, five summer playground programs and the one Power-Up Programs. 90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed to the eight survey questions indicating approval of the program. Over 50% responded that they strongly agreed to the following statements: (1) program increased social interactions and developed friendships; (3) personal enjoyment; (4) improved physical fitness and overall health; (7) the group leader is knowledgeable, creative and responsive to the needs of the

children; (8) overall, my child enjoyed him/herself and was satisfied with the program/activity. Final survey results will be reported in October.

- The school year Power-On and Power-Up Program enrollment is currently 1,094 children, which represents a 26% increase in YTD enrollment at this time last year. The current YTD enrollment total of 1,094 children is 17% off of our FY-2010 end of year enrollment total of 1,321 children.
- A number of significant maintenance and repair projects have been completed in recent weeks. Several of the projects include installing new flooring in the office and activity rooms at Cora Kelly, installation of new kitchen equipment at Cora Kelly and new kitchen cabinets at Nannie J. Lee and Cora Kelly. A new HVAC system was installed at Chinquapin. New fitness equipment was installed at Chinquapin and Cora Kelly to replace outdated equipment at both centers that was more than 10 years old. It should be noted that while this work represents significant progress, only \$500K is currently budgeted annually in the Capital Facilities Maintenance Program (CFMP) for recreation facilities. More than \$3 million is needed to address maintenance and repair needs that have been identified by the Department of General Services (GS) according to an informal facilities assessment conducted by GS in FY-2010.
- ACPS has requested consideration from the City/RPCA to house two new programs that have the potential to come on-line in FY-2011. The two programs include a Pre-Kindergarten Program and a Dental Care Program. Dedicated space is preferred for the Pre-Kindergarten program while the Dental Program reportedly is more mobile and equipment is projected to be removed from program space and stored after use. City and schools staff is in discussions on space use for new programs such as the two mentioned here. RPCA programs may be impacted if ACPS programs are held in recreation centers, particularly if the programs require dedicated spaces. A report on available RPCA space is being prepared for review and discussion at the next City and School Board Subcommittee meeting scheduled on October 25.

Aquatics

- Work has begun to identify funding to conduct an aquatic study in FY-2011. Some preliminary work has been done by staff and a meeting will be scheduled soon with an architectural firm to further discuss the scope of work and a projected time line for the study.
- Staff is planning a swimming initiative to reach children who for various reasons have not learned to swim. The initiative will be implemented in the spring of 2011.
- Chinquapin will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center on Saturday, December 4 from noon to 5 pm. The official welcome from the Mayor and members of City Council is scheduled at 3 pm.

Environmental Education

- The Naturalist staff partnered with Volunteer Alexandria and the Park Operations Division to conduct 2 major volunteer programs on September 11 in connection with Alexandria's "Big Event". One program took place in Chinquapin Park and involved

wood chipping trails, planting native flora, and a stream cleanup. Rod Simmons assisted as the native plant team leader in this program. The other program took place at Ben Brenman Park and involved wrapping trees with wire mesh to protect them from being damaged by beavers. The Ben Brenman program was supported by the Park Operations Division, which purchased supplies for the program and had staff on hand to assist volunteers.

- Naturalist Jodi Cohen submitted her resignation, effective October 17, 2010. Jodi worked at the Nature Center for the past 4 years and was primarily responsible for Sunday operations & programming. Her departure may impact the Naturalist staffs' ability to provide weekend programming and services. For the time being, basic operating hours (1:00 - 5:00 pm) will be maintained on Sunday with the assistance of a seasonal employee.
- The Nature Center's "Basket Workshop" instructor, Debby Wells, also gave notice that she is leaving to further her career as a social worker in Japan. Debby had been associated with the Nature Center for the past 17 years and has conducted dozens of revenue-producing craft workshops.
- A new series of classes, "Little Explorers," for children ages 3 to 5 years old, began this month. Volunteer instructor Mary Alexandria is conducting these programs, teaching participants about the five senses. The first class was filled to capacity with 26 children and parents.
- Students from Thomas Jefferson High School for the Sciences conducted their annual watershed studies in Dora Kelley Nature Park this September. They are in their tenth year of collecting data on Holmes Run. When complete, the students will create a small poster board exhibit for the Nature Center on their research. More than 75 students and 12 teachers participated in this year's program.

Other

- RPCA, General Services, ACPS, and TES worked over the past 6 months or so to update the Facilities Maintenance and Use MOU. The MOU was finalized recently and prepared for sign off by the City Manager and ACPS Superintendent. ACPS indicated that they will present the MOU to the Superintendent for review and sign off by November.
- RPCA/Recreation Services is in the process of developing the FY-2012 budget including supplemental budget requests to maintain and/or improve programs and services moving forward.
- RPCA's Rec Trac Council and IT team developed and implemented a new online registration splash page in August, which makes it easier for customers to conduct registration online. The splash page was implemented in advance of the August 25 fall class program registration period. Feedback to date has been positive.
- The Class and Camp Program Section offered a total of 272 classes in the fall 2010 class session.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER, 21, 2010

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: ROGER BLAKELEY DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PARK OPERATIONS
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT- ITEM IV-B

Lee Center Gets a New Infield

The Lee Center was in desperate need of a new infield for youth softball. The area was regarded and repaired. The outer ring received new sod. The next step in the process is to replace the backstops.

4-Mile Replacement Lights

The 4-Mile softball field has received approval to move forward to replace the light poles and fixtures. The work will start in late October and continue for about four weeks of construction. The light layout will remove a pole from the outfield. Other adjustments to the out field fencing will be need to make sure that the field is brought up to today's lighting standards. The new light design allows the Department to have a true multi-use field.

Hensley Infield Reconstruction

The Hensley infield was reconstructed this month to align the home plate to national softball standards. The home plate is now 25 feet from the back stop fence. All of the softball fields are in the process of being retrofitted to meet the national standards as funding becomes available.

Skateboard Park Equipment and Deck Sealing

This last month the concrete deck and each fixture were repaired and repainted. The skateboard area is unique and needs extra maintenance due to the extremely hard activities that take place at the park.

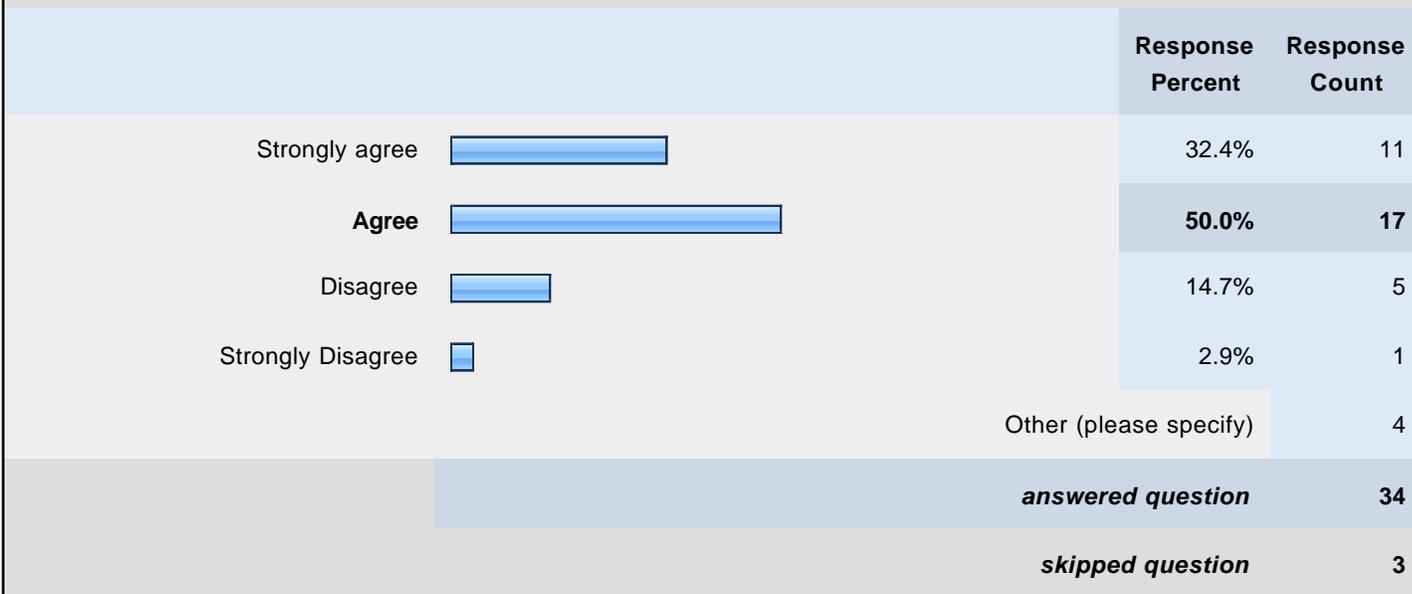
New Uniform Standard

For some time we have been looking at the way we look as a Parks Operations group and wanted to present a more professional look. Over the last few months we have developed a new uniform standard for the Park Operations section and this policy provides a new standard in excellence.

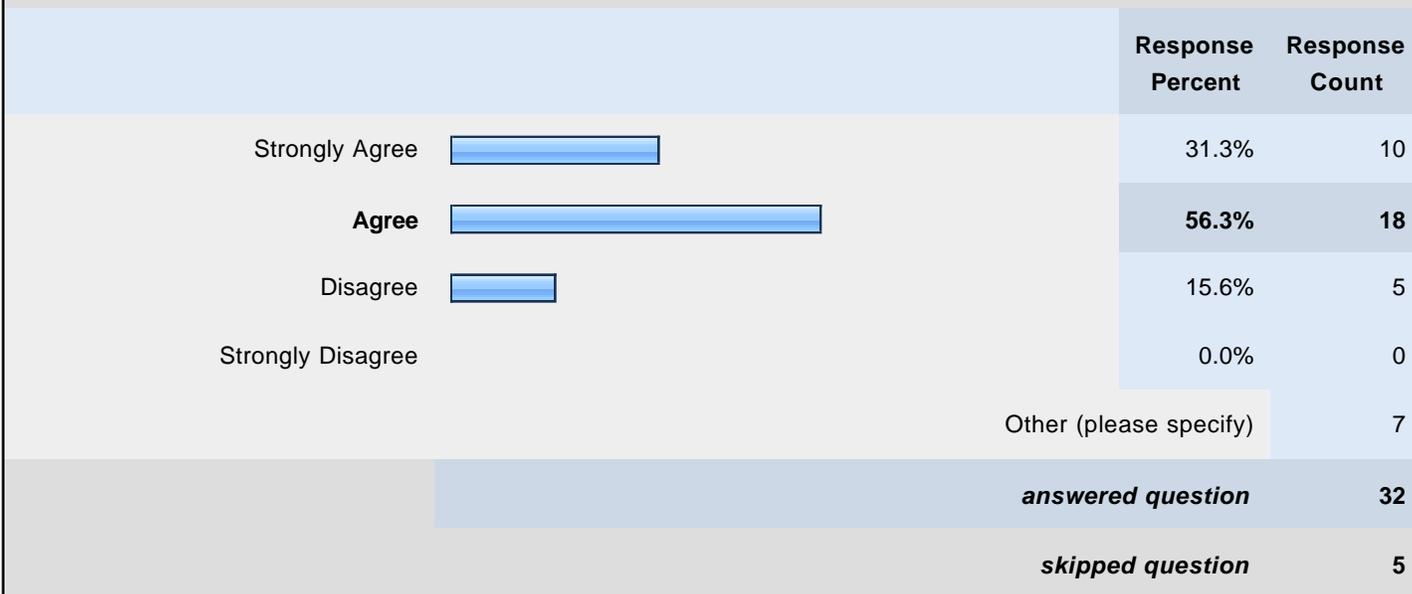
Hensley Irrigation Project Complete

The irrigation project of install a new irrigation for Hensley Park to cover all of the athletic fields has been completed. The last phase of the project was to irrigate the lower softball fields. The system is on the Maxi-Com control system.

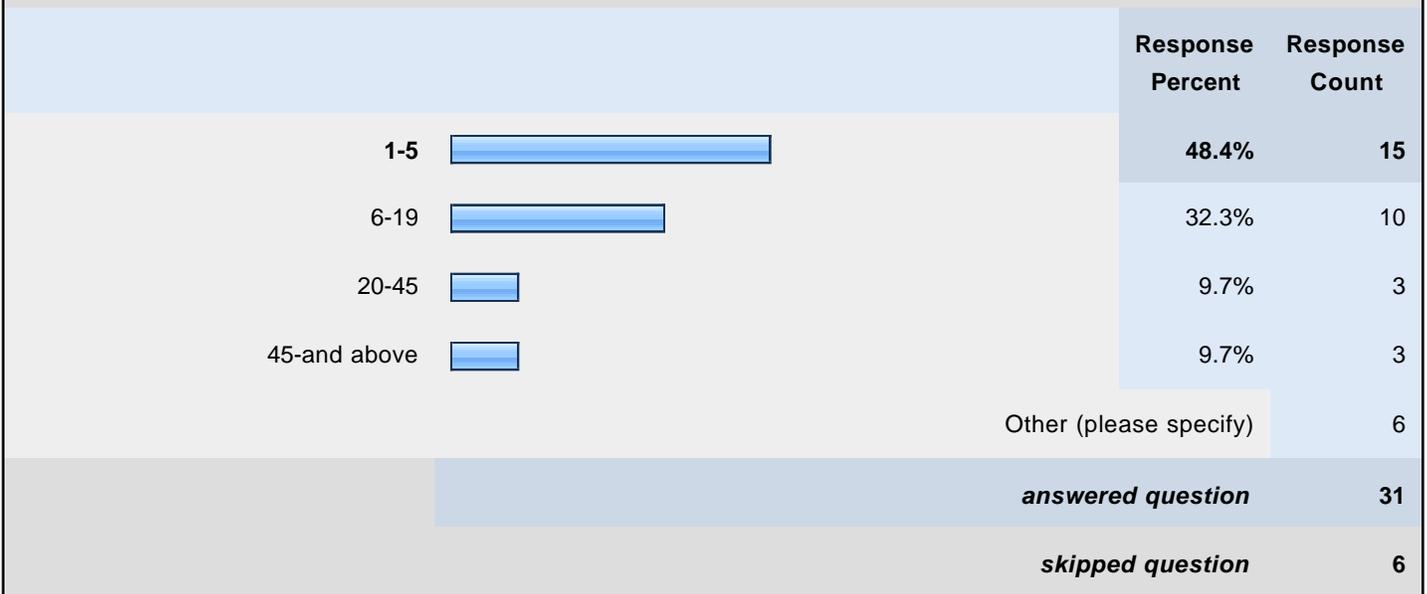
1. When you come to the park or baseball field is the area clean and free of debris and are the garbage cans empty?



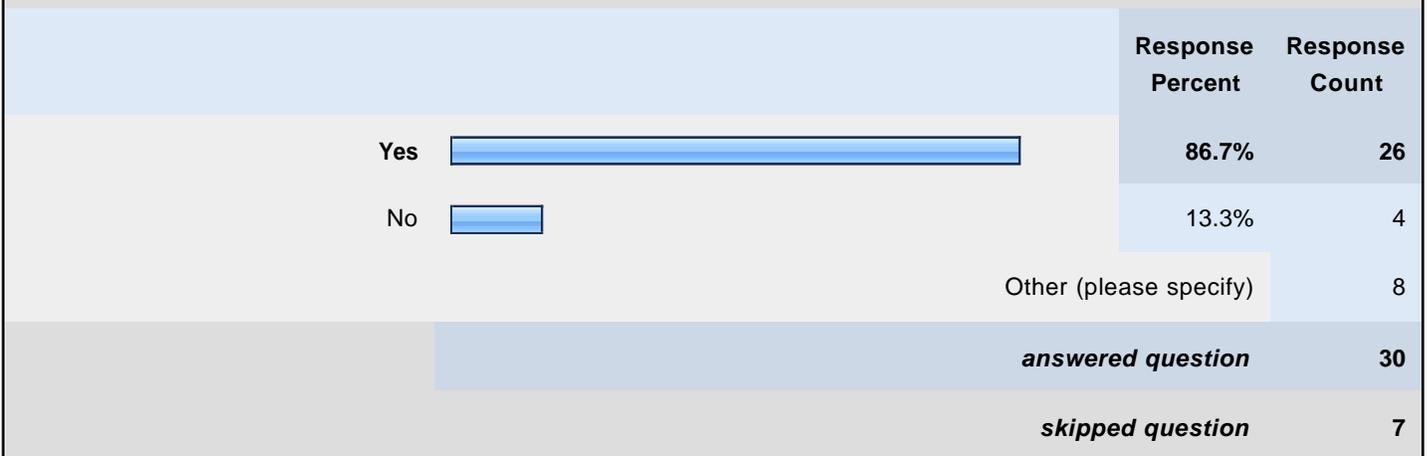
2. When you visit the Park or baseball field is the turf condition at the appropriate height for the type of event being played?



3. How many events do you or any one in your household attend each year at the park or athletic field?



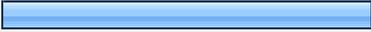
4. Are the City Park Staff helpful and responsive to your requests?



5. Is there is good access to the park and paths are level and well maintained surfaces?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	88.2%	30
No 	11.8%	4
Other (please specify)		7
answered question		34
skipped question		3

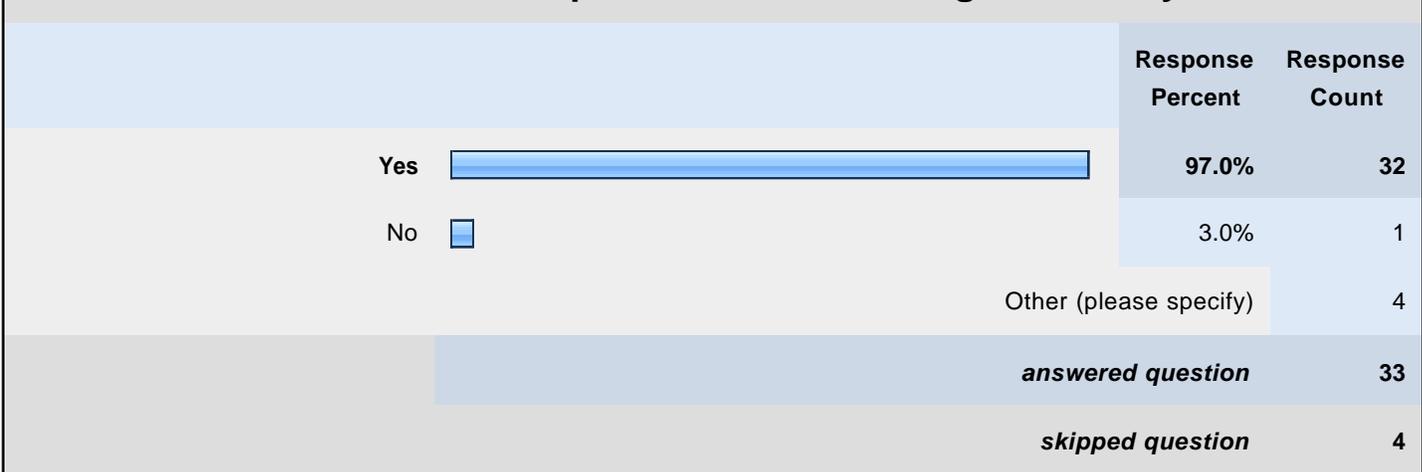
6. Does the park have adequate and well maintained restroom facilities?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	56.3%	18
No 	43.8%	14
Other (please specify)		11
answered question		32
skipped question		5

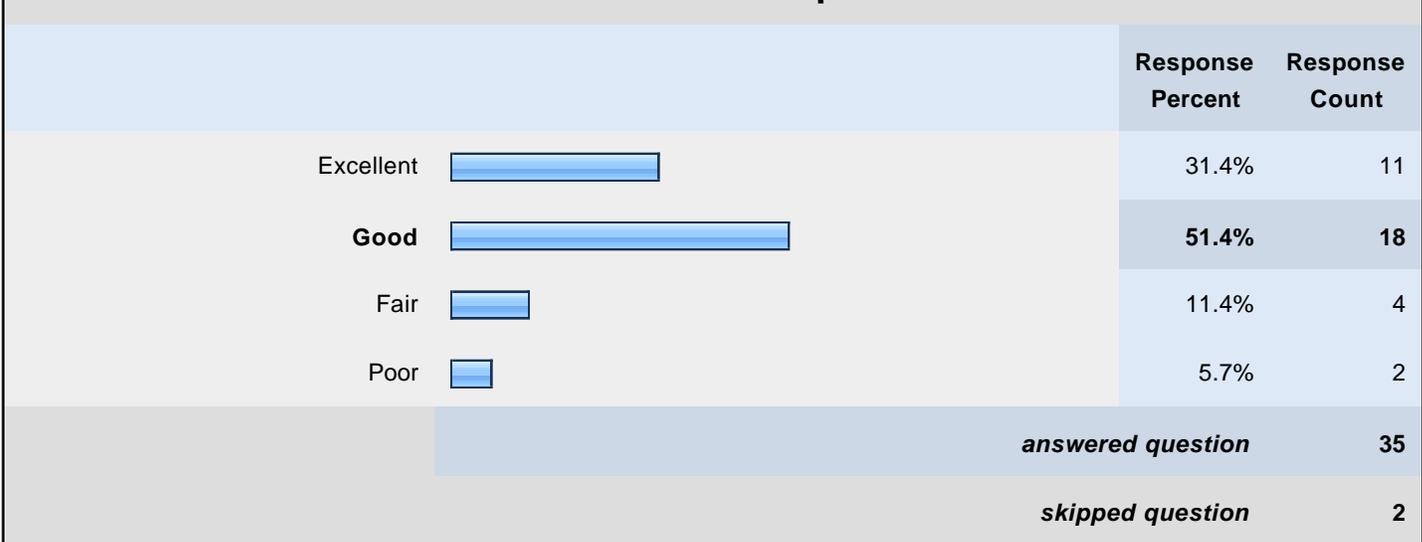
7. Does the City have enough active parks with playing fields?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	44.8%	13
No 	55.2%	16
Other (please specify)		7
answered question		29
skipped question		8

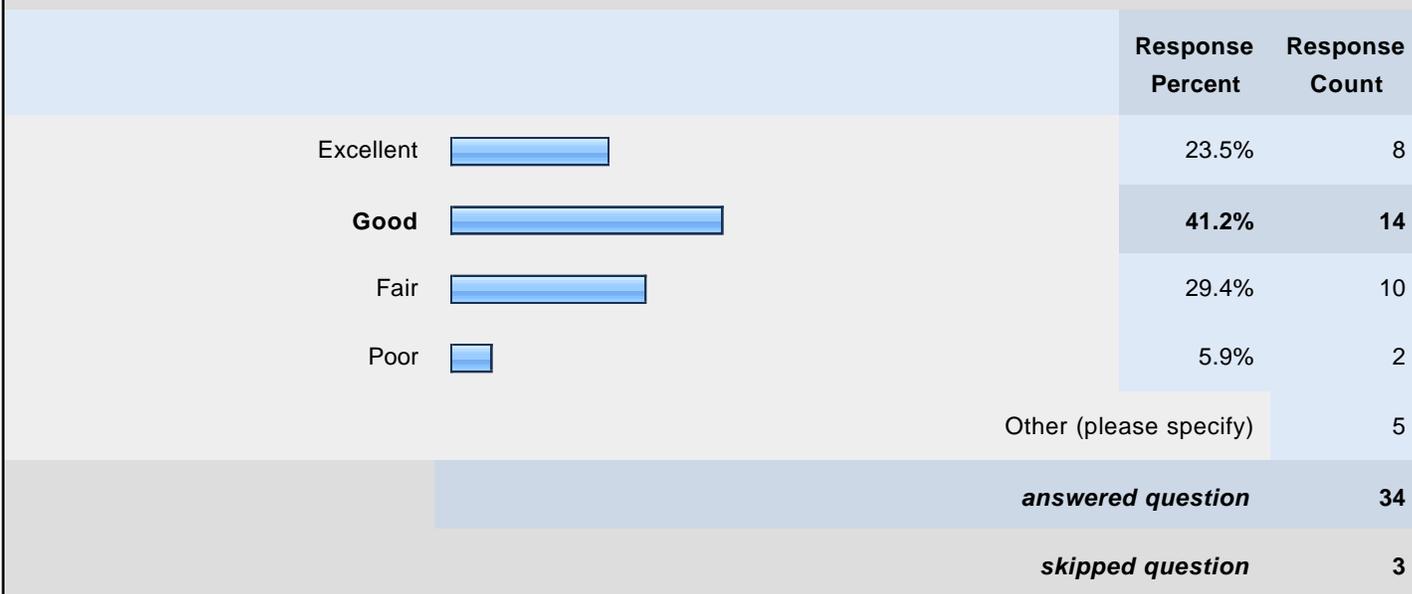
8. When I visit the Alexandria parks I feel safe using the facility?



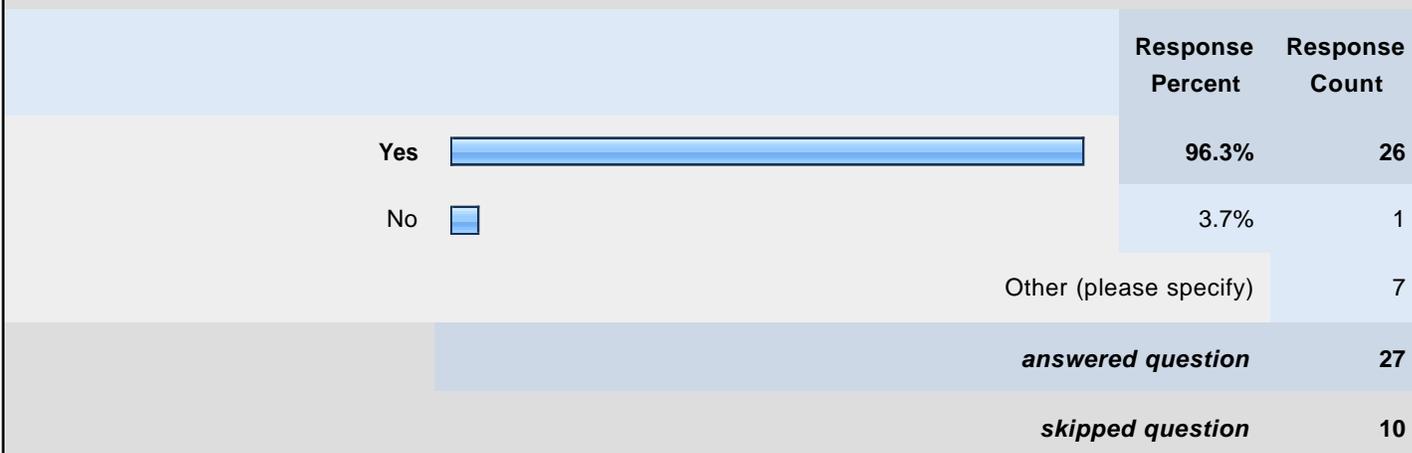
9. How was the overall maintenance of the park?



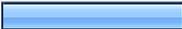
10. Were the flower beds, trees and shrubs are attractive and well maintained?



11. Was the staff helpful and courteousness when you visited the park or athletic field?



12. Did the park you visited have enough seats, benches, picnic tables, trash cans?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	72.7%	24
No 	27.3%	9
Other (please specify)		6
answered question		33
skipped question		4

13. Did the Park you visit have adequate play facilities for children of all ages?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree 	24.2%	8
Agree 	57.6%	19
Disagree 	12.1%	4
Strongly Disagree 	6.1%	2
Other (please specify)		4
answered question		33
skipped question		4

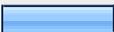
14. Do you take your pet to the park?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	44.8%	13
No 	55.2%	16
Other (please specify)		4
answered question		29
skipped question		8

15. Do you visit the park with children?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	57.6%	19
No 	42.4%	14
Other (please specify)		1
answered question		33
skipped question		4

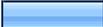
16. Do you believe the parks are well maintained?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	83.3%	25
No 	16.7%	5
Other (please specify)		8
answered question		30
skipped question		7

17. Do you believe the Park system receives enough funding to provide excellent services?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	20.0%	6
No 	80.0%	24
Other (please specify)		5
answered question		30
skipped question		7

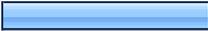
18. Is the City's park system meeting your recreational needs?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree 	15.2%	5
Agree 	63.6%	21
Disagree 	15.2%	5
Strongly Disagree 	6.1%	2
answered question		33
skipped question		4

19. Was this your first visit to the Park?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	8.6%	3
No 	91.4%	32
Other (please specify)		1
answered question		35
skipped question		2

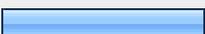
20. If no how often do you visit the park?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Once a week or more 	31.3%	10
One to three times per week 	43.8%	14
Less than once a month 	21.9%	7
Once per year 	3.1%	1
Other (please specify)		5
answered question		32
skipped question		5

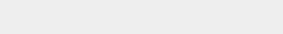
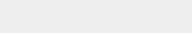
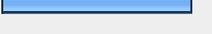
21. Why did you visit the park today?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk or jog 	51.9%	14
Exercise a pet 	29.6%	8
Cycle or ride a bike	0.0%	0
Have a picnic 	3.7%	1
Visit a playground 	14.8%	4
Other (please specify)		8
answered question		27
skipped question		10

22. How much time did you spend in the park?

	Response Percent	Response Count
10 minutes to 30 minuets 	30.3%	10
30 minutes to 1 hour 	48.5%	16
1 hour to 2 hours 	18.2%	6
3 hours or more 	3.0%	1
Other (please specify)		2
answered question		33
skipped question		4

23. What type of parks are most needed in Alexandria Virginia (Check top 2 choices)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Small parks in my neighborhood 	8.6%	3
Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community 	31.4%	11
Natural Areas 	42.9%	15
A park consisting primarily of sports fields 	28.6%	10
Parks with river or creek frontage 	31.4%	11
Linear parks- trail corridors – pathways 	22.9%	8
No additional parks or natural areas needed 	8.6%	3
Other (please specify)		2
answered question		35
skipped question		2

**24. In which area should the City focus its parks and recreation efforts?
(Check top 2 choices)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Acquire land for future parks		34.3%	12
Develop new parks		14.3%	5
Upgrade existing parks		42.9%	15
Maintain existing parks and facilities		51.4%	18
Build new major facilities e.g. Athletic/Sports Complexes		22.9%	8
	Other (please specify)		2
answered question			35
skipped question			2

25. Which of the following benefits of parks recreation services and open space are most important to you? (Check top 2 choices)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Promote youth development		33.3%	12
Improve health and wellness		61.1%	22
Enjoy/protect the natural		58.3%	21
Provide support for lifelong learning		5.6%	2
Provide cultural activities/special events		22.2%	8
Connect people, build strong families and neighborhoods		25.0%	9
	Other (please specify)		1
answered question			36
skipped question			1

26. What facilities or equipment would you like to see added to the City of Alexandria's park system? Please check all that apply.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Picnic Areas		44.1%	15
Trails		38.2%	13
Basketball Courts		5.9%	2
Soccer/Football Fields		44.1%	15
Volleyball Courts		14.7%	5
Children's Play Equipment		32.4%	11
Natural Areas		47.1%	16
Baseball Fields		14.7%	5
Softball Fields		11.8%	4
Outdoor Running Track		20.6%	7
Exercise Areas		14.7%	5
Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas		23.5%	8
	Other (please specify)		5
answered question			34
skipped question			3

27. Has anything prevented you from fully enjoying your visit at an outdoor recreational site? Check all that apply.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of parking	24.0%	6
Lack of public transportation	8.0%	2
Lack of routes between accessible elements	4.0%	1
Lack of hiking/biking trails-Paved	8.0%	2
Lack of hiking/biking trails-Unpaved	8.0%	2
Lack of interpretive displays/presentations	20.0%	5
Lack of restrooms	20.0%	5
Lack of dog parks	12.0%	3
Lack of scenic areas/overlooks	16.0%	4
Lack of time	52.0%	13
Lack of money	8.0%	2
My personal health	0.0%	0
Concern for personal safety	4.0%	1
Crowded areas	12.0%	3
Inadequate transportation	8.0%	2
Pollution	4.0%	1
No assistance for physical condition	8.0%	2
Other (please specify)		5
answered question		25
skipped question		12

28. We would like to hear from you if we haven't addressed a specific project or need that you would like to see undertaken.

	Response Count
	7
<i>answered question</i>	7
<i>skipped question</i>	30

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2010

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: ALISA CARREL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: **OCTOBER, 2010 COMMISSION MEETING, ITEM IV-C
UPDATE ON THE OFFICE OF THE ARTS AND ARTS COMMISSION
ACTIVITIES**

Please see Attachment:
OFFICE OF THE ARTS MONTHLY STAFF REPORT – OCTOBER 2010

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GRANTS PROGRAM

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Grants Program

Team Lead: Cheryl Anne Colton

Status: Staff received revised FY 2010 Final Report from the Alexandria Citizens Band. Meeting between Citizen Band members and Commission pending.

Two FY 2012 grant workshops were held: September 20 (12 people attended) and Wednesday, October 6, (21 people attended) at the Durant Arts Center. Final Report forms for FY 2011 and FY 2012 were distributed.

Important Date: FY2012 Application deadline: Friday, November 19.

PUBLIC ART FUNDING POLICY

Team Lead: Alisa Carrel

Status: No new information.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Del Ray- Mount Vernon Recreation Center Mural

The mural was discussed and endorsed at the September 21 Arts Commission Meeting. On October 2, at Art on the Avenue, the mural was completed. In addition to the participating youth groups, numerous individuals contributed to the painting.

Police Memorial

Team Lead: Alisa Carrel

Status: The artists presented their proposals to the Selection Panel on Saturday, September 25. The public was invited to meet the artists at a reception that evening at the Lloyd House. Proposals were on display in City Hall, September 27 – October 8 and are currently at the Lee Center through October 27. Displays will be moved to the current police facility for an additional week. The public is invited to comment on the proposals. The Selection Panel will meet within the next two months to discuss the proposals, review the public comments and make a recommendation for a finalist.

Freedmen's Cemetery

Team Lead: Alisa Carrel

Status: no new information.

Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Team Lead: Cheryl Anne Colton

Status: Staff will obtain three bids for gold leafing the stars and re-lettering. After the second cleaning, the memorial dedication plaque will be installed. The target date for the completion is Veteran's Day. The Friends of Rocky Versace Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 30, was rained-out. Because of the cancellation, there will be a few refunds. Remaining funds will be used for maintenance of the Memorial.

Important Date(s): Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, 11 am, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave.

King Street Gardens Park**Team Lead:** Cheryl Anne Colton**Status:** No new information to report.**Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial****Team Lead:** Alisa Carrel**Status:** No new information to report.**Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial Community Outreach****Team Lead:** Cheryl Anne Colton**Project 1 Status:** Oral History Project: no new information.**Project 2 Status:** "A Rose that Grew from Concrete": no new information.**Project 3 Status:** A lecture by Rawn James, Jr., author of "Root and Branch: Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall and the Struggle to End Segregation," was held on Wednesday, September 22, sponsored by the Alexandria Historical Society. The Alexandria Black History Museum, Charles Houston Recreation Center and Office of the Arts will host Mr. James in the fall for a "Tea and Talk" outreach activity with youth.**Four Mile Run Community Center (formerly called the Duron Paint Building)****Team Lead:** Alisa Carrel**Status:** Pat Miller, Alisa Carrel and Public Art Committee member Ihor Makara will attend a meeting this week with Architects Anonymous to discuss next steps.**Ward's Recipes****Team Lead:** Alisa Carrel**Status:** no new information.**PUBLIC ART IN URBAN PLANNING****Waterfront Plan****Team Lead:** Alisa Carrel**Status:** Final edits are being made to the document by Public Art Committee members.**BRAC****Team Lead:** Alisa Carrel**Status:** Army's contracted project manager, Duke Realty, has agreed to select an artist from the list recommended by the Public Art Committee. Staff will provide the artists' resumes and a PowerPoint presentation showing their previous work. A Selection Panel, which will include four members of the PAC, will meet within the next month.**ALEXANDRIA POET LAUREATE****Team Lead:** Cheryl Anne Colton**Status:** Amy Young met with Donna Fowler and Cheryl Anne Colton on October 8 to provide an update of activities. Six individuals have been participating in the "Come Write with Me" workshop held Monday nights at the Durant Arts Center. A second series will be offered in January. On October 19, Amy Young will meet with a group of individuals to explore options for growing the poetry scene in Alexandria. Visit Amy's blog, "Poet Space: Poems and Ponderings" <http://alexandriapoetlaureate.blogspot.com>.

EVENTS

Alexandria Film Festival

Team Lead: Alisa Carrel

Status: This year, we will present 38 films, 25 of which are premieres, in 6 different venues including AMC Hoffman, Convergence, Old Town Theatre, the Athenaeum, the Lyceum, and the Durant Arts Center. The free opening night party will be held at the Torpedo Factory Art Center (Nov. 4, 6pm – 9pm). Schedule and ticketing information is available on the web site: www.AlexandriaFilm.org. Numerous filmmakers will be in attendance. Commissioners are expected to volunteer and contribute or purchase tickets. Arts Commissioner Eileen O'Brien is coordinating volunteer recruitment.

Important Dates: November 4 – 7, 2010.

COLLABORATION

Arts Marketing Initiative

Team Lead: Alisa Carrel

Status: Stephanie Brown, ACVA, presented the new arts portal/calendar at the Sept. 23 Arts Forum meeting and made the formal announcement at her annual meeting on Sept. 30. Staff continues to work on the new ArtsInAlexandria.com web site.

Youth Arts Festival

Team Lead: Cheryl Anne Colton

Status: A tentative date of July 30, 2011 has been set for the next Youth Arts Festival. Partners for the Festival included the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority, Urban League, Alexandria Commission for the Arts, and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

Important Date: July 30, 2011

RESEARCH

Local Arts Index

Team Leads: Alisa Carrel and Cheryl Anne Colton

The resulting study will provide us with a valuable analysis of arts participation within Alexandria and a comparison to other jurisdictions. Ross Simons met with staff to explore the feasibility of gathering the first and second set of community indicators. Emily Yager, intern and Cheryl Anne Colton are collecting this information.

Arts and Economic Prosperity IV Study

Team Leads: Alisa Carrel and Cheryl Anne Colton

The Alexandria Arts Forum contributed \$900 toward the cost of the study. A final payment of \$900 will be due by FY 2012. Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington is the lead agency for the region. The collection of the data from arts organizations and their audiences is anticipated to begin in January 2011.

Submitted by Alisa Carrel and Cheryl Anne Colton

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CALENDAR [October 2010]

“Come Write with Me”

Poet Laureate workshops, through October 25, 7 pm, Durant Arts Center

Film Festival Committee Meetings

Thursdays, 7pm, October 21 and 28, Durant Arts Center.

Alexandria Arts Forum Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 12:00 pm, Durant Arts Center

City Galleries:

City Council, City Manager and Employee Lounge Galleries: Various Artists, through November 1, 2010

Bi-Annual Art in City Hall Juried Exhibition: New show, October 18 - April 15, 2011

Transportation and Environmental Services Department, 4th Floor: Various Artists, through July, 2011

Mayor’s Gallery, Room 2331: Melissa Benson, Intern Show through December 200, 2010.

Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library: David Livingston, paintings, through January 2011 and Brian Kirk, sculpture exhibit, through January 6, 2011

Durant Arts Center: Young At Art, October 4 - January 2011, co-sponsors: Goodwin House Foundation and Senior Services of Alexandria.

Lee Center Gallery: Living Legends of Alexandria 2007-2008 Show, through June 30, 2011. **2nd Floor:** Administrative Offices, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, various artists.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2010

TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
RON M. KAGAWA, ASLA LEED AP DIVISION CHIEF

**SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES UPDATE
OVERVIEW – SELECTED PROJECTS AT A GLANCE, ITEM IV-D.**

I. Park Planning

Park Master Planning-Inventory & Standards

- a. Park Inventory-Staff are working with GIS to create the City's first-ever full parks inventory that will provide both accurate and up to date information about each park within the City's park and open space system. The intent is to develop, implement and continuously update a comprehensive parks inventory process that identifies the general location, quantity and relative quality of physical conditions including existing materials, fixtures and features.
- b. Park Standards-The intent is to develop and implement a comprehensive parks standards process that provides a menu of performance criteria for park materials, fixtures and facilities that will guide life-cycle replacement of existing stocks, new work and serve as a basis for future upgrades.

Four Mile Run Open Space Properties on Mount Vernon Avenue

- a. SUP for community use of the old Duron building was approved by PC in June, 2010.
- b. Building: Staff is now working with a pro-bono architects' team known as "Architects Anonymous" to complete construction documents for renovations as a public building.
- c. Site: Staff is now also working "Architects Anonymous" on the park planning process for the four parcels (63,803 SF/1.46 ac.) purchased with Open Space funds at a cost of \$4,800,000.
 - i. First community meeting held on September 20.
 - ii. Interim use, the site has and continues to be used for a weekly Farmers Market.

Jones Point Park

- a. Project advertised by VDOT on July 27. Two solicitation responses were received September 22.
- b. As-read cost proposals (actual negotiated contract cost may vary) were: Lane Construction Corp in the amount of \$15,667,184.75 and Shirley Contracting Co. in the amount of \$16,598,985.20. The VDOT Project Value was estimated at \$19,505.00.
- c. VDOT is reviewing bids with expectation that a recommendation will be forwarded on the week of October, 18/25.
- d. Notice to proceed to Contractor anticipated to be November, 8-22 with June 25, 2012 as a completion date.
- e. The Contractor is obligated to participate in a public meeting prior to mobilization/commencement of work on-site.

Park & Recreation Commission Meeting; October 21, 2010

Waterfront Small Area Plan

Interdepartmental meetings cancelled for July to restart in August, 2010. Revised timeline provided to staff includes draft master plan delivery in November and public review for 30 days thereafter. Master Plan is targeted for review by City Council in Winter, 2010/11. Review of the plan before the Park & Recreation Commission is anticipated at the Commission's November, 2010 meeting.

Potomac Yard-Landbay K

FSP #1 comments returned to the applicant on August 27. Staff are meeting twice weekly with applicant's consultant. Anticipate FSP #2 in late Fall, 2010 with construction start in Spring, 2011.

Beauregard Corridor Small Area Plan

Staff providing ongoing feedback/comment on framework plan and best practices. Public comments accepted online throughout the spring and summer with an anticipated public meeting in late October, 2010.

Open Space Planning & Acquisition

Closing for the acquisition of Braddock Small Area Plan open space parcel (600 N. Henry Street property) was held in June, 2010. Tenants will remain in the building for a minimum of 12 months and park planning will be initiated in conjunction with the determination of future plans/discussions related to the remaining portion of the identified open space (Post Office property).

II. Capital Project Implementation

1-7 East Del Ray

Scope of work and completed contract documents provided to Purchasing in July. Project is awaiting solicitation of work by the Department of Purchasing.

48 South Early Street-Pedestrian Bridge and Park

Bridge is complete, including installation of the bridge and trail. Plantings consistent with the approved plan will be installed in the Fall, 2010.

2009 Athletic Field-Ben Brenman

Construction commenced August 09. Contractor experiencing significant delays due to weather. Delivery date October/November, 2010. "Carpet viewing day" for City Council, Park & Recreation Commission, Youth Sports, Cameron Station residents is being scheduled-anticipate first week of November.

Witter Athletics

Project bids due on November 7, 2010. Anticipate Contractor mobilization in January, 2011 with 15-18 months of construction thereafter. RKK selected as project construction manager.

Four Mile Run Pedestrian-Cyclist Bridge Competition

Grimshaw/Arup/Scapes selected as consultant. Kickoff meeting for proposal scope of work held on May 11. No-rise waterway engineering analysis will require redesign of competition proposed bridge concept. Additional information, including the presentations and information on the firms is available via <http://www.4milerun.org/>

Four Mile Run Demonstration Project

Review of 60 percent construction documents is underway. National Endowment for Arts supported consultant meetings in September/October. Project presentation at joint meeting of Arlington County Board and Alexandria City Council on October 14.

Freedmen's Cemetery

DSUP approval by Planning Commission on May 3 and by City Council on May 15. Final site plan review underway. Contract documents at 90 percent completion.

Playground Renovations

- a. Landover Playground was completed in September
- b. Contract awarded to Avon Corporation for construction at 3 sites (\$336,000)
Avon has committed two work crews to complete the playground renovations.
 - i. James Mulligan Park:
 - Start Date: September 2. Completion Date: October 15.
 - 30% completed-drainage system & main play equipment components installed.
 - ii. Stevenson Park:
 - Start Date: September 22. Anticipated Completion Date: November 15.
 - iii. Tarleton Park:
 - Start Date: October 5. Anticipated Completion Date: November 15.

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September, 2010

Activities Update

PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Project	Description	Team	% Complete	Delivery	Notes
* Items highlighted in yellow indicate projects on-hold due to vacancy of UP-II Position. Anticipate filling in Aug, 2010.					
PARK & OPEN SPACE PLANNING					
Parks Inventory	Core Service Initiative	LD, DW	5% Complete	July, 2011	Restarted in August, 2010 after 6 month hiatus due to position vacancy.
Needs Analysis & Survey	Core Service Initiative	LD, DW	Scoping	April, 2011	Initial scoping in progress. Delivery date is a draft for planning purposes. Ongoing internal staff meetings.
City Master Plans/Open Space/SAPs					
Potomac Yard Small Area Plan	Small Area Plan	BC RMK	100% Planning	May-10	Approval by Planning Commission at May 4th Hearing. Approved by City Council on May 15.
North Potomac Yard CDD	CDD	BC RMK	100% Planning	Jun-10	Approved by Planning Commission on June 3 and City Council on June 12.
Potomac Yard CDD #10 Amendments	CDD	BC	85% Planning	Oct. 2010	Revisions to the existing CDD and various DSUP's based on recent approval of North Potomac Yard.
Waterfront Small Area Plan	Small Area Plan	LD LS RMK	75% Planning	Sept. 2010	Public review anticipated starting in November. Anticipate presentation to PR Commission in November.
Beauregard Corridor Small Area Plan	Small Area Plan	LD RMK	90% Planning	Nov. 2010	Staff providing ongoing feedback/comment on framework plan and best practices. No July meetings, but continued public forum established online. Consultant working on refining the document for fall staff review.
Eisenhower West	Small Area Plan	LD __	100% Planning	Tbd	Staff involvement limited at this time, expecting Spring, 2011 project restart.
Housing Master Plan	City Master Plan	LD	100% Planning	Spring 2011	Project commenced April 2010. Staff involvement limited at this time.
Aquatics Master Plan	Dept.	LD, RMK	Initiated as RFP by Direcotr 08.2010	Spring 2011	Revised proposal received from KHI on October 12. Comments due from Recreation on October 13. Anticipate start up in November, 2010.
Park Master Planning	Dept.	LD	Ongoing	Tbd	Continued project scoping underway. All Park Planning staff involved.
Arlandria Implementation	Small Area Plan	LD, DW	80% Planning	Ongoing	July meetings with architects regarding the building documents for reuse of the Duron Paint store building for community/park use. Ongoing internal staff meetings to address building code, operational and legal issues. Interdepartmental bi-monthly meetings on Arlandria Action Plan Implementation held in July. Farmers Market established and growing weekly on site.
Braddock Small Area Plan-Implementation	Small Area Plan	LD RMK	90% Planning	Ongoing	General Services working on property management meetings solicitation in July. Updates to Planning and Zoning and the Community provided regarding immediate and long term plans for the site.
Holmes Run Trail Crossing	Interjurisdictional	JL	Ongoing	Ongoing	TES coordinating VDOT approvals. Construction anticipated Late 2010-Early 2011
Synthetic Fields Update 2009	Strategic Planning Study	BC RMK	On Hold	On Hold	Being restarted with UP-II Position
Eco-City	City Initiative	JL, LD	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing interdepartmental coordination.
Wayfinding	City Initiative	LD	Ongoing	Ongoing	Finalization of the plan underway in July. Planning Commission and City Council hearings docketed for September.
King Street Retail Implementation	City Initiative	LD	Ongoing	Ongoing	Staff involvement limited in July.
Open Space Planning & Acquisition	Divisional and City responsibility	LD	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing planning and implementation of acquired open space sites., including close out on S. Early Pocket Park bridge project, bid out for E. Del Ray phase I and ongoing work on FMR properties. Continued monthly collaboration with NVCT regarding conservation easements.
Fort Ward	Advisory Committee	LD	Ongoing	Priority Jan. 2011	Ongoing public meetings with Advisory Group, once a month only for July and August. Adcisory Group beginning to draft recommendations by subcommittee.
James Bland	Planning	LD, RMK	Ongoing		Park concept plan for James Bland submitted in July for staff review and comment. Park docketed for review by PRC in Sept. and public hearing with PR Commission in October.
Unscheduled Project					

Facility Maintenance Agreement -
ACPS/RPCA/TES/GS

Facility Services Agreement - RPCA/GS

CAPRA Policies/Procedures Manual

Maintenance MOU	BC RB	95% Document	Ongoing	Revisions were made to the document based on July meeting. Draft provided to other departments on August 22, 2010
Maintenance MOU	BC RB	95% Document	Ongoing	Revisions to the 2004 agreement were made based on new infrastructure and policies. Draft provided to other departments on August 22, 2010
Departmental Policy	JB, RMK	Kick-Off Summer, 2010	Priority	Anticipated Completion beginning of FY 2012. Ongoing meetings with SMG Staff. Department-wide first draft due date January 25, 2011.

CAPITAL PROJECTS					
Capital Projects-RPCA					
Park Standards	Core Service Initiative	BC JL	5% Planning	Aug-11	To be restarted in October 2011 dependent upon ongoing need to continue recovery of workload of vacated position.
ADA Improvements-Ben Brenman Park	Picnic Table(s) and Bench Pads	JL RMK	Priority	Summer 2010	Site and accessible route for 2 picnic tables and analysis for accessible pads adjacent to existing park benches in coordination with Park Operations. Meeting on May 27 on site. 1 picnic table and 6 bench locations-being coordinated with B. Brenman field construction.
1 & 7 E. Del Ray Park	Site development Phase I	JL LD RMK	Priority	Fall 2010/Spring 2011	Phase 1 being solicited through the MASC Tier II contract. Information to Purchasing in mid-July. Solicitation by Purchasing pending. Anticipated project delivery now Spring 2011.
48 South Early-St. Park/Pedestrian Bridge	Pedestrian Bridge removal and replacement	JL LD RMK	Priority Complete	July, 2010	Bridge project complete. Plantings being scheduled for Fall, 2010.
48 South Early-St. Park	Site Improvements Phase 2	JL LD	Priority Construction	October, 2010	Contract documents for Plantings, Irrigation, and other Site Improvements in progress. Due to adverse summer weather, installation of plantings anticipated for completion November 30, 2010.
2009 Athletic Field-Ben Brenman	Synthetic turf field and lights for little league field	BC RMK LD	Priority Construction Start August 09	October, 2010	Bid for construction was let and awarded. Project under construction starting August 09. Anticipated Delivery in October, 2010.
Playground 2010 Stevenson Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	Priority Construction Start	Summer 2010/Fall 2010	Construction and Bid Documents completed. MASC Tier II Invitation to Bid issued on June 24 with July 8 closing date. (\$126,000 budget). Projects awarded to Avon Construction. Work commenced September 22, 2010. Construction at 40% completion. Anticipated delivery date mid-November, 2010.
Playground 2010 Mulligan Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	Priority Construction 15%	Summer 2010/Fall 2010	Construction and Bid Documents completed. MASC Tier II Invitation to Bid issued on June 24 with July 8 closing date. (\$99,000 budget). Projects awarded to Avon Construction. Work commenced September 2, 2010. Construction at 95% completion. Anticipated delivery date October 22, 2010.
Playground 2010 Tarleton Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	Priority Construction	Summer 2010/Fall 2010	Construction and Bid Documents completed. MASC Tier II Invitation to Bid issued on June 24 with July 8 closing date. (\$104,000 budget). Projects awarded to Avon Construction. Work commenced October 5, 2010. Construction at 20% completion. Anticipated delivery date November 30, 2010.
Playground 2010 Landover Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	Construction Complete	Summer 2010	Playground renovation complete. Playground open to public September 3.
Playground 2011 Boothe Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	0% Design/PI	Spring 2012	Begin process/coordination with Tucker School/Community Fall 2010.
Playground 2011 Buchanan Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	30% Design	On Hold	On Hold pending City determination of Jefferson-Houston School redevelopment process, program and schedule. Possible interim improvements Tbd.
Playground 2012 Mt. Jefferson	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	0% Design/PI	Fall 2012	Begin process/coordination with Mt. Jefferson Civic Association/Community October 2011.
Playground 2013 Hoofs Run Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	0% Design/PI	Fall 2013	Begin process/coordination with Rosemont Civic/Community February 2012.
Playground 2013 Ewald Park	Playground renovation	JL LD RMK	0% Design/PI	Fall 2013	Begin community process February 2012.
Montgomery Park Improvements	Site Improvements	JL LD	10% Design	On Hold	Dog park improvements and path On Hold. \$15,000 Developer Contribution unexpended.
Ballcourt Renovations	Resurfacing, cosmetic changes and minor repairs	LS, ST	0% Design/PI	Summer 2010	PO pending Lee Court lights.

Carlyle Tennis Court	Resurfacing and construction remedy work	LS, BC	Construction Complete	August, 2010	Court Project complete and re-opened to the public.
George Mason Trail-Phase One	Walking trail	JL	Completed	Nov. 2009	Stone Path Completed.
George Mason Trail-Phase Two	Walking trail	JL	On-Hold Design	Tbd	Pending Completion of TES Drainage Improvements (Fall 2010) and George Mason PTA funding(\$18,270). Cost estimates obtained through MASC Tier I contract. Re-bid informally in September 2010. Triple J Construction. Anticipated completion date December 15.
Lights Replacement-Four Mile Run Athletic Field	Athletic Field light Replacement	BC	in process	Fall 2010	MASC Tier II option was not viable due to cost. ITB to be posted early September. Bid closes Sept 16, 2010. Work to commence November, 2010.
Four Mile Run Pedestrian-Cycle Bridge Competition	Interjurisdictional client for Ped bridge over Four Mile Run with NVRC, Arlington	RMK, DW	Ongoing	July, 2010	Grimshaw/Arup/Scapes selected as consultant. Kickoff meeting for proposal scope of work May 11. No-rise engineering analysis will require redesign of competition proposed bridge concept.
Four Mile Run Demonstration Project	Interjurisdictional client for Ped bridge over Four Mile Run with NVRC, Arlington	RMK, DW	35% Construction Documents	Dec. 2010	60% design documents due October, 2010. DIRT Studio comments being reviewed with second round of comments by all departments due August 16.
Marina-Blue Lights	Security and Boater safety	LS	Completed	Summer 2010	Phase I Blue Light replacement project completed.
Marina-Security Gates	Security and Boater safety	LS	On Hold	On Hold	Pending guidance from CMO.
Marina-Pump Out/Septic	Environmental and Operational project	LS	On Hold	Summer 2010	Significant completion of project achieved May 2010. Punch list to be completed by GS (hydrant protection).
Marina-Security Cameras-Phase One	Public safety project	LS	Completed	Feb, 2010	Complete and operational. Assessment of effectiveness in process.
Marina-Security Cameras-Phase Two	Public safety project	LS	Tbd	Tbd	Work scope to be determined based on full staff assessment of phase one and available funding.
Marina-Restroom Door Replacement	Security and safety	LS	Completed	April, 2010	Completed and operational.
Marina-Piling Replacement	Public safety project	LS	Scope submitted to T&ES	March, 2011	Coordinating with TES and GS. Awaiting receipt of permits by T&ES. Dockmaster met with DC agencies and has submitted permit, waiting for response.
Marina- Dockmaster Hut	Environmental, Safety	LS	Report Received	Tbd	Report received from contractor. Hut closed, staff relocated to retail space and rented booth. RPCA and GS staff researching long term solutions; recommendation expected September 2010. Recommendations received and team to meet September 23, 2010 to evaluate.
Department Communications	Special Project	BC __	Ongoing	Ongoing	Next issue of Dispatches to be produced in September to capture storm damage as well as projects under construction at B. Brenman, Landover, Van Alstine and status of other playgrounds and pocket parks
Sacandaga Totem Sculpture-J. Van Alstine	Special Project with private sculpture donor	RMK	25% Construction	Priority	Construction underway. Daily meetings with donor. Completion anticipated August 19-20, 2010. Sculpture installation scheduled for September 21.
CIP "O" Drive	Update Drive	LS __	Ongoing	Ongoing	Items added as they are submitted for approval.
Department Procedures/CAPRA Reporting	SMG Project	RMK	Ongoing	First Milestone May 11	SMG ongoing work by SMG Staff.
Employee Administration Response Analysis	SMG Project	RMK	100% Complete	Complete	Complete
Ramsey House Visitor's Center Garden	Unscheduled Project	JL, JW	Concept Plan	Response Memo Due 08.30.2010	Unscheduled Project. Garden Club of Alexandria and PZ BAR Staff project. Project scoped only. Response letter from staff to be provided August 30. MOA to be developed with Garden Club upon receipt of additional materials.
Minnie Howard Lights Replacement of Athletic Field Lamps	Warranty Work Field Lamps	RMK, BC	to be complete September, 2010	September, 2010	Replacement of all lamps by Qualite due to low performance. Second replacement cycle in two years. Qualite to perform work at no cost to City. Testing of replacement lights performed on October 21.
Unscheduled Project					

Intradepartmental Capital Projects- ACPS					
ACPS-Douglas MacArthur School Field	75x150' Syntetic Turf Field	RMK, BC	100% Construction Documents	Sept, 2010	Revision for stormwater submitted to the City June 30. ACPS to solicit costs. Solicitation documents submitted to ACPS in July, 2010. Anticipate Fall or Spring Construction. Bids returned for review week of October 15.
ACPS-TC Williams High School	Curb Appeal along King Street	RMK	TB Scoped	Fall, 2010	Project placed on hold by ACPS
ACPS-James Polk Elementary School	Site programming and development	RMK, DW	Under Construction	Fall, 2010	Under Construction.
ACPS/RPCA-Patrick Henry Community School	Site programming and development	RMK, DW	Tbd	Fall, 2013	New School. Project impacts Patrick Henry Recreation Center, recreation programs and open space.
ACPS/RPCA-Jefferson Houston Site	Site programming and development	RMK, DW	Tbd	Fall, 2014	ACPS multi-use project. Significant project impacts on recreation programs and open space. Capacity/yield study developed by PZ and ACPS consultant.
ACPS-Multi Site DSP for Modular Classrooms DSP2010-0003	Site Development	RMK, DW	Tbd	Spring, 2010	Multi site DSP. Planning Commission approval in October, 2010. Significant project impacts on recreation programs and open space. Courtesy reviews with ACPS August 11, 2010.
ACPS-Elementary School (Cora Kelly)	Site programming and development	RMK, DW	Tbd	Fall 2016	New School. Significant project impacts anticipated on Cora Kelly Recreation Center, recreation programs and open space.
ACPS-Hammond Middle School	Synthetic Turf Field, walking track and field lights	BC RMK	Project started August, 2010	2011-12	ACPS project with RPCA assistance. ACPS scheduling delivery for Summer, 2011 using Ben Brenman Fields Consultant. RPCA providing only technical support. ACPS will process all public meetings and documents including SUP for lights.
Unscheduled Project					
John Adams Elementary School DSUP 2010-0020	Entrance Drive and Bus Loop Improvements	RMK	Concept Plan	Summer, 2012	Unscheduled Project. Concept Plan #1 Comments submittal August 16, 2010. IDR Review August 12, 2010. Substantial Comments.
Interdepartmental Capital Projects-GS/TES					
Windmill Hill Park Improvements	Capital Project	LS, LD	Pending	Tbd	RPCA staff working with United States Army Corps of Engineers, Sector Baltimore to acquire Section 510 program funding. Program letters of intent executed by City (copies on O drive) Scope of bulkhead replacement project and consultant cost estimate presented to USACE. USACE developing project scope per their agency requirements (should be completed by end of September 2010).
DASH Headquarters	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	RMK	100% Complete	Spring, 2010	Punch List for outstanding warranty items completed. Project will be accepted upon completion of punchlist items in Fall, 2010.
Eisenhower Avenue Widening	Roadway and Streetscape design	BC RMK	30% Design	Tbd	Project on Hold for rescaping considerations.
Fire Station 203 (Cameron Mills)	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	BC RMK	10% Design	Tbd	Project is in schematic design.
Fire Station 205 (Cameron Street)	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	BC RMK	Pending	Fall 2015	Pending.
Fire Station 207 (Duke Street)	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	BC RMK	Pending	Fall 2018	Pending.
Fire Station 209 (Potomac Yard)	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	BC RMK	100% Construction	Spring 2010	Irrigation final inspection complete. Access keys expected in July. Anticipate project will be turned over to Potomac Yard Development in fall with as-built certifications.
Fire Station 210 (Eisenhower Avenue)	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	BC RMK	10% Design	Spring 2013	Project is in schematic design. Possible site modifications.
Holmes Run Watershed Sewer Facility	Natural sites review	BC RMK	5% Design	Tbd	Consultant to further investigate options and re-present. T&ES/City Attorney's Office are investigating options concerning NVRPA lease along Cameron Run.
King-Beauregard Improvements	Site landscape and streetscape requirements	RMK, DW	60% Design	On Hold	TES lead agency. Street and ROW improvements.
Public Safety Center	Site landscape and DSUP requirements	RMK	30% Construction	Fall 2012	Under construction.
Braddock Metro/GW Middle School Trail	Install asphalt trail between Metro School Parking lot and remedy drainage	RMK	Scoping	Summer 2010	Completed in July, 2010.
MASC Tier One Contract	Multiple Award Schedule Contract >\$100K	— RMK	complete and accessible	Ongoing	RPCA lead. Citywide access. Being used for Playground solicitations.
MASC Tier Two Contract	Multiple Award Schedule Contract <\$100K-3M	— RMK	complete and accessible	Ongoing	RPCA lead. Citywide access. Contracts completed

INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECTS					
Public/Private					
WW Bridge - Witter Fields	Athletic Fields	RMK BC	VDOT & FHWA Comments in process	Oct. 2010	VDOT and TES meetings ongoing. Anticipate Solicitation in October 01, 2010. Project CM solicitation and interviews ongoing in July/August/September.
Freedmen's Cemetery	DSUP Approval and document preparation	LD RMK	Priority DSUP	Oct. 2010	Final Site Plan to be submitted for review August, 2010. Comments provided for FSP #1 August 30. 90% Contract documents under review.
Freedmen's Cemetery Sculpture	DSUP Approval and document preparation	LD RMK	Preliminary Plan	Tbd	Alisa Carrel coordinating RFP for artists. Timing based on anticipated construction schedule.
Potomac Yard - Landbay K	Design and Construction of regional park	BC RMK	Priority 50% Design	Spring 2013	FSP #1 comments sent to the applicant August 27, 2010. Twice weekly meetings with applicant's consultant to address significant concerns. Anticipate significant staff time dedication through December.
Potomac Yard - Replacement Fields	Phased construction of replacement fields in Potomac Yard	BC RMK	50% Construction	Spring 2010	Administrative changes in progress to address Citizen concerns. Public meeting held in July, 2010. Construction commencement of first field (phase one) late July 2010. Anticipate construction completion of phase one in October and phase two in November. Anticipate field acceptance in Summer/Fall, 2011.
Potomac Yard - Landbay I/J - Finger Parks	Design and Construction of linear park connections	BC RMK	85% Design	2013	Final revisions to be electronic files. Anticipate construction early 2011 and acceptance by the City for phase one (Custis) late 2012 and phase two (Howell) late 2013.
Potomac Yard - Landbay I/J West/L - Public	Design and Construction of public parkland	BC	10% Design	2015	Concept Plan submitted for I/J West and L. Review of public land adjacent to GW Middle School.
Potomac Yard Landbay D	Environmental Remediation and City Acceptance of new Property	BC	Ongoing	2011	See Potomac Yard CDD #10 Amendments
Potomac Yard - Route 1 Improvements	Redesign and Construction of a Major Arterial Road with Dedicated Transit /Medians	BC	60% Design	2011	60% Documents submitted for staff review in July. Major implications for ROW maintenance. Anticipate 90% Documents in late September/early October.
Potomac Yard - Potomac Avenue	Major Arterial Road with Medians	BC	100% Design	Spring 2011	Construction ongoing. Additional revisions due to coordination with Landbay K on lights and parking expected late summer.
Eisenhower Park - Block 19	Design and Construction of Regional Park Property	BC	Ongoing	2015	DSUP Approval granted in 2009. Project On Hold.
Eisenhower Park - ASA	DSUP Approval/Design and Construction of Regional Park Property	BC	Ongoing	Tbd	First concept submitted to the City.
Eisenhower Station Square - Blocks 11 and 12	DSUP Approval/ Design and Construction of Urban transportation plaza	BC	10% Design	2013	Plans received Planning Commission and City Council approval in April. Staff anticipates the first Final submission summer/fall 2010.
Eisenhower - South Carlyle Square	Park Construction	BC	95% Construction	Fall 2010	As-Built request received August 27. Anticipate final inspection early September with Applicant Team.
Jones Point Park Improvements/Renovation	NPS Park Construction	RMK BC	100% CDs	Oct. 2012	Anticipated construction commencement in November, 2010 with completion in June, 2012.
Jones Point Park Use Agreement	Alexandria/NPS project	RMK BC	Onhold pending meeting w/NPS	Oct. 2012	Anticipated construction commencement in October, 2010.
Four Mile Run - ASA	Design and Construction of New Pump Station	RMK BC	10% Design	2012	First concept submitted to the City. Integral coordination with surrounding park land anticipated.
Development Review					
Mount Vernon Commons	DSUP for Housing and Mixed Use Commercial Property	RMK	As-Built Review	Complete	Project is an obligation completion item for development. As-built review coordination with PZ and TES.
Mount Vernon Village Center	DSUP for Housing and Mixed Use Commercial Property	RMK BC	10% Design	2012	Project impacts adjacent Four Mile Run Park. Anticipate open space coordination with Arlandria Master Plan guidance. Ongoing negotiations with applicant.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTBER 21, 2010

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION - ITEM IV-E
MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION
UPDATE

City Race Policy

The City's Special Events Committee is finalizing a Draft Race Policy and management Guidelines for proposed road races (runs, walks, biking, etc.) in the City of Alexandria. The policy will identify all requirements needed to successfully hold an event in the City, and to ensure negative impacts are held to a minimum. When completed, the policy will be provided to the Park and Recreation Commission for review and comment. The policy will support the existing Special Events Policy and will support the City's initiative to promote healthy lifestyle options for its residents.

2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade Route Change

City Council approved the proposed route change for the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade Route. The new route will begin east of route 1 at Alfred Street and continue east on King Street to Lee Street and head north and end at Cameron Street. The route will enable the City to allow for continual traffic flow on route 1 north and south. Washington Street traffic will be detoured at Princess and Duke Streets.

Proposed Naming of Park Parcel in Honor of Ruby Tucker

The Park and Recreation received a request to consider the naming of the park parcel located at 3500 Jefferson Davis Highway Ruby Tucker Park (end of Lynhaven Drive and Jefferson Davis Highway). The proposal was forwarded by the Lynhaven Citizens Association in response to Ruby Tucker's tireless advocacy for their neighborhood as well as Alexandria's children and underserved populations. The City is currently seeking public comment on the proposal through Monday, November 8. Following the comment period, the proposal, with public comments, will be forwarded to City Council for consideration and decision.

Special Events Calendar – October / November 2010

October 23

Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

Eisenhower Ave. 206 Swamp Fox Rd/ AMC Theater Parking Lot at 8:30 am

Sponsor: INOVA Foundation/ Office on Women

For information, call 703.746.3213 or email angela.johnson@alexandriava.gov

October 24

Salvation Army 125th Anniversary

Market Square, 301 King St. 4-6 pm

Sponsor: The Salvation Army

For information contact Cpt. Ken Argot at 703.836.2427 or email at

Kenneth.Argot@uss.salvationarmy.org

October 24

14th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade

Mt. Vernon Ball Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. at 2 pm

Sponsor: Delray Business Association

For information, call Gayle Reuter at 703.684.3535 or email gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov

October 30

2nd Annual Ofrenda Parade

Market Square, 301 King St. from 7-7:45 pm

Sponsor: Art Outlet and Torpedo Factory.

For information contact Henrik Sundqvist at 571.214.9994 or email at info@artoutlet.org

October 30

Death at the Carlyle House

John Carlye House, 121 N. Fairfax St. to the Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Fairfax St. from 9–11 am

Sponsor: Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past

For information, call Jim Bartlinski at 703.549.2997

November 14

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation Walk/Run

Eisenhower Ave./206 Swamp Fox Rd., AMC Theater Parking Lot from 9-11 am

Sponsor: Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation

For information, call Laura Higgins at 203.652.0238 or 203.229.0464

November 25

35th Annual Alexandria Turkey Trot 5 Miler

Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Ave. at 10 am

Sponsor: Delray Business Association

For information, call Paul Coleus at 703.933.0520 ext. 203 or email paul@waterfordinc.com

November 26

Annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony

Market Square, 301 King St. at 7 pm

Sponsor: City of Alexandria

For information, call the Events Hotline at 703.746.5592 or the Office of Special Events at 703.746.5418