CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Park and Recreation Commission

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Charles Houston Recreation Center
901 Wythe Street
Alexandria, Virginia

AGENDA

I. Welcome.

II. Public Hearing:

A. Public Hearing Opens
B. FY 2010 Proposed New and Increased Fees – Jack Browand and William Chesley
C. Review and Receive Comments on Proposed Fees
D. Commission Receives Comments on Other Topics
E. Public Hearing Closes

III. Approval of Summary Minutes from the October 15, 2009 Meeting.

IV. Division Updates:

A. Recreation Programs and Services Update - William Chesley
B. Operations and Park Planning Update - Roger Blakeley

V. Update on Design and Construction of Athletic Field at Ben Brenman Park - Laura Durham and Beth Carton.

VI. Update on the Public Art Funding Policy - Alisa Carrel.

VII. Director's Report – James Spengler.

A. FY 2011 Budget
B. FY 2011 CIP
C. Waterfront Fishing
D. Park and Recreation Retreat

VIII. FY2010-FY2020 Playground Renovation Schedule-Laura Durham.

IX. Reports From Commissioners.

X. List of Upcoming Public Meetings.

XI. Adjournment.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2009

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 19, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING - ITEM II
FY 2010 PROPOSED NEW AND INCREASED FEES

As part of the City's annual budget process, staff reviewed existing fees and submitted recommended new and increased fees for Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' programs and services. The recommended new and increased fees resulted in an increase of $175,163 in expected revenues for the Department.

Existing fees were compared with fees for similar programs and services, and served as a benchmark for determining which fees would be recommended for increase. The following fee adjustments have been recommended:

- New Adult Sports Fitness Fee
- New Tennis Court Light Fee
- New Youth Sports Athletic Equipment Deposit Fee
- Increase in Out of School Program Fee
- Increase in Chinquapin Pass Fees
- Increase in Chinquapin Admission Fees
- Increase in Garden Plot Fees
- Increase in Youth Sports Fees
- Increase in Youth Sports Field Use Fee

Attachment 1 - Summary FY 2011 Proposed Fee Changes
Attachment 2 - Complete Chart of Department Fees
Attachment 3 - 2009 Enterprise Facility Fee Comparison Analysis
Attachment 4 - 2009 Youth Sports Fee Comparison Analysis
Attachment 5 - FY 2008 Youth Sports Financial Assistance Provided
Attachment 6 - FY 2009 Youth Sports Financial Assistance Provided

cc: William Chesley, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

Recreation					ATTACHMENT 1
FY 2011 Summary of Proposed Fee Changes					
Next Cycle Review 2012					
A	B	C	D	E	F
Fee	Interval	FY 2010 Fee	Proposed	Revenue Change	Description of Change
New Fees					
Adult Fitness Fee	Yearly	$0	$100	$100,000	New Fee. Yearly fee for adults to use recreation facilities
Tennis Court Light Fee	Half-hour Light Usage	$0	$1	$2,000	New Fee. Fee conditional on approval of supplemental.
Youth Sports Athletic Equipment Deposit Fee	Football Equipment	$0	$50	$1,000	New Fee. This is a refundable fee upon return of football equipment. On average, 20 participants do not return equipment.
Increased Fees					
Out-of School Program Activity Fee	Fall Semester	$25	$30	$4,550	Total yearly fee would be $90
	Winter/Spring Semester	$25	$30	$4,550	Total yearly fee would be $90
	Summer Semester	$25	$30	$4,550	Total yearly fee would be $90
Chinquapin 1 month Unlimited Fitness Pass-Nonresident	Single, non-senior	$93	$103	$160	Market rate adjustment
	Single, senior	$57	$69	$84	Market rate adjustment
	2 Persons, non-senior	$145	$158	$104	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, seniors	$87	$108	$105	Market rate adjustment
	Dependent/Chaperone (no use)	$26	$26	$0	Market rate adjustment
Chinquapin 1 month Unlimited Fitness Pass-Resident	Single, non-senior	$46	$56	$2,980	Market rate adjustment
	Single, Senior	$28	$40	$996	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, non-senior	$73	$86	$481	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, senior	$43	$64	$84	Market rate adjustment
	Dependent/Chaperone (no use)	$13	$13	$0	No change
Chinquapin 12 month Unlimited Fitness Pass-Nonresident	Single, non-senior	$877	$877	$0	No change
	Single, senior	$525	$577	$52	Market rate adjustment
	2 Persons, non-senior	$1,454	$1,525	$0	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, seniors	$788	$969	$0	Market rate adjustment
	Family (includes up to 4)	NA			
Chinquapin 12 month Unlimited Fitness Pass-Resident	Single, non-senior	$438	$138	$0	No change
	Single, senior	$263	$315	$780	Market rate adjustment
	2 Persons, non-senior	$727	$798	$0	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, seniors	$394	$575	$905	Market rate adjustment
	Family (includes up to 4)	$909	$979	$70	Market rate adjustment
Chinquapin 6 month Unlimited Fitness Pass-Nonresident	Single, non-senior	$495	$524	$29	Market rate adjustment
	Single, senior	$303	$358	$0	Market rate adjustment
	2 Persons, non-senior	$848	$874	$0	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, seniors	$434	$540	$0	Market rate adjustment
	Family (includes up to 4)	NA	NA		
Chinquapin 6 month Admission Fees-Resident	Single, non-senior	$247	$276	$754	Market rate adjustment
	Single, Senior	$152	$207	$385	Market rate adjustment
	2 Persons, non-senior	$424	$450	$78	Market rate adjustment
	2 persons, seniors	$217	$323	$106	Market rate adjustment
	Family (includes up to 4)	$505	$544	$39	Market rate adjustment

Fee	Interval	FY 2010 Fee	Proposed	Revenue Change	Description of Change
Chinquapin Admissions Fees - nonresident	Child (0-4)	$0	$0	$0	No change
	Youth (5-17)	$8	$8	$0	No change
	Senior (60+)	$8	$8	$0	No change
	Adult (18+)	$8	$10	$2,660	Market rate adjustment
	Adult/chaperone with youth	$2	$2	$0	No change
Chinquapin Admissions Fees - resident	Child (0-4)	$0	$0	$0	No change
	Youth (5-17)	$4	$5	$1,351	Market rate adjustment
	Senior (60+)	$4	$5	$449	Market rate adjustment
	Adult (18+)	$6	$7	$5,813	Market rate adjustment
	Adult/chaperone with youth	$1	$1	$0	No change
Chinquapin Individual Fitness-25 visits-nonresident	Child (0-4)	$25	$0	$0	No change
	Youth (5-17) and Senior (60+)	$101	$136	$35	Market rate adjustment
	Adult (18+)	$152	$173	$840	Market rate adjustment
Chinquapin Individual Fitness Pass-25 visits-Resident	Child (0-4)	$0	$0	$0	No change
	Youth (5-17) and Senior (60+)	$61	$96	$875	Market rate adjustment
	Adult (18+)	$101	$122	$15,498	Market rate adjustment
Garden Plot	Per plot	$47	$55	$4,000	Increase conditional on approval of supplementa
Youth Sports	Per sport	$25	$30	$15,200	Adjusting upward to move towards market rate for Youth Sports Registration Fee
Youth Sports Field Use Fee	Per sport/season/person	$5	$6	$3,600	Adjusting upward to move towards market rate for Youth Sports Field Use Fee
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	Winter/Spring Semester	$25	$30	$4,550	Total yearly fee would be $90
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Community Center Enhanced Service Admission Fee	Daily Resident	$3	$3	$0	No change
	Daily Nonresident	$5	$5	$0	No change
	25-Visit Pass Resident	$50	$50	$0	No change
	25-Visit Pass Nonresident	$100	$100	$0	No change
	Monthly Pass Resident	$30	$30	$0	No change
	Monthly Pass Nonresident	$45	$45	$0	No change
Artificial Turf Field	Hourly Rate	$105	$105	$0	No change
Artificial Turf Field Rental w/Lights	Hourly Rate	$157	$157	$0	No change
Camps	Session	Market Rate			Fee will be established after evaluation of costs
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Chinquapin Racquetball Court Rental	Resident/court/hour	$14	$14	$0	No change
	Nonresident/court/hour	$27	$27	$0	No change
T-Head/Commercial/Cruise/Charter/Business Vessels	Base rate no utilities/foot/day	$3	$3	$0	No change
Dance Studio Rental	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$36	$36	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$27	$27	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Exhibit Hall/Large multi-purpose	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$105	$105	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$79	$79	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Fort Ward Amphitheatre	Per hour	$61	$61	$0	No change
Garden Plot	Per plot	$47	$55	$4,000	Increase conditional on approval of supplementa
General Admission to the Outdoor Pool	Youth (5-17) and Senior (60+)	$1	$1	$0	No change
	Adult (18+)	$2	$2	$0	No change
	Nonresident	$3	$3	$0	No change
Gymnasium Rental	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$105	$105	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$79	$79	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Kitchen	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$53	$53	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$39	$39	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Large Pool Rental (Outdoor)	Non-local/hour	$105	$105	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$79	$79	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Large Room (51-125) Rental	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$79	$79	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$59	$59	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$157	$157	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$117	$117	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Mini Pool Rental (outdoor)	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$53	$53	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$39	$39	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change

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Mobile Stage	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$79	$79	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$59	$59	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Natural Turf Field Rental	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$53	$53	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$53	$53	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Natural Turf Field Rental with Lights	Nonresident/business/non-local	$105	$105	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$105	$105	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Nonresident Fee	Per activity	$25	$25	$0	No change
Outdoor Pool Season Pass	Youth (5-17)	$53	$53	$0	No change
	Adult (18+)	$105	$105	$0	No change
	Family (includes up to 4)	$288	$288	$0	No change
Park Rental	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$157	$157	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$117	$117	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Picnic Area Rental Fee	No shelter	$52	$52	$0	No change
	Small shelter	$105	$105	$0	No change
	Large Shelter	$157	$157	$0	No change
Pleasure Boat Docking	Short-term docking fee/up to four hours	$15	$15	$0	Effective January 1, 2010
	Overnight docking fee	$2	$2	$0	Fee evaluated and updated on calendar year
	drop off/pick up fee	$5	$5	$0	Fee evaluated and updated on calendar year
Pleasure Boat Docking-annual leasing	Resident/foot/month	$8	$8	$0	Fee evaluated and updated on calendar year
	Nonresident/foot/month	$9	$9	$0	Fee evaluated and updated on calendar year
Racquetball Play - Non Prime Time	Resident/hour	$8	$8	$0	No change
	Nonresident/hour	$11	$11	$0	No change
Racquetball Play - Prime Time	Resident/hour	$11	$11	$0	No change
	Nonresident/hour	$14	$14	$0	No change
Racquet Rental	hour	$3	$3	$0	No change
Refundable Deposit	equal to rental amount (not to exceed)	$500	$500	$0	No change
Sewage Pump-out Facility	Per use	$25	$25	$0	No change
Small room (up to 50 occupancy) Rental	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$47	$47	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$35	$35	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Staff Fees	Monday-Friday/staff/hour	$36	$36	$0	No change
	Saturday, Sunday, holidays/staff/hour	$47	$47	$0	No change
Tennis Court fees - nonresident	Singles/court/hour	$5	$5	$0	No change
	Doubles/court/hour	$8	$8	$0	No change
Tennis Court fees - resident	Singles/court/hour	$3	$3	$0	No change
	Doubles/court/hour	$4	$4	$0	No change
Tennis Court Light Fee	Half-hour Light Usage	$0	$1	$2,000	New Fee. Fee conditional on approval of supplemental.
Utilities/Electrical (includes water in season)	30 amp electrical connection/night	$4	$4	$0	No change
	50 amp electrical connection/night	$7	$7	$0	No change
	100 amp electrical connection/night	$13	$13	$0	No change

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Youth Sports	Per sport	$25	$30	$15,200	Adjusting upward to move towards market rate for Youth Sports Registration Fee
Youth Sports Athletic Equipment Deposit Fee	Football Equipment	$0	$50	$1,000	New Fee. This is a refundable fee upon return of football equipment. On average, 20 participants do not return equipment
Youth Sports Field Use Fee (New Fee Category 1/1/09)	Per sport/season/person	$5	$6	$3,600	Adjusting upward to move towards market rate for Youth Sports Field Use Fee
Chinquapin Pool/Sauna/Exercise Room	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$505	$505	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$253	$253	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Chinquapin Diving Well	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$101	$101	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$51	$51	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
Pool Lanes	Nonresident/business/non-local/hour	$40	$40	$0	No change
	Resident/local non-profit/hour	$20	$20	$0	No change
	City agency/sponsored/hour	TBD	TBD	$0	No change
TOTAL				$175,163	

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ATTACHMENT 3

2009 Fee Comparison Analysis for Enterprise Recreation Facility

Enterprise Recreation Facility		Alexandria City	Arlington County	Fairfax County	Loudoun County	Prince William County
Description of Fee	General Admission (Includes use of pool, sauna and fitness room)	Chinquapin Park Recreation Center	Thomas Jefferson Community Center	Audrey Moore Recreation Center	Ida Lee Recreation Center	Chinn Recreation Center
Residents	Adult (18 & over)	$6.00	$8.00	$6.85	$5.50	$8.00
	Child (0-5 yrs)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
	Youth (6-17 yrs)	$4.00	$0.00	$5.95	$4.00	$5.00
	Senior (60 plus)	$4.00	$4.00	$5.95	$4.00	$4.00
	Group Rate 20 or more	20% off	None	12 or more 25% off	None	None
	Adult/ Chaperone	$1.00		$1.50		
Nonresidents	Adult (16 & over)	$8.00	$16.00	$9.15	$7.50	$8.00
	Child (0-3 yrs)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
	Youth (4-15 yrs)	$8.00	$3.00	$9.15	$6.00	$5.00
	Senior (60 plus)	$8.00	$16.00	$9.15	$6.00	$4.00
	Adult/ Chaperone		$2.00			
Discount Passes 25 Visits	Adult (18 & over)	$101.00		Adult- $145.50 Adult:19-59 yrs.	$121.00	None
	Child (0-5 yrs)	$0.00	$0-Child 18 & Under	$0-Child Under 5	$0.00	None
	Youth (6-17 yrs)	$61.00		$135.20	$93.00	None
	Senior (60 plus)	$61.00	Senior 55 & Up	$135.20-Senior 60 & Up	$93.00	None

Monthly Unlimited Use Passes

Enterprise Recreation Facility		Alexandria City	Arlington County	Fairfax County	Loudoun County	Prince William County
Description of Fee	General Admission (Includes use of pool, sauna and fitness room)	Chinquapin Park Recreation Center	Thomas Jefferson Community Center	Audrey Moore Recreation Center	Ida Lee Recreation Center	Chinn Recreation Center
1 Month	Single	$46.00	None	$67.75	$52.00	$60.00
	2 Persons	$73.00	None	$106.00	$92.00	$71.17
	Dependent	None	None	$17.00	$24.00	$13.17
	Senior Single	$28.00	None	$58.00	$41.00	$34.33
	Senior 2 Persons	$43.00	None	$90.75	$75.00	$46.67
	Family	N/A	None	$125.75	$115.00	$82.00
6-Month	Single	$247.00	None	$336.75	$236.00	$285.00
	2 Persons	$424.00	None	$528.50	$434.00	$415.00
	Dependent	None	None	$83.75	$107.00	$79.00
	Senior Single	$152.00	None	$288.50	$191.00	$194.00
	Senior 2 Persons	$217.00	None	$453.00	$354.00	$268.00
	Family	$505.00	None	$626.25	$565.00	$480.00
12-Month	Single	$438.00	$170.00	$605.00	$429.00	$499.00
	2 Persons	$727.00	None	$951.00	$803.00	$710.00
	Dependent	None	None	$150.75	$124.00	$135.00
	Senior Single	$263.00	$110.00	$518.50	$349.00	$338.00
	Senior 2 Persons	$394.00	None	$815.25	$620.00	$469.00
	Family	$909.00	None	$1,128.50	$1,035.00	$845.00
			Full/ part-time/ school county employess- $85.00/ 12 mo.		*Have monthly and 25 visit passes for non-residents also.	
			Arlington Business- $565.00/12 mo.			
			College students (residents)- $45.00/ 12 mo.			
			County non-uniform employees- $85.00/12 mo.			

Alexandria YMCA			Join/fee	Monthly	Prog/mem/only
Residents	Adult (18 & over)	Ages:13-17	$25.00	$29.00	$30+class fee
	Child (0-5 yrs)	Ages:18-22	$50.00	$41.00	$55+class fee
	Youth (6-17 yrs)	Ages:23-29	$75.00	$57.00	
	Senior (60 plus)	Ages:30-64	$100.00	$78.00	

1 Month	Senior Single	Ages:65+	$50.00	$44.00
	Senior 2 Persons	Ages:65+	$100.00	$61.00

ATTACHMENT 4

2009 Youth Sports Fee Comparison Analysis

Jurisdiction	Sport	Fee
City of Alexandria Department Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities	Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Rugby, Track & Field Club, NJTL Tennis & Football	$25/residents only
	Swim Team	$100 - $60/resident based on # children in family attending
	Basketball, Field Hockey Camps	$40/resident
	Soccer – operated through ASA	$90 - $100/resident (Full Year) Plus $25/non-resident & $5 Youth Sports Fee $55 - $65 (Fall Only)
	Lacrosse – operated through ALC	$150
	Fall Baseball - ALL	$75 - $100/resident
City of Gaithersburg, MD	Flag Football, Roller Hockey, Soccer, Basketball	$40 (Grades 1 – 6)
	Fast Pitch Softball, T-Ball	$25/non-residents
	Fast Pitch Softball, T-Ball, Volleyball	$45/(Grades 7 – 10)
Ocean City, MD	Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse, Fast Pitch Softball, Soccer (indoor/outdoor),	$25/resident $35/non-residents
	Camps/Clinics	$20/resident $30/non-resident
Carroll County, MD	Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, Soccer, T-Ball & Baseball	$40 /member $55/non-member
Cockeysville Recreation Council	Baseball	$35 - $75

Cockeysville Recreation Council, MD (continued)		
	Basketball (Boys) Basketball (Girls)	$40 - $60 $35 - $55
	Cheerleading	$70
	Field Hockey	$60 - $80
	Lacrosse (Boys) Lacrosse (Girls)	$35 - $90 $65 - $100
	Soccer (Boys) Soccer (Girls)	$50 – $60 $60 - $70
	Fastpitch Softball	$30 - $40
Worchester County, MD	Team League (Indoor)	$450/team
(Set up by teams)	Team Tournament	$325/team
	Team League (Outdoor)	$300/team
(Individual Registrations)	Soccer Recreation	$20
	Softball Recreation	$20
	Swimming	$35
City of Rockville, MD	Baseball	$75/resident $85/non-resident
	Flag Football Tackle Football	$78/resident $88/non-resident $118 - $158/resident $128 - $ 168/ non-resident
	Basketball Basketball (continued)	$53 - $56/resident $63 - $66/ non-resident
	Track and Field, T-Ball	$37/resident $47/non-resident
	Wrestling	$75/resident $85/non-resident
	Fastpitch Softball	$58/resident $68/non-resident
Arlington County Recreation Department	Basketball (Regular) Late Night Basketball	$75 $40

Arlington County Recreation Department (continued)	Fall Baseball (Babe Ruth) – T-ball & Machine Pitch	$10 - $25
	Baseball (AA – Juniors) Baseball (Seniors)	$30 $50
	Tackle Football	$145 - $185 + $50 Equipment deposit
	Flag Football	$85
	Lacrosse	$185
	Junior Tennis	$$55 - 65
	Cheerleading	$185
	Soccer	$125
	Fastpitch Softball	$75 - $95
Fairfax County Recreation Department	Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services do not operate sports leagues or camps. They are operated by youth organizations.	
Prince William Park Authority	PWCPA do not operate sports leagues or camps. They are operated by youth organizations.	

ATTACHMENT 5

FY 2008 Youth Sports Financial Assistance Provided

Program	Registration Fee	Total Participants	Financial Assistance Requests	Amount of Financial Assistance	Revenue Collected
Alex. Little League	$20	371	15	$300	$7,120
Baseball/Softball	$20	555	8	$160	$10,940
Winter Basketball League	$20	941	112	$2,240	$16,580
Summer Basketball League	$20	107	24	$480	$1,660
Winter Basketball Fundamentals	$40	93	9	$360	$3,360
Summer Basketball Fundamentals	$40	31	2	$80	$1,160
Football	$20	300	34	$680	$5,320
National Junior Tennis League	$20	128	12	$240	$2,320
Rugby	$20	15	0	$0	$300
Volleyball	$20	91	6	$120	$1,700
Wahoo Swim Team	$100 (varies)	85	3	$300	$7,611
Titans Track Club	$20	42	0	$0	$840
Summer Instructional Coach Pitch	$20	72	3	$60	$1,380
TOTALS		**2,831**	**228**	**$5,020**	**$60,291**

ATTACHMENT 6

FY 2009 Youth Sports Financial Assistance Provided

Program	Registration Fee	Total Participants	Financial Assistance Requests	Amount of Financial Assistance	Revenue Collected
Alex. Little League	$25	369	7	$175	$9,050
Baseball/Softball	$25	573	21	$525	$13,800
Winter Basketball League	$25	962	137	$3,425	$20,625
Summer Basketball League	$25	112	30	$750	$2,050
Winter Basketball Fundamentals	$40	95	4	$160	$3,640
Summer Basketball Fundamentals	$40	30	0	$0	$1,200
Football	$25	359	70	$1,750	$7,225
National Junior Tennis League	$25	93	0	$0	$2,325
Rugby	$25	34	0	$0	$850
Volleyball	$25	94	0	$0	$2,350
Wahoo Swim Team	$100 (varies)	108	3	$213	$10,167
Titan Track Club	$25	52	5	$125	$1,175
Summer Instructional Coach Pitch	$25	38	0	$0	$950
Lil' Slammers Camp	$10	41	0	$0	$410
Field Hockey Camp	$40	44	2	$80	$1,680
Totals		**3,004**	**279**	**$7,203**	**$77,497**

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
Park and Recreation Commission
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Patrick Henry Recreation Center
4643 Taney Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Commissioners:
Judy Guse-Noritake, Chair
Henry S. Brooks
Rich Brune
Matthew Coda
William Cromley
David Dexter
Ripley Forbes
Robert Moir
Kaj Vetta

Commissioners -Excused Absences
Clark (Stephen) Mercer
Vacant- 1 Student Position

Recreation Department Staff:
James Spengler, Director, (RPCA)
William Chesley (RPCA)
Roger Blakeley (RPCA)
Jack Browand (RPCA)
Ron Kagawa (RPCA)
Mary Stephenson (RPCA)
Laura Durham (RPCA)
Robin DeShields (RPCA)

MINUTES

I. Welcome:

Chair Judy Noritake opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed staff, the public and Councilman Frank Fannon. The Chair provided a brief outline of the process for the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

II. A. Public Hearing Opened:

- The Chair, stated the first item is a public presentation on the updated 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion Study which gives a rank order of attributes for a number of athletic fields in the City which may be candidates for of artificial turf and lights.
- The Chair provided background information on the proposed Synthetic Turf Field Conversion study. The Athletic Fields Master Plan, adopted in 2006, pointed out that the Alexandria had a severe shortage in athletic fields, that existing fields lacked the capacity to handle programming levels, and that many fields were in poor condition. As one solution, the Master Plan recommended conversion of some fields to synthetic turf**.** This would allow more games to be played on the limited number of fields in the city. In the years since the City Council has undertaken funding these recommendations. The first two synthetic fields were installed at Minnie Howard and Ft. Ward Park.
- Following the brief public presentation of the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion study and public hearing the P& R Commission regular meeting will be held. During the regular meeting, staff will address adoption of the 2009 Synthetic Fields Conversion study including any additions or alterations, and make a recommendation based on the report and from public comments received on the next field that should be converted to synthetic turf. The Chair noted that there is currently funding available to undertake conversion of one field plus lights with a window for construction of June through August of 2010. The Chair turned the presentation over to Mary Stephenson, Park Planner, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

B. Presentation on Synthetic Field Study-Mary Stephenson:
A copy of the full report was submitted in advance to the Commission and posted to the City's website:

- **Mary Stephenson provided a brief presentation on the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion Study.** She noted that the presentation was previously given before the Parks & Recreation Commission on September 17, 2009. Mary stated that the one of the reasons the city is considering conversion of some fields to synthetic turf is that there is a severe capacity shortage issue in the city. Another reason is as a result of information contained in the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion Study.
- Ms. Stephenson stated that the reason people value athletics is because of its impact on our youth, contributing to better health as well as better academic achievement. The City of Alexandria's population has increased by almost 12% from the 2000 Census. These numbers are reflected also in the increase in school enrollment and an increase in participation in youth sports.
- Chart of Capacity challenges –if using all natural turf, 150 hrs. a year, the turf can remain in good condition. If used over 400 hrs. a year, natural turf fields require more maintenance; field condition deteriorates and becomes poor.
  Field Supply-solution is to build more fields or alternatively install synthetic turf field with lights. Synthetic turf fields allow more play time for sports and under more weather conditions.
  Lighting concerns - Alexandria uses environmental friendly lights full cut-off lights. Ft. Ward Park and Minnie Howard have these type of lights installed.

  Chronology:
  -In 2006 the Athletic Field Master Plan was completed.
  -In the fall of 2007 staff studied fields that were candidates for conversion to synthetic turf which resulted in a 5-year conversion strategy.
  -In 2009 an update to the 2007 Field Study was completed. **As a result of the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion Study**, **staff recommends Ben Brenman as the next synthetic turf field for conversion**. An additional objective of the study is to consider other fields that might be future candidates for conversion as money becomes available.

Planning Process- A Field analysis was done, criteria established, site visits completed, and each field was scored on a scale of 1-3. Information and results were presented to the P&R Commission September 2009 at its regular meeting. October 15, 2009, the P&RC is holding this Public Hearing. The next steps are to go before the Planning Commission and then City Council for any necessary for approvals.

A Field Inventory was done which helped determined what the definition of a field is and is not. The inventory looked at Field Conditions, Facility Classification, etc. Process Diagram for Field inventory: Fields were considered if they met regulation soccer size at minimum, including diamond fields. Fields that were smaller were not considered for conversion to synthetic turf.

Current Synthetic Field Locations are: Ft. Ward Park, Minnie Howard, and T.C. William H.S. Synthetic fields at the Witter complex will be coming on line soon.

Criteria for Conversion included: 1. Size,-the bigger the better, 2. Direct Fiscal Impact, 3. Process for Approval/support, 4. Impact on Existing Uses, 5. Location-How close to existing fields, 6. Field Condition, 7. Public Access-site amenities 8. Indirect fiscal impact,and 9. Constructability.

Determining Weights- the fields were grouped by relative order of importance and were put into a formula to determine criteria. Four different strategies for determining weights were used. Each field was weighted on every criteria, a scale of 1-3 was used for each field, and multiplied by the weight of criteria.

Staff recommends -Matrix 4 as the most representative of its goals. Ben Brenman and Francis Hammond scored highest in all 4-Matrices. Staff recommends Ben Brenman as the next synthetic turf field for conversion.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments before moving into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Henry Brooks commented that Witter fields are under construction with funds made available from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction. As a result there is no direct budget impact on the City accept for maintenance. There were no additional comments or questions from the Commission.

C. **Review and Receipt of Comments on Synthetic Field Study**:

- Persons requesting to speak at the public hearing were asked to complete a Request to Speak form. The Chair stated that at the end of the public hearing additional comments on other topics would be taken. Copies of comments received by email were distributed to those in attendance. The Chair noted that all comments would be included as part of the official record.
- **Chair Noritake responded to several comments received by email prior to the public hearing:**
  - In response to concerns expressed that the synthetic fields be kept dog free and sanitary Judy said the fields would be fenced and that dogs would be kept off of the fields. In addition, geese don't normally visit artificial turf fields.
  - Regarding accessing the need for artificial turf fields in the area of Cameron Station and Ben Brenman Park, Judy responded that the City is small and land c enough that the need for fields should be addressed on a community wide level, not neighborhood level. She anticipates that by going to bid now, staff will receive a better price on this next field.
  - Regarding comments that natural turf fields are better than synthetic turf fields the Chair stated that natural turf is better to play but only if it is in good condition. The problem is that after 150 hrs. played on natural turf, more maintenance is required, and the field becomes unpleasant to play on. It is a balancing act with limited land resources available in the city.

  - **<u>Public Hearing Period</u>**:
  - The Chair requested that comments be kept to 3 - 4 minutes, and reminded participants that they could submit written comments after the hearing for a two week period. Participants were asked to address both the whole of the report as well as the recommendation on Ben Brenman park becoming the next synthetic turf field conversion.

    (a) <u>Bill Ronsello, Cathedral Drive, Alexandria, Virginia</u>, Vice President of Alexandria Soccer Association and board member, spoke in favor of the synthetic turf fields. He stated that there is no other alternative to do a turfed field quickly and said that Ben Brenman is central to their program. Mr. Ronsello said that use of some fields have been lost, i.e. Bishop Ireton and Jones Point, while at the same time there has been a huge growth in field sports in the community. There are 140 teams-2 seasons, only 10-15% of teams play on artificial turf. There are capacity and other issues (i.e. normal work hrs. sunlight, weather, high school scheduling, etc.), that impact the ability to use natural fields without lights.

    (b) <u>Gary Carr, Aspen Street, Alexandria Virginia</u>, advocates for additional running tracks in the City, stated that the field at Francis Hammond middle school should be made the priority due to the large number of children there. Mr. Carr said that the city should consider circumnavigating all fields with running tracks. He also suggested that periphery lighting or street level lights be added to the field at T.C. Williams in order to help maximize its use. He believes that this would not violate the Special Use Permit

(SUP) which precludes full lighting at T.C. Williams. ***Chair Judy Guse-Noritake said that T.C. Williams H.S. is under the control of the Alexandria School Board and when it was built an SUP was put in place that excluded field lights. She believes there is going to be a walking-running asphalt path included at Witter fields when this comes on line. Judy stated that staff would also like to see more full tracks in the city, however currently they are trying to get more walking running tracks around fields.***

(c) Stephen Frerichs**,** Cathedral Dr., Alexandria Virginia, President Alexandria Little League, fully supports the staff recommendation. Supports lights for rectangular and baseball fields. (8-12 yrs., 13-14 yr. olds-400 kids; kickball league for 4 & 5 yr oldssupport to help get overlay use reduced). Synthetic rectangular fields help baseball. He said it is important to improve all fields in city.

(d) Owen Malone, Windsor Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia- member, Board of Directors Alexandria Rugby, is very much in favor of staff's recommendation. Youth rugby has the smallest number of kids and it is hard for rugby to get new fields to use.

(e) Mark Dowling, N. Latham St., Alexandria, Virginia- soccer coach, spoke in favor of field conversion at Ben Brenman Park with lighting. The number of fields has gone down in city, however, more people are involved in sports and there are twice as many teams. Requested field size at Ben Brenman be made at least 75 yds. in width, so that two teams at a time can use it for practice. He believes synthetic fields provide a safer playing surface.

(f) Patrick J. Malone, Duke St., Alexandria, Virginia **-** President Alex Aces collegiate baseball team. Spoke in support of synthetic turf fields, said they take pressure off other fields. Supports Ben Brenman with inclusion of lights, for baseball and with the rectangular. Stated that there are only two 90 foot ball fields in the City.

(g) Jim Gibson**,** Chairman of Youth Sports Advisory Board for the City of Alexandria. He's an advocate for kids and supports staff's recommendation; stated new turf fields must have lights. Mr. Gibson said that Alexandria is lagging behind other jurisdictions in installation of turf fields, and that there is a pent up demand for artificial turf fields in the city.

(h) Ester McDonald, Alexandria, Virginia, resident of Cameron Station, spoke in opposition to installation of lights at Ben Brenman. She feels that there are not enough people represented who are not involved in sports, partly due to method of advertising the hearing. She said there needs to be more compromise for people with different interests. She does not support the installation of lights, the lighting is a major issue. Requests no lights or lights in an area with less residential traffic. She is concerned that lights will bring increased traffic and that parking will spill over into the Cameron Station neighborhood. Expressed concerns about safety issues and possible increase in neighborhood crime. Ms. McDonald stated that she has no opinion on the synthetic turf fields. Her concerns are largely an issue of the lights and traffic increase. She believes that installing lights at T.C. Williams H.S., and/or upgrading the field at Francis Hammond would be a better option.

(i) Richard Stone, Paxton Street, Alexandria, Virginia**,** briefly attended the public hearing but had to leave early. Mr. Stone provided the Chair with brief written comments. He fully supports Ben Brenman field conversion and lights for soccer and baseball fields.

(j) Dak Harwich, Brawner Place, Alexandria, Virginia, representing Cameron Station Homeowner's Association. Mr. Harwich stated that they are generally not opposed to the lights and fields at Ben Brenman Park. He expressed concerns regarding

the fields and lights and events which occur outside the boundaries of the park. Has major concerns regarding the parking around Ben Brenman park. Said there is not enough parking at Ben Brenman Park which pushes people into the neighborhood. The SUP for Cameron Station clearly states that 15% of the parking must be devoted to visitor parking, but all of the visitor parking can not be used for residents. Mr. Harwich stated that if staff is considering the installation of synthetic turf at Ben Brenman fields with lights then the parking problem must be addressed.

Chair Noritake said that the concerns expressed regarding parking are something that staff should take a look at if the City moves forward with this field upgrade. The Chair stated that staff would include these issues as part of their planning for this project, to see what the extent of the problem is and what might be done to address it.

In response to comments and concerns expressed about the lighting. Judy stated that RP&CA staff advertised to the public and held a tour of Ft. Ward Park on October 9, 2009 for residents wanting to learn more about synthetic fields and these full cut-off lights. If anyone is interested in seeing the lights they should drive or stop by Minnie Howard. The city is using full cut-off lights, which have virtually no light pollution, and meet LEED green standards.

Mr. Harwich and Commissioner Henry Brooks discussed ways to try to fix the parking around the Ben Brenman Park. Mr. Harwich said that people are parking on one side of the road.

The Chair asked if any one had questions another topic that they wished to discuss. There were no other comments or discussion. The Chair thanked everyone for their comments, and the Public Hearing was closed.
Copies of all public comments received by email prior to the meeting and during the Public Hearing will be posted on the City's website (See Attachment).

D. **Commission Receives Comments on Other Topics**

- There were no further items commented on or discussed during the public hearing.

E. **Public Hearing Closes**:
The Public Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m. and the Commission moved into the regular meeting.

Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting:

<u>Discussion and Recommendation</u>:

- Chair Noritake said there are two decisions and recommendations needed following on the hearing. The first and most important is discussion, approval and recommendation of the 2009 Synthetic Turf Field Conversion Study and the rankings contained in the report. A determination needs to be made on what to do with the first allocation of funds, and how staff will move forward in the future as more resources become available.

- The Chair stated that the report and information presented has been fine tuned and the information is solid. This should help provide a roadmap for the next five years before another assessment needs to be done. RP&CA staff have invested a great deal of time and resources into the report. The Chair asked for comments on the field study and methodology for ranking from the Commissioners. David Dexter agreed that the report methodology was solid and provides a good template for the future. He commended RP&CA staff for their work on the report. Commissioner Henry Brooks commented that staff did an excellent job and having the hearing open, provided everyone with an opportunity to be involved.

- Ripley Forbes asked how many emails were from direct neighbors, and suggested starting an education campaign, months or years ahead for future fields that may be coming on line next, such as Francis Hammond, which is much closer to residences. The campaign should include information regarding lights and other advantages and address any concerns residents may have in advance before it becomes controversial. Roger Blakeley, Deputy Director Blakeley, said that staff held a meeting with the Sommerville residents in July. Many residents came out and found the fields softer and nicer than they expected.
- **The Chair agreed with doing an outreach and educational campaign and inviting the community out each time before a new synthetic field is contemplated**.

- The Chair said residents who live near Ben Brenman may have some legitimate concerns regarding traffic and parking issues. But the issue we must address is that the City has great unmet need and not lots of places to put new fields. Ben Brenman is one of the largest parks in the City where we can think about accommodating this artificial turf and lights. The need to meet the demand for youth and adults sports is a critical health need in the community. Alexandria City is increasingly becoming an urban community and active recreation space, including back yards, is limited. Children need daily activities and organized sports help provide this. The need for fields will continue to increase as more children are staying in the community.

- Ripley Forbes asked for a brief chronology of the next steps to be taken in order to meet the timeframe of construction the facility by the summer of 2010.
- **The Chair said the next steps would be discussed after motion is made on the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion report and on Ben Brenman fields being selected as the next synthetic turf field for conversion. The recommendation will then go forward with a letter to City Council.**

- **<u>Discussion of Next Steps to be taken for Ben Brenman Field</u>:**
- Laura Durham, Park Planner, stated the next steps would be to go through the Special Use Permit application process for the lighting only. Ms. Durham said approval of the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion report does not require any other approval, except that of the Park and Recreation Commission. The same applies to the conversion of the field to turf as well.
- A plot plan would have to be done and administratively approved through the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.
- The Special Use Permit required for lights will need to go before the Planning Commission and then City Council. In order to meet the summer construction deadline, staff would need to make an application for SUP by March 2010. The earliest date to apply for a Special Use Permit would be November 17; plans would need to be submitted along with the SUP application. Judy requested that the process for obtaining a SUP be started as soon as possible. Roger Blakeley, Deputy Director, RP&CA said this will be done as quickly as possible, once an electrical contractor can be hired to do the lights, schematics and design work. Mr. Blakeley stated that the design work may take three to four months; he will also need to work with City's Purchasing Department. Mr. Blakeley will provide the Chair with a monthly update on the status.

- **<u>Action Item</u>:** Chair Noritake said that the Park and Recreation Commission will write a letter outlining their approval of the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion Report and recommendation that Ben Brenman become the next synthetic turf field for conversion and forward it to the City Manager. The letter will include the next steps to be taken, with the understanding that no further approval of the report is required, but that a Special Use Permit is needed for approval of the lights. RP&CA staff will move forward as quickly as possible to complete the SUP process in order to meet a construction deadline for the summer months so the field can be brought on-line by fall 2010**.**

- Commissioner Henry Brooks made the motion that the Park and Recreation Commission approve the report and recommendation as put forth by staff. Richard Brune seconded the motion. The Chair asked if there was any other discussion.
- Additional Discussion:
- Commissioner Brooks requested that language be added to the recommendation, as discussed, about addressing the parking situation around Ben Brenman Park. The Chair said the motion could be amended to include this additional language. James Spengler, Director, RPCA suggested that two separate motions be made. One to approve the receipt of the RPCA staff report so that it becomes our policy, and another regarding the recommendation that Ben Brenman be considered as the next synthetic turf field conversion with the improvement of parking.

- **Henry Brooks restated the motion -**to approve the 2009 Synthetic Field Conversion report as presented and discussed at the public hearing. Richard Brune seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.
- **Henry Brooks made a second motion -**to approve the recommendation included in the staff report that the rectangular field at Ben Brenman field as the next synthetic turf field conversion, with the addition of possible improvements being made to maximize the parking within the present footprint. The motion was seconded by Richard Brune. All were in favor. The motion was approved.
- **Robert Moir** recommended making the size of the soccer field as wide as possible (70 yards wide) and adding lighting to the baseball field. Roger Blakeley said that he would try to make the soccer field as large as possible within the footprint of the space.
- Mr. Moir also suggested that a preference be given that due to scheduling concerns, the new field at Ben Brenman primarily serve youth sports during the spring and fall seasons. He suggested that adult sports (other than Hensley) be held at Ft. Ward Park or Minnie Howard where fewer residents might be adversely affected by later hours of play, in order to help try to alleviate some of the concerns of the Cameron Station Community.
- The Chair asked that this recommendation be included in the report and asked the Commission for a vote. The motion passed, unanimously.
- **The Chair recommended moving forward with the letter to the City Manager approving the report and recommendations**.

III. Approval of Summary Minutes from the September 17, 2009 Meeting:

- Henry Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2009. The motion was seconded by David Dexter. The minutes were approved with one correction.

IV. Division Updates:

Note: A Full Copy of Each Staff Report Was Posted to the City's Website. To view staff reports go to www.alexandriava.gov/25560

A. Recreation Programs and Services Update - William Chesley:

- Mr. Chesley recommended that the report be accepted as prepared-if there were no questions or comments. A copy of the full report Item IV-A was submitted to the Commission and staff in advance on November 16 and was posted to the City's website. **There were no questions or comments, the Commission accepted the report as submitted.**

B. Operations and Park Planning Update - Roger Blakeley:

- Mr. Blakeley recommended that the P& R Commission accept the report as submitted if there were no questions or comments. A copy of the full report Item IV-B was submitted to the Commission in advance on November 16 and was posted to the City's website. **There were no questions or comments, the Commission accepted the report as submitted.**

V. Confirmation of Public Hearing on the Proposed Fee Increases in November- Jack Browand:

- Mr. Browand confirmed the date of the Public Hearing for November 19, 2009, the hearing is schedule be held at Charles Houston Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m.
- The Chair requested that the hearing be advertised to the public, and that information on proposed fee increases and new fees be provided to the Commission and posted for the public prior to the hearing**.** Mr. Browand said that material would be submitted to the Commission for review prior to the hearing and that the hearing would be advertised to the public and information would be made available on the City's website.

VI. Playground Renovations Update - Laura Durham:

- Ms. Durham presented a report on Playground Renovations as prepared by Judy Lo, ASLA, RLA, Park Planner. The report discusses four playgrounds with approved funding for renovation in FY2010. The playgrounds which are considered a high priority are: Buchanan Park, James Mulligan Park, Tarleton Park, and Stevenson Park.
- Staff proposed holding one community meeting per renovation in order to help facilitate smooth installation and allow community input. Tentative dates for community meetings are November 9 and Nov 16 for District III.
- Chair Noritake suggested that RP&CA staff attend the neighborhood civic association meetings instead of holding individual community meetings by district. She believes that playground renovations can be accomplished without holding separate community meetings, in contrast to a new playground design which may merit more outreach. Judy stated that civic association meetings may involve a twenty minute time slot as opposed to holding separate community meetings, that may take two-three hrs. each, and may involve two-three staff persons. The city goal is to reduce staff time at meetings. Henry Brooks agreed that staff attending a civic association meeting would be a better option.
- Laura, noted that $521,320 in funding has been allocated for the renovations**.** The estimated expenditure for each playground is $130,000 each. This will include complete replacements and resurfacing of playgrounds. Henry Brooks noted that equipment repairs are needed at the Windmill Hill Park, and there is no mulch.
- Ripley Forbes asked if when the Ft. Ward playground renovation was done if there was a community meeting. Laura responded that Judy Lo attended their civic association meeting.
- **Action Item**: Ms. Durham agreed that Judy Lo would attend a community civic association meeting instead of holding a separate community meeting. Ms. Durham said that the information on playground renovations will be posted on-line for two weeks and people could view it there.
- Ripley Forbes asked if the meetings would also discuss landscaping and trees, Windmill Park lost a lot of trees. Ms. Durham noted that the meetings will be strictly to discuss playground renovations, but that landscaping and trees may be considered as an option with community contributions.
- Mr. Blakeley said this process is different from Hunter Miller or other renovations.
- 30 year old equipment. Renovations will include: new rubberized surface, new system, changing of slide to whole or curly, some interchangeable items, optional

colors for some items. The main focus will be replacing worn out pieces of equipment.

- The Chair suggested that the playground renovation meeting primarily focus on replacement of equipment. Judy suggested that staff speak with the Homeowner Associations to see if they would be interested in making a contribution to upgrade the standard playground equipment and/or purchasing shade trees. Donations could also be taken to purchase or upgrade additional playground equipment. Commissioner Brooks suggested letting the Commissioner in that area know about it and see if they can suggests ways to raise money.
- Commissioner Forbes asked if there were substandard playgrounds in Planning District II. Mr. Blakeley responded that all the planning districts currently contain substandard playgrounds. 43 playgrounds are in the city-10 are in good shape or new, many of the rest don't meet current standards. The infrastructure has not been improved for past 30 years; staff is now pushing forward to do this. Staff choose the playgrounds in the poorest condition for renovation at this time.

- **Action Item:** Mr. Forbes asked if the P&R Commission could get a chart by district of playgrounds that do not meet the CPSC standards**.**

VII. Open Space Update- Laura Durham:

- The Chair asked Ms. Durham to provide an update on the status of open space plans, since City Council lowered the amount of money dedicated to the fund. The Chair also requested an update on the parcel at 3550 Commonwealth Avenue.

- **Open Space Plan**:
- Laura suggested acceptance of the information, unless there were questions. Laura-only clarification is that with the approval of FY2010 budget, the Open Space Fund is now .3% which is only to cover debt service; it will not increase the fund for new acquisition or property. Until/unless the fund is reauthorized by City Council the money will be depleted. Henry Brooks commented that support for the open space funding will turn around when the real assessments increase.
- The Chair Noritake asked where the money that is paid on an annual basis for the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust comes from. Ms. Durham responded that ($48,000) it comes out of the general open space fund. Judy asked if is depleting the 8.6 million, Laura responded yes. Ms. Durham is an advocate for continuing the partnership with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.
- David Dexter, the Army will owe the City of Alexandria 2.4 acres of land as a result of the BRAC project being built at Mark Center. The army is building a 15-17 story office building at Seminary Rd. and Beauregard St., the footprint sits on some open space. Once the size of the space is determined, the Army will pay the City the value of the land to be used as open space. Ms. Laura Durham noted that there is not an actual easement but that on the previously approved plans the land was designated as open space. Her understanding is that the federal government will be paying the City to mitigate this loss of open space. The Chair asked if the Army will pay at today's market rate. The City intends to use the mitigation money for open space in the Beauregard Corridor.
- Laura - we are looking at identifying quality open space through the Beauregard Corridor Planning process.
- Mr. Dexter asked if the Army is also putting public open space behind a high security fence-how the public will gain access to the space. The Chair noted that in the Open Space Plan value is placed on all open space, including space which is not accessible. Space behind a fence, may still be accessible for people who work in the buildings to use, it is still considered open space.

- **<u>Current Open Space Opportunities</u>**- Laura-staff are still working on waterfront properties on the Strand as well as one of the properties identified in the Braddock Metro Area Small Area Plan that is part of the Post Office site The remaining money in open space fund will likely be spent.
- Laura-20%of the open space fund was designated for pocket parks- Judy asked if this percentage was part of the 8.6 million. Laura to complete the E. Del Ray and South Early Street pocket parks-spending will come out of 8.6 million.
- In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Durham stated that there is probably not enough money left to acquire another pocket park.
- The Chair said that they have had more contact from the community up near Four Mile Run at Commonwealth Avenue about the property that was purchased from VEPCO. Laura-it was actually purchased from a private developer with a contract with VEPCO on the property and said that is approximately one-half an acre.
- The property is on a corner of E. Reed and Commonwealth, across from Cora Kelly and Four Mile Run Park. The goal was to have area cleaned up and sod added.

- **<u>3550 Commonwealth Avenue-</u>**
- A handout was distributed on the 3550 Commonwealth Avenue.
- A copy of the Planning Commission 9.06, Docket Item #12, June 2, 2009.
- The parcel is bigger than a pocket park, but smaller than a dog park.
- The item was approved for acquisition by the Planning Commission on 6/2/09.
- In response to a question from the Chair, Laura confirmed that the Council approved plan at the current time is to sod the space and leave it alone. Minimal landscaping may be done and a trash receptacle added.
- Judy said that over time within the next few years, staff will need to take this item up for further planning. Laura said that the Council docket item on this indicated that as economic conditions improve staff will go forward with a planning process that involves the community.
- Judy and Laura had contact with people from the neighborhood have asked that the space be made into a dog park for interim use. The space is not big enough for a fenced dog park and is too close to the adjacent residential property.
- Some people in the neighborhood expressed concerns about security if the park is left undeveloped. Judy encourages staff and the P&RC to take a look at the space at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and provide comments. Ms. Durham has viewed the space and said in her opinion, that the space/grassy area on the corner; she doesn't feel that it will be a place where people will congregate.
- The Chair stated that she is reluctant to put in any single uses (gardens or a dog park) in place on an interim basis because it will be difficult to change the uses when we do have the resources available to design and implement a plan at this location. Mr. Brooks thought community gardens might work here. Judy responded that a community garden could not be done without a full planning process, and stated that staff can not currently commit time for this.
- Laura stated that the City Council said that the city would not be investing additional funding in the property at this time.

VIII. Director's Report – James Spengler:

A. <u>City Council Strategic Planning Process.</u>

- City Council met on September 26 to discuss updating the Strategic Plan. They decided not to have a separate Recreation and Parks strategic goal. RPCA staff have been assigned to work on several related goals:
- <u>Goal #2</u> - Laura Durham and John Noelle.*"The City Respects, Protects and Enhances the Health of its Citizens and the Quality of its Natural Environment.*

- Goal #7-William Chesley and Alisa Carrel. "*Alexandria Is a Caring Community That is Affordable and Diverse With A Rich History and Culture.*"
- Goal #4- Jim Spengler, Director, RPCA will serve as the lead on Goal 4- which deals with schools and youth**.**" *Alexandria is a Community with Public Schools Amongst Northern Virginia's Best and Where Our Recreational Programs Provide Youth the Opportunity to Succeed.*"
- Meetings are being held at different times and locations throughout the City. The best way to track the process is by visiting the City of Alexandria website, under City Council-strategic plan. Each goal group has different Council members assigned. At least one meeting held will be a public meeting. Staff covering a particular Goal will let the Commission know when the public meetings will be held and if it is helpful for P&RC members to attend.
- Laura Durham stated that there is an upcoming meeting on Goal 2 on November 4th and requested that two Commissioners attend. Ms. Durham agreed to provide the Commission with a one page document outlining the process as requested by the Chair and to let Judy know the topic.
- The Chair commented that the Commission deals with issues covering a lot of areas and asked what their role would be. The Commission has been proactive and would have valuable input. Judy asked how the plans that the P&RC already have feed into the strategic plan. She also asked if there were other avenues to provide input other than a public meeting.
- Mr. Spengler said that input could be provided by cards, letters, phone calls and through the City's website. The Strategic Plan will deal with a short term planning period of three years. Council, the City Manager and staff feel that the economy is too uncertain to plan longer term. The plan is to develop overarching goals and to finish updates to the Strategic Plan by January 2010.
- Each of the 7 goal areas will include a public meeting. One of the public meetings will be for representatives from boards and commissions. Most of the goal areas are trying to include a general public hearing for citizen input.
- For each goal they want to develop 3-overarching objectives; a set of measures and for each objectives they want to develop 5 to 7 initiatives.
- Judy asked for each Goal, that staff let her know in a succinct manner, how the Commission can participate without adding more burden, and when it would be important for P&R C members to attend. Laura stated that at a recently attended meeting some issues related to open space came up. The Chair said this deals with plans already developed i.e., the Open Space Plan, the Field Report, the Dog Park Master Plan, The Eco City Plan, etc.
- Mr. Spengler said that most departments making presentations are making them with information from their existing plans. The City Council is thinking further in advance in terms of looking at resource allocations.

B. Organizational Changes- Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

- Mr. Spengler notified the Commission of the new organizational changes effective October 5, 2009. The Director will assume a greater span of control over the Department due to the budget.
- Deputy Directors are William Chesley and Roger Blakeley. Alisa Carrel - Director, Office of the Arts, Jack Browand, Director, Marketing, Public Relations and Special Events (has an expanded area of focus, including improving customer service throughout the City), Belinda Hillard, Human Resources Coordinator, Shuron Putnam, Safety Officer, Faye Maslaki, Fiscal Officer, John Mead, Information Technology Officer and Robin DeShields, Executive Administrative Assistant. Looking down the road there might be a third Deputy Director added.
- A copy of the new organization chart was included in the package.

- C. FY 2011 Budget Process.

  - A meeting was held with the budget office and Deputy City Manager. The purpose was to review RP&CA proposed budget reductions against the target given by the City Manager. Reductions take the Department below its 2006 level of funding. Except for a few administrative items, that will be handled separately, all reductions have moved to the second round.
  - Council will hold a retreat on November 12, 2009. The retreat will focus on city finances and look at further reductions. Council will decide what will be cut. Actual reductions will be taken between now and April/May 2010. The City's financial outlook doesn't look good for next year. There is currently a 15% vacancy rate in commercial real estate, the residential market is currently stable There will be a budget presentation at next Department Head Meeting.

IX. Report From Commissioners:

Chair, Judy Guse-Noritake

- **Re-appointment of Stephen Mercer to Parks & Recreation Commission**:
- Judy noted that Stephen (Clark) Mercer has an excused absence. Mr. Mercer was filling a partial term which is now up. The Chair asked that the Commission support Mr. Mercer's reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the Youth Policy Commission for an additional term to begin in November.
- **Henry Brooks motioned** to approve the reappointment of Stephen Mercer to the Park & Recreation Commission board for another term. The motion was seconded by Richard Brune. All were in favor. The Chair will write the letters in support of reappointing Mr. Mercer for new terms.

- **Public Meeting re: Potomac Yard "Big Box" redevelopment Plans - October 20, 2009**:
- Judy will try to attend since there will be several open space concerns on agenda.
- There will be about 4-5,000 new residences. She believes the Commission should be advocating the inclusion of a field, dog park and a school, necessary to meet the needs of this new population. The Planning staff is thinking creatively about these options, including ground level and roof top options. Judy encouraged staff to attend if possible. The meeting will be held at Charles Houston.
- **Public Meeting on the Beauregard Plan- October 29, 2009**.
- The Chair stated that the P&RC needs to develop goals for input into the plan. Commissioner David Dexter who represents BRAC neighborhood task force plans to testify at the meeting and will also represent the P&RC. 6400 people are expected to move to this area and will need more schools, recreation facilities, etc. Judy said staff needs to think about including a school, fields and dog park and Recreation Centers as part of this plan. Judy asked Mr. Dexter to provide input at the meeting as a member of the Commission.

Richard Brune-commented that acquisition of Post Office site needs to include an open space plan.

Mathew Coda-commented that he was unaware of the restrictions on lighting the field at T.C. Williams and that it was the only high school field without lights. Judy stated that when the SUP was done through the Planning Commission it had restrictions on lights.

David Dexter-distributed a flier on The Friends of Dora Kelly Nature Park-, Clean-Up Day, Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Ripley Forbes- Asked what the Ft. Ward Park History Group was. Mr. Spengler, said it is a group formed by OHA to do grant funding. There is also an Ad Hoc group.

X. List of Upcoming Public Meetings- a list was distributed to the P&R Commission.

XI. Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

ATTACHMENT: PUBLIC COMMENTS-ON PROPOSED SYNTHETIC FIELD CONVERSION AT BEN BRENMARK PARK.

Public Comments on Ben Brenman Synthetic Field Conversion
Received by Email and at the Parks and Recreation Commission Public Hearing
October 15, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. - Patrick Henry Recreation Center

Date/Name of Person *** = Comments received by Email**	**COPY OF COMMENTS ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RP&CA** **The following Persons Commented by Email***
1. 10/6/09 - Gardner Bates*	Does not support field conversion in Ben Brenman park or any other facility in the City, due to budget concerns. Stated the money would be better spent on increasing the size of the daycare facility for children of high school students.
2. 10/10/09 - Dick Shea*	Supports the fields -has some concerns re: traffic and people congregating around Cameron Station after the games. Expressed concerns that fields be kept dog free and sanitary. Took the tour of Ft. Ward Park on 10/9/09. Has written to Councilman Kruprika.
3. 10/10/09 - Barry Dunsmoor*	Expressed concerns about parking around Ben Brenman Park and surrounding areas. Will not be able to attend public hearing has notified Cameron Station Civic Association.
4. 10/14/09 - Timothy Peterson*	Supports- Mr. Peterson is an Alexandria resident who supports the conversion of fields at Ben Brenman Park to artificial turf with lighting. Stated the city is a great place to raise families and appreciates the services of the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Department. He believes improvements will create more opportunities for families to find quality activities in Alexandria. He will forward a copy to the Mayor and City Council.
5. 10/14/09 -Paul and Krys Filios	Supports- Endorses the use of synthetic fields at Ben Brenman Park. Supports lower maintenance and better utilization in inclement weather allowing more usability for games. Has five children that have all played on Alexandria Soccer Association teams.
6. 10/15/09 - Heath E. Wilkinson	Does Not Support- due to economic reasons, economy and recession. Has concerns regarding tax burden on Citizens of Alexandria. Wants the City to have a tax reduction for citizens.
7. 10/15/09 - Shannon Campagna*	Supports- Alexandria Soccer Association sent an email about the meeting tonight. Asked that in lieu of the next Youth Sports Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Monday October 19-encouraged people to attend the P&RC meeting in support of the installation of synthetic turf fields at Ben Brenman.
8. 10/15/09 - Jeff Newhouse*	Supports without reservation the use of his tax dollars to install artificial turf at Ben Brenman Soccer Field.
9. 10/15/09 - Thomas Kohout*	Other- Mr. Kohout strongly encourages the department to review closely the proposed renovations to the Alexandria synthetic fields. While the demand for athletic fields has never been higher, and weather regularly plays a significant role in their use and condition, there is a great deal of misinformation available regarding the cost and durability of synthetic fields. http://turf.uark.edu/turfhelp/archives/021109.html
10. 10/16/09 - Terry Androus*	Supports- As a lifetime resident of Alexandria and a mother of three, I fully support the creation of the turf field at Ben Brenman Park. It has always been a struggle to find places to play team sports in this town and we need to do what we can to stay current and support the all-important outlet of organized sports. This lighted field will not only support physical activity for children but for adults as well.
11. 10/15/0 9- Ronn Honeycutt*	Supports- Please accept this email as my support for this artificial turf proposal. He will not be able to attend because children have games scheduled- coaches and serves as a judge. He thinks that after seeing the condition of most of our playing fields, it should be obvious that it is needed to facilitate the growing sports playing population we have here in the city. He has two daughters that will be using these fields over the next 12 years and would like them to have a safe and cleaner environment to play their sports of choice. Thank you.
12. Bill Ronsello, Representative of Alexandria Soccer Association V.P. and Board Member.	**The Following Persons Spoke at the Public Hearing on October 15, 2009** Alexandria Soccer Association is the largest youth sports facility in the City. Favors Recommendation. Has reviewed report doesn't see another viable option to get turf in quickly. Have been working on since 2006. ½ field needed- poor condition. Ben Brenman Park is an important and central part of their program. Have lost fields at Jones Point and Bishop Ireton. At the same time experienced a large growth in children- currently 1800 kids-puts a lot of pressure on fields, 140 teams-practice year round. Adult programs exploding-putting a lot of pressure on fields. Not a lot of playable soccer fields. Only 2 artificial fields-started with other sports and the schools. 10-15% of teams playing at Ft. Ward-limits availability.

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12. Bill Ronsello (Continued)	Constrained by 4 factors in soccer programs (normal adult work hrs., sunlight, weather, and work schedule of parents.) No lights-no practice. High school kids have a lot of things to do after school and can't get to practice until 6:30-7:00 p.m. If weather is bad or it rains-grass fields get closed out. Turf fields can be used in all weather. Sports are played year round now (soccer, baseball, lacrosse). 2 ways to solve problem (1. find more land-no land in City, or 2. improve quality of fields –only way is to have turf fields for rectangular field. Ben Brenman Park already has the capacity to handle turf field and is cost effective. The fields are offset from the residences. On behalf of 1800 players and 3000 parents he supports Ben Brenman fields as the next conversion. He appreciates what the City and the Department of RPCA is doing.
13. Gary Carr	Other- Advocate for adding more running tracks in the City. Understands the need for artificial turf fields etc. but supports the addition of running tracks around these fields (i.e. at Witter and Potomac Yard fields). Regarding Witter field construction, requests the running of an asphalt track or bike path around the field-to increase capacity. Doesn't feel that Ben Brenman field should be the next field of choice. Feels that Hammond should be the priority - the field is in very poor condition and unusable. 1500 children use Hammond field- if chosen for conversion, would be fully utilized during and after school. City should consider circumnavigating all fields with a running tracks. T.C. Williams H.S. being overlooked as an option, due to not having lights. Suggested adding lights to T.C. Williams field first, then doing Hammond as the next synthetic field. Even if T.C. Williams is not fully lit- another option is to put street level lights on the back portion of the field. Street level lights would not violate the SUP.
14. Stephen Frerichs, President Little League	Fully supports Ben Brenman field Recommendation. Agrees with Bill Ronsello's recommendations. Has been working closely to help improve John Adams fields. Feels it is important to improve all City fields. Hard to play baseball in the dark. His organization works with 8-12 year olds and has added a new kickball league for 4 -5 yr. olds. They are finished each night by 9:30 p.m. Supports diamond fields also used by soccer, lacrosse, etc. High pressure use on fields. Limited number of fields. Synthetic fields will allow use in inclement weather.
15. Owen Malone Board of Directors of Alexandria Rugby	Supports staff recommendation. and applauds thoroughness of report. Alexandria youth rugby-small organized group wants to grow. Having a hard time getting fields. City's efforts are positive and good for both kids and adults. Thanked staff for the opportunity to speak.
16. Mark Dowling	Favors field conversion Coaches his son and daughter and plays himself. Demand for fields going up. Number of fields is down/limited. Need to make better use of what we have. Increase in use by all age groups. Numbers are expected to continue to rise. Field quality-safety issues. Criteria for Matrix -field size is important. Wide fields can be sub-divided - more usability-double capacity. Thanked the Commission for letting him speak.
17. Patrick Malone, President Alexandria ACES-Collegial Baseball Team	He supports field and lighting at Ben Brenman Park. He appreciates what Roger Blakeley and William Chelsey of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities are doing. He is President, Alexandria Aces-Collegial Baseball Team There are only two 90 ft. fields in the City. Wants to enhance Ben Brenman

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	Park. Having artificial rectangular field that is lit would be great. It would take pressure off families to get children into programs. If children are not playing ball they may become idle.
18. Jim Gibson, Chairman of Youth Sports	<u>Supports Recommendation</u> Advocate for Children. Children need activities and to be kept busy. Children need coaches and coaches have other jobs. If it gets dark have to cancel programs. He loves the quality of life in the City of Alexandria. Alexandria is lagging behind in artificial turf field conversions with Fairfax and Arlington Counties. There is a pent up demand for artificial turf fields. (adds another 1/3 of a field) Can't grow more space in Alexandria. Commended city and staff for their work.
19. Esther McDonald Resident of Cameron Station	<u>Opposed to Ben Brenman park synthetic turf field conversion</u>**.** Ms. McDonald is not actively involved in youth sports and feels that representation for those who are not, is limited. In part due to advertising of synthetic fields. Light affects residents at Cameron Station. Understands the needs for sports, however, people who are not into sports need a compromise. Don't add lights or put in an area with less traffic. Expressed concerns regarding putting lights and said increased traffic may not be supportable. Her experience is that there is insufficient parking in the area. Also expressed concerned about possible increase in crime, break-ins and more people in the neighborhood. While she understands the need for fields. They have 6000-7000 residents this should be taken into consideration. Suggested installing lights at T.C. Williams fields and using Hammond field should be considered... She doesn't have an opinion regarding the use of synthetic fields-concerned with lights and traffic. Doesn't feel that this field will help local businesses. Would like to see more study on this. She is opposed to Ben Brenman Park synthetic turf field conversion for reasons stated.
20. Richard Stone	<u>Fully support Ben Brenman field conversion</u> and lights for soccer and baseball field. Had to leave early did not speak-submitted written comments to Chair.
21. Dak Hardwick V.P. of Cameron Station Civic Assoc.	<u>Generally Supports with Condition that Parking be Improved at Ben Brenman</u> He echo's some comments already made. It's interesting that most people speaking are talking about the fields and lights from the point of view within boundary of the field. He would like to talk about the things that occur outside the boundaries of the field. From a Civic Association standpoint he can say that they are generally not opposed to synthetic turf field, lights and the need for those at Ben Brenman. He echo's Ms. McDonald's comments. There is a parking problem at Ben Brenman Park. You can see it when you drive from the road to the parking lot to Brenman Park Drive where it clearly says no cars on the side of the road there is nothing but bare spots because cars park there because there is not enough parking in Ben Brenman Park. What that does is it pushes people onto Somerville and Ben Brenman Drive which are city streets; then what happens is it pushes people into the neighborhood which is private streets. He not sure if the Commission is aware, but the Special Use Permit (SUP) for Cameron Station clearly states that 15% of parking in Cameron Station has to be devoted to visitor parking. The 15% is counted with parking spots allocated to residents. What that means is that all of the visitor parking at Cameron Station can not be used by residents; there is no parking anywhere else in the development for the residents other than assigned spaces and on city streets. Follow-up: it was suggested that diagonal parking be added. Also currently the road that leads from the parking lot to Somerville has no curbing-a curb should be added. ***If you are considering doing synthetic turf and considering lights and doing lights on all the athletic fields at Ben Brenman Park, which they are not generally opposed to, the parking problem at Ben Brenman must be resolved. He hopes the Commission will take these comments into consideration.***

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2009

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 19, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING (ITEM IV-A)
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT

- The winter 2010 recreation program guide is expected to be available to the public during the week of December 7, 2009. The program guide will contain information on the programs for the period of January to March 2010.

- The Youth Football Program is drawing to a close. 288 participants are enrolled in the program. 3 of the 13 teams will compete in championship games on Saturday, November 14, 2009. An awards ceremony for all of the teams is scheduled on Saturday, December 5, at 12:00 p.m. in the Richard Kauffman Auditorium at the Lee Center.

- The Sports Office is currently accepting registration for the Winter Youth Basketball League for boys and girls ages 7 -17. Registration fee is $25 per child and is available to City residents only. The youth basketball league season will begin in early January 2010.

- The Alexandria Soft Playroom at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center was dedicated on Sunday, November 1, 2009. The event featured remarks by the Mayor and others, Soft Playroom Open House, children's activities and refreshments.

- The City-wide Cheerleading Exhibition is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at T.C. Williams High School. The cost of tickets purchased in advance is $5.00 for adults and $2.00 for youth 6-12 years of age. Tickets purchased at the door are $6.00 and $3.00 for adults and youth, respectively.

- The Department has officially launched a comprehensive approach to providing theatre arts within the neighborhood recreation centers with its Alexandria City Community Theatre (ACCT). The mission of ACCT is to expose youth and community members to the theatre arts by way of performance opportunities and participation in on-going quality arts programming in the centers. ACCT is a combination of children's theatre and multilingual theatre, addressing a need in the community for more access to affordable arts programming. "Celebrations Around the Globe" is the first scheduled production of the arts initiative and will be held this December.

- Two Saturday Night Hype parties were held for middle school age students in October. The parties were well attended and attendees had fun and were well behaved.

- Staff have branded the out of school time program for elementary school age kids. "Power On" was the consensus choice of staff. A marketing campaign will be implemented in late winter and the "Power On" brand will be implemented with the 2010 summer out of school time program at the neighborhood recreation centers.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2009

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: **MONTHLY REPORT (ITEM IV-B)**

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1. NOAA Chesapeake Bay Interpretive System:

NOAA has installed "Smart Buoys" in different costal waterways and has created the first National Historic Water Trail on Captain John Smith's exploration of the Chesapeake Bay. The buoys also give real time information on water temperature, wind speed and wave height along with a link to a recording on the voyage of John Smith. You can get more information at www.buoybay.org
(Attachment-NOAA Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System Report-August 2009)

2. Marina Revenue Over a Three Year Period:

The marina has had an increase in the overall revenue due to the decision that was made 1.5 years ago in an attempt to raise revenues during an economically challenging time for the City. The idea was to offer more lease holder space that would ensure a constant stream of revenues for the marina. This would also allow the staff to have a fixed cost for most maintenance issues. The attached chart shows the plan has been successful and has kept the marina revenue at the highest level while providing quality service with less operating funds.
(Attachment - City of Alexandria Marina- 3 Calendar Yr. Analysis-Boat Slip Rentals)

3. Tree Sales to the Community:

The City of Alexandria's 5th Annual Fall Tree Sale was held on Saturday October 3, 2009 The tree sales were first established by the Urban Forestry Steering Committee in the fall 2005, are held twice a year and have sold close to 1,000 trees to City residents for planting on private property. While the Urban Forestry Master Plan may have been the ultimate product of the Urban Forest Steering Committee, I believe that the tree sale has been its most successful outcome to date.

4. Tree Removal on Pommander Walk-behind 624 Lee Street

A letter was sent out to the residents along Lee Street about a large Silver Maple tree that needed to be removed. Recently the law in Virginia changed and additional liability for trees that cause damage puts the owner of the tree at higher risk. Below is a sample of the letter the RPCA Department sent out to the neighborhood.

This is to inform you that a silver maple tree located behind 624 South Lee Street in the Pommander Walk right-of-way has been inspected and designated for removal due to damage that it has caused to the adjacent private property. This action is being taken following a review of the City Attorney in response to concerns raised by the property owner about the disruption of the existing garden wall. Alternatives considered to correct the damage would require the excavation and removal of a significant number of substantial tree roots. The loss of the roots would result in the tree becoming unstable, creating an imminent hazard to both the public and private property.

The tree will be removed within two weeks of posting. If you have any questions regarding this action please contact my office at (703) 746-5499 or by email at cityarborist@alexandriava.gov.

Sincerely yours,

To date the Department has received a number of objections from the community.
(Attachment-Letter dated October 29, 2009 from Jamie L. McCullough & James R. Tomkins)

5. Linear Park Mowing:

The Cameron Station Community Association has agreed to provide the maintenance for the Linear Park along the back side of the homes connecting Ben Brenman Park with Booth Park again for the 2010 mowing season. This is another example where the public has stepped up to improve the level of service during tough economic times.
(Attachment: Letter dated 10/26/09 from Airielle Hansford)

6. Soft Play Room Opens at Chinquapin:

On Saturday October 31, 2009 the public got to participate in the new Soft Play Room Dedication for pre-school ages. This is the first soft play room project in the City. Judy Lo was the project manager over construction and did a fantastic job bringing about the transformation of an old racquetball court to a place where small children can experience exciting play at their developing skill level. We have another very good improvement for the community.

7. <u>Adams Ball Field Reconstruction moves its way through the City approval process</u>:

The Adams field reconstruction project is a joint partnership between the Little League Baseball program, APCS and RPCA. The Little League Baseball has raised $20,000 for the improvements and APCS will contribute $10,000 for the fencing to keep people from parking on the outfield. This project was an outgrowth from the Stephenson field project where the amount of money needed to improve the drainage and field problems were too expensive to continue to rely on the field for game and practice schedules. In order to continue to meet the demands of the youth sports and physical education programs the Adams field reconstruction project was agreed on to house the activities that were currently being provided at Stephenson. The project should start this month and continue through the winter until spring when we should see the first league games on the field.

8. <u>Commonwealth Median Hydro-seed project is complete</u>.

On November 1, 2009, the Commonwealth median project finished with the hydro-seeding of the medians. It has taken a year to develop and improve. It started with tree pruning and planting on Arbor Day, top soil replacement and is now finishing with the hydro-seeding of the medians. This was a pilot project to improve the look of the medians. The community has been very involved in the project and was very thankful that RPCA was able to provide this improvement. This year in the proposed C.I.P. we are looking to do different kinds of improvements to help reduce maintenance and at the same time beatifying the right-of-ways. This includes replanting with native grasses, creating butterfly habitat, meadows and providing stamped concrete and bricks in small areas.

9. <u>Dora Kelly Park Fall Clean-Up</u>

On October 31, 2009, the Friends of Dora Kelly Park volunteers cleaned up the park. 28 people participated in the event. It is important to the park to have such a good group of volunteers donate their time to build a better quality of life for everyone. One of our Park Commissioners, Dave Dexter coordinated the event.

ATTACHMENTS

The NOAA Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System

August 2009

A little bit about us

Annapolis, MD

Oxford, MD

Gloucester Point, VA

Norfolk, VA

MISSION

Focusing NOAA's capabilities in science, service, and stewardship to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay.

A little bit about us

Ecosystem Science

- Fisheries Science
- Marine Debris
- Coastal Observations
- Habitat Maps
- Ecosystem Models

Coastal & Living Resource Mgmt

- Coastal Management
- Blue Crab & Oyster Policy

- Fisheries Management
- Habitat Restoration

Environmental Literacy

- Hands-on Student Learning
- Teacher Training
- Education Resources
- Community Education
- Outreach
- Communications

Impetus for Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System

CBIBS was intended to support the needs of . . .

mariners/recreational boaters

scientists

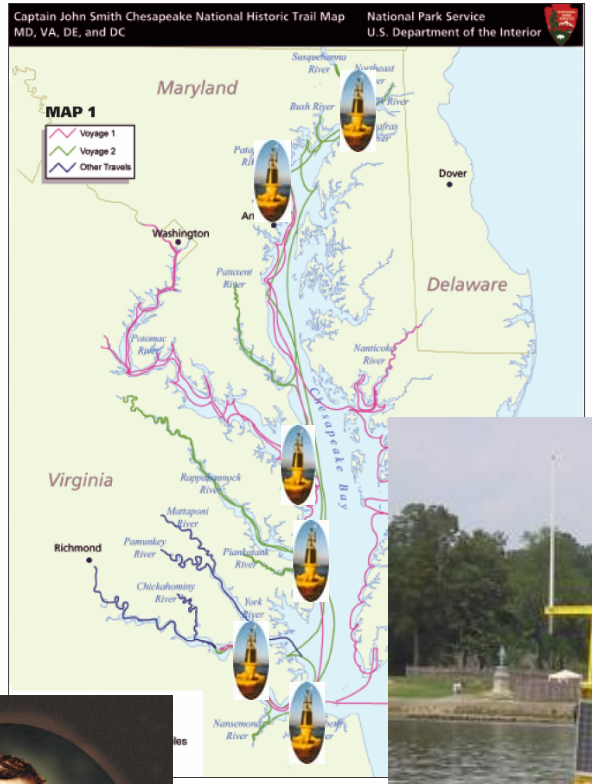
resource managers

John Smith Trail users

Students and Teachers

Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System

"Smart Buoys" Connect People to Their Local Coastal Environment.



Real-time buoys designed with input from:

- Mariners/recreational boaters
- Scientists/decisionmakers
- Educators

Buoys highlight points along the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

CBIBS: The System

Presently six buoys in the Chesapeake Bay

Jamestown	J	37.2044 N	76.7774 W	13	5/07
Point Lookout	PL	38.0330 N	76.3356 W	13	7/07
Patapsco	SN	39.1519 N	76.3913 W	7	8/07
Stingray Point	SR	37.5674 N	76.2572 W	7	7/08
Susquehanna	S	36.8460 N	76.3025 W	12	9/08
Nauticus	N	39.5444 N	76.0766 W	3	9/08

Buoys provide Real Time Data for You

Safe Boating Info

Environmental Info

Weather (wind speed & direction, air temp, barometric pressure, relative humidity)

Wave Height, Currents & GPS (latitude/longitude)

Water Quality– water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, Chlorophyll A, Turbidity, pH

Experimenting With

- Water Level
- Nutrient Sensors

Real-time Data Available via Web and Phone

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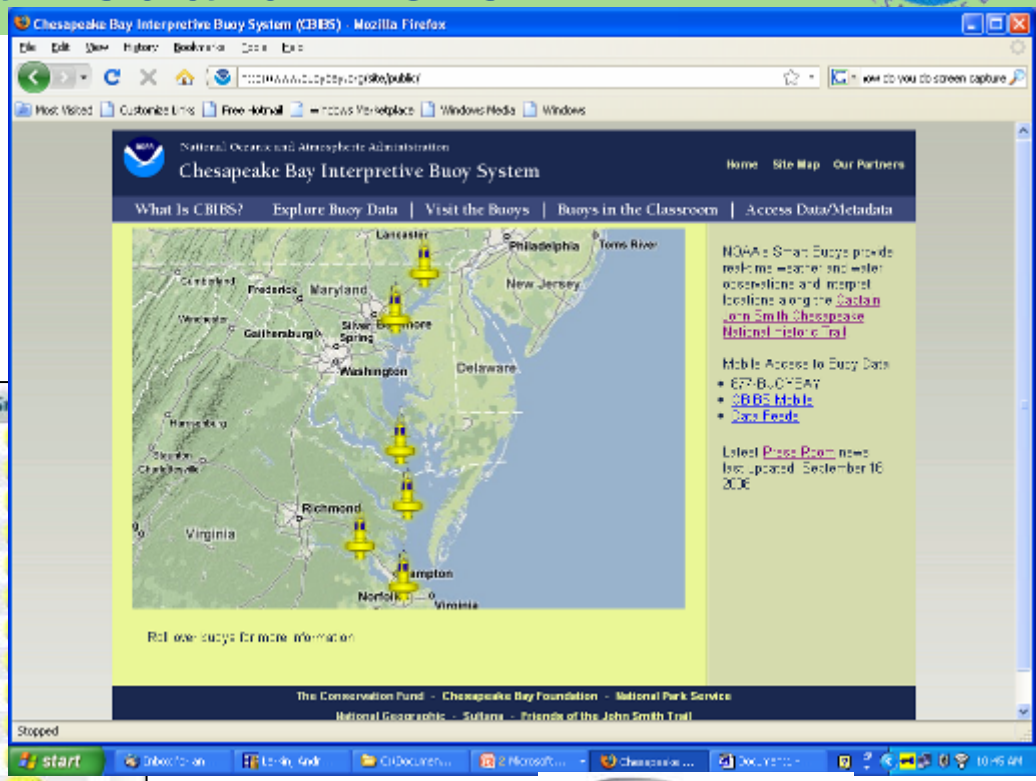


Parameter	Value	Unit	Time (EST)	Quick G
Buoy Offline				1 7
Barometric Pressure	30.04	inches	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Air Temperature	70	F	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Chlorophyll A	2.2	ug/L	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Dissolved Oxygen	5.0	mg/L	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Current Direction	189	degrees	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Current Velocity	0.49	knots	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Latitude	38.0329	degrees	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Longitude	-76.3354	degrees	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Relative Humidity	67	percent	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Maximum Wave Height	1.0	ft	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7
Mean Wave Direction	87	degrees	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Significant Wave Height	0.7	ft	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Significant Wave Period	2.1	s	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Water Conductivity	2.72	S/m	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Water Salinity	16.6	PSU	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Water Temperature	77	F	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Turbidity	18	NTU	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Wave Direction Spread	45	degrees	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Wind Direction	28	degrees	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Wind Speed	17	knots	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Wind Gust	20	knots	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Barometric Pressure	30.08	inches	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30
Air Temperature	70	F	2008-09-16 08:00	1 7 30

What criteria for a buoy location?

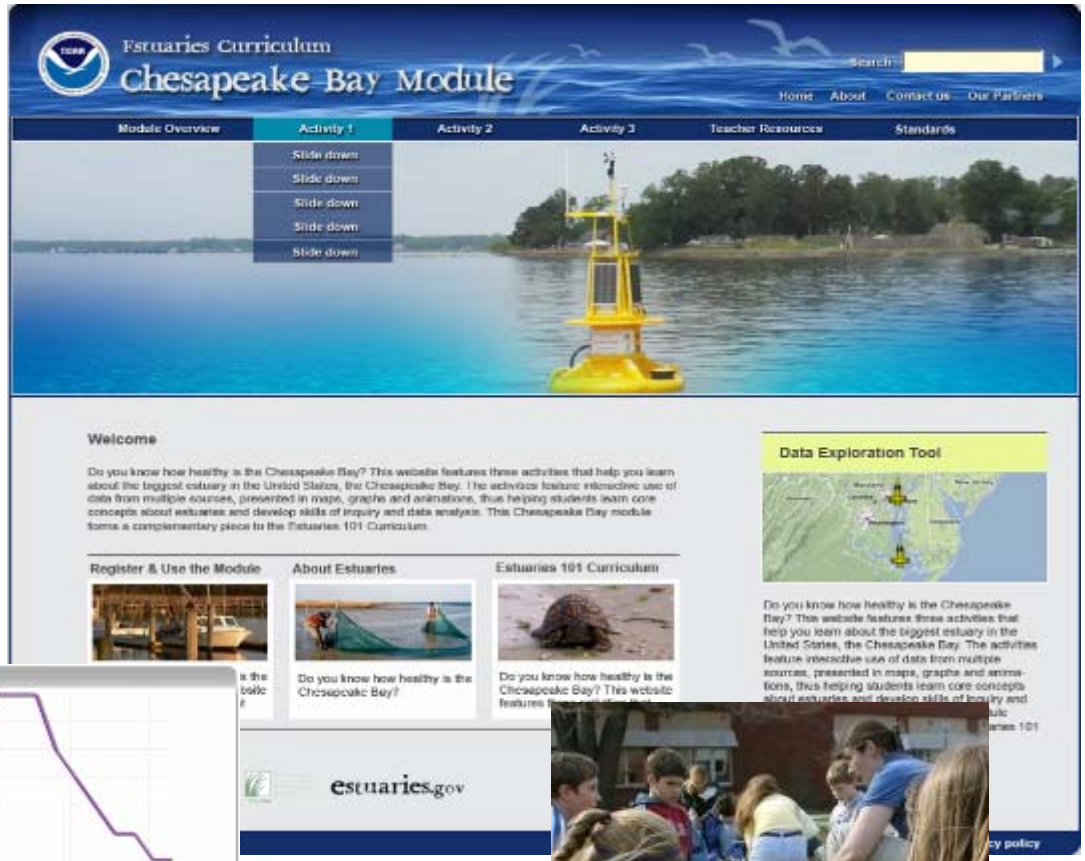
- Historical link to the John Smith Trail
- Sufficient Depth: 18+ feet of water
- Cell phone coverage
- Target audience--Who will use the data?
- How will the audience use the data?
- Little interference with shipping lanes/fishing grounds

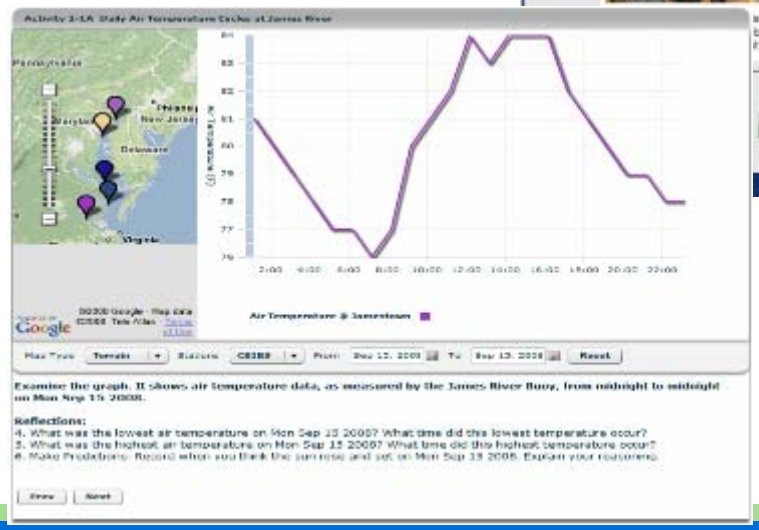
Leveraging Partnerships for Expanded Outreach

- National Geographic Society
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- The Conservation Fund/Friends of the John Smith Trail
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Dominion Power
- Nauticus Museum
- CBOS
- National Park Service
- Coast Guard/Coast Guard Aux.

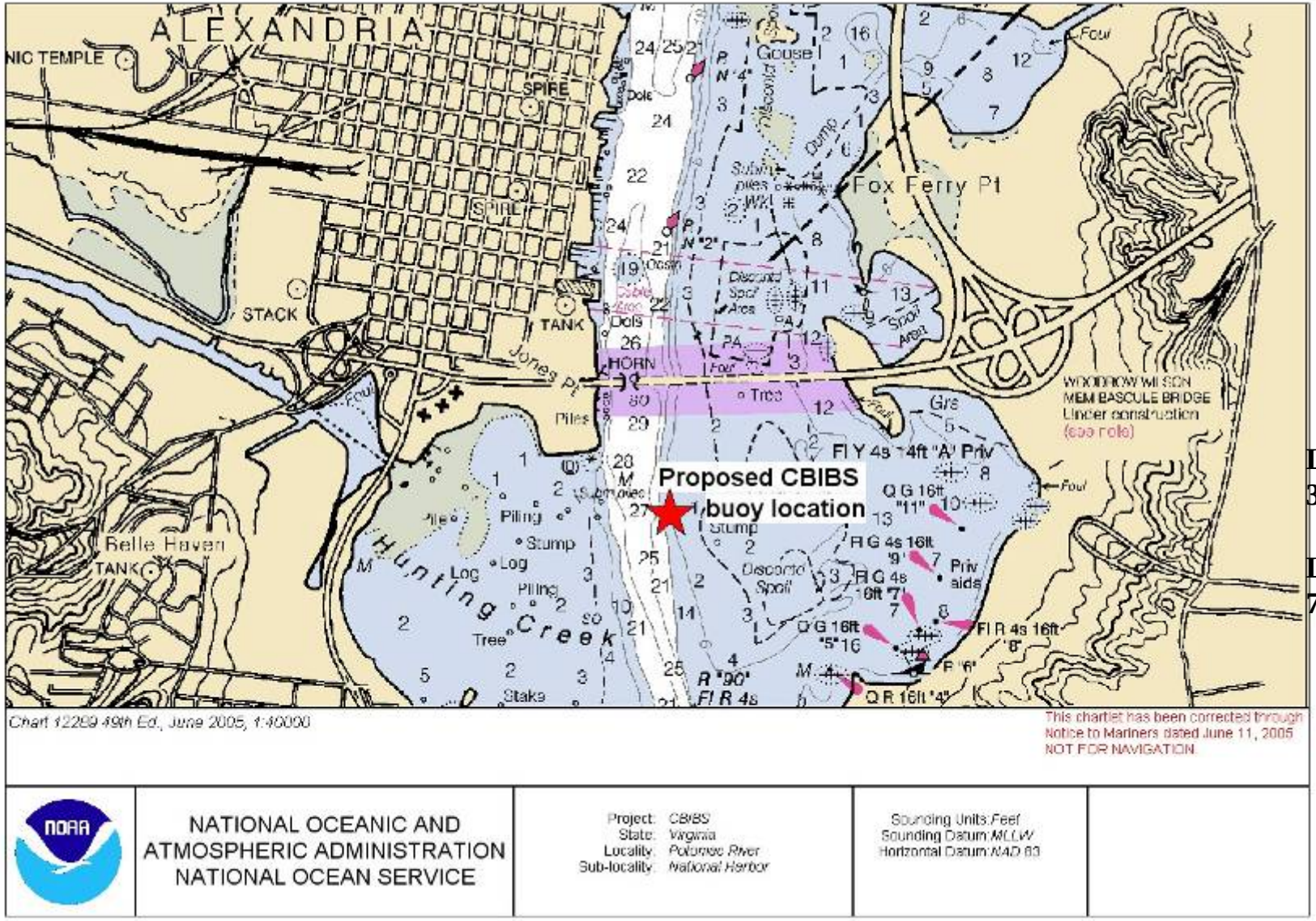
CBIBS Education

- Hope to launch Chesapeake Exploration Curriculum in 2009-10
- Build-A-Buoy program a hit—dozens of schools groups have been engaged.





Proposed Northern Potomac Buoy Location



Lat
38 47.256 N

Long.
77 02.133 W

Future Plans

- Hope to enlist the USCG A in an "Eyes on the Buoy" Program
- New buoys are coming to Annapolis, MD and the Upper Potomac River in Fall 2009!
- Revamp the CBIBS website and 1-877-BuoyBay to make more user friendly
- Make better use of new media
- Better evaluate our outreach work

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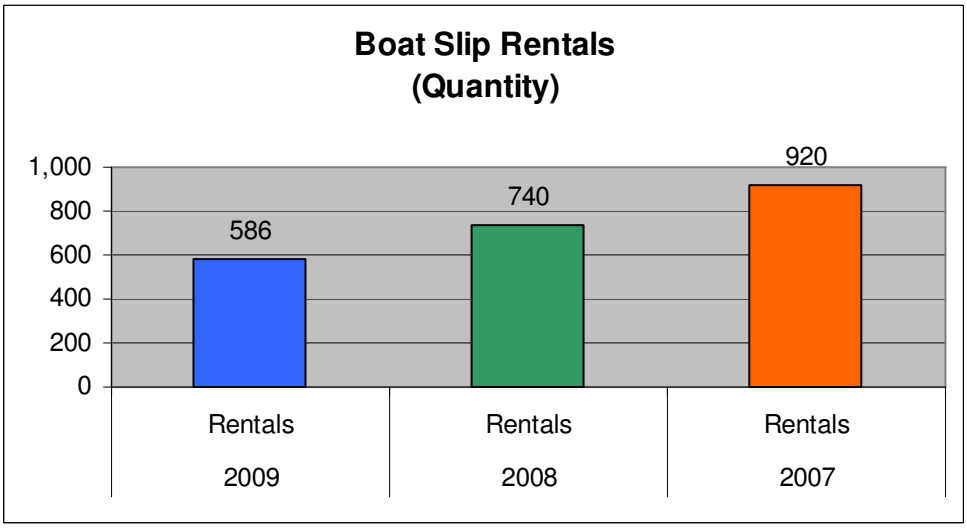
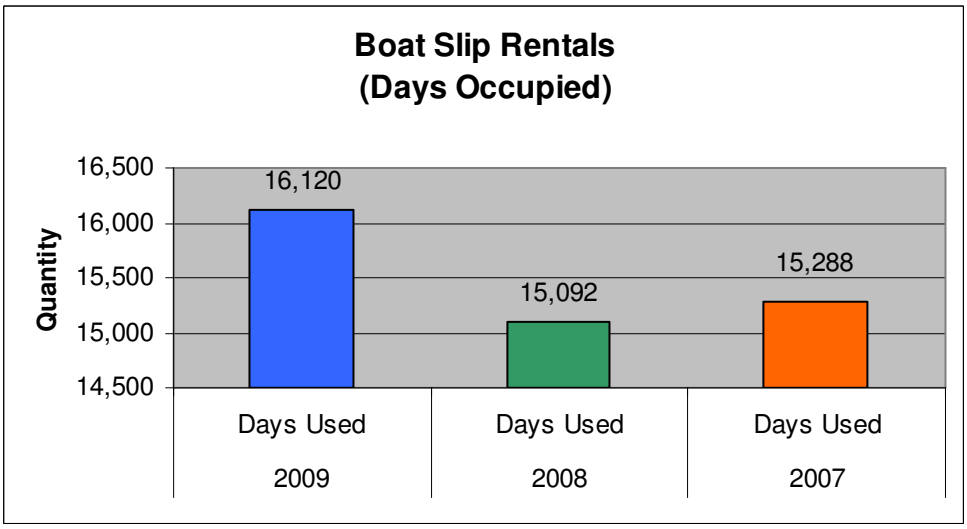
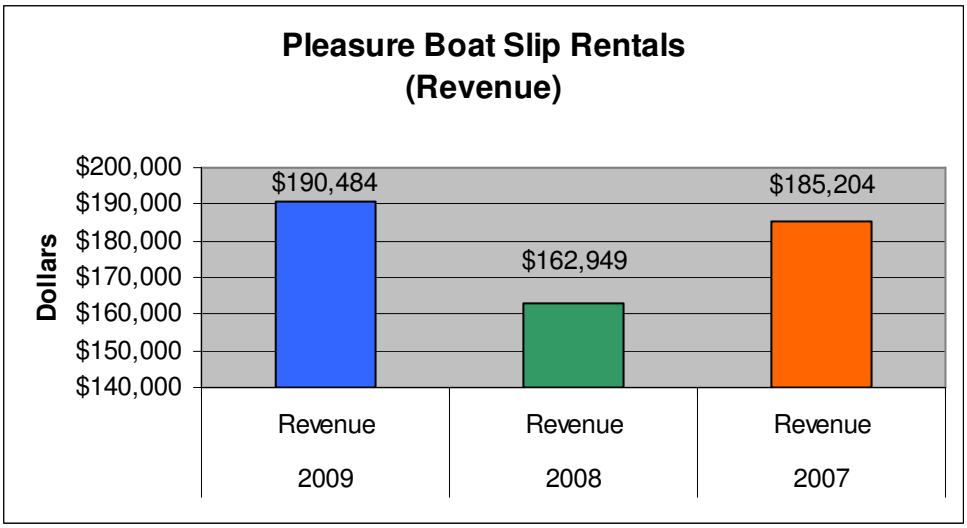
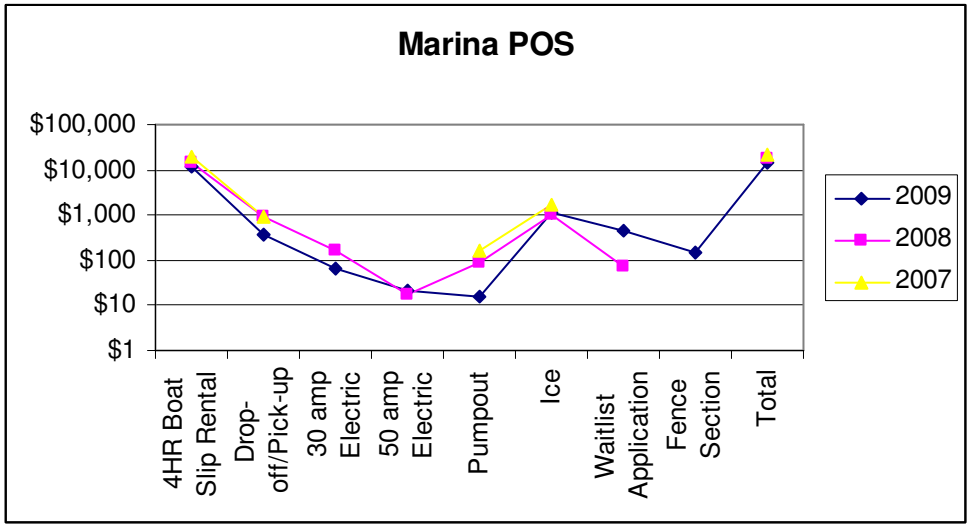
3 Calendar Year Analysis









	2009	2008	2007
4HR Boat Slip Rental	$12,342	$15,020	$18,782
Drop-off/Pick-up	$355	$945	$877
30 amp Electric	$64	$168	0
50 amp Electric	$21	$18	0
Pumpout	$15	$90	$165
Ice	$1,078	$1,032	$1,700
Waitlist Application	$435	$75	$0
Fence Section Rental	$150	0	0
Total	$14,460	$17,348	$21,524

Notes:

1. Leasholder Stats
   - 2009: 44 Pleasure Boat Slip Leaseholders
   - 2008: 36 Pleasure Boat Slip Leaseholders
   - 2007: 37 Pleasure Boat Slip Leaseholders (5 paid leaseholders never brought boats into marina this was first full season with rebuild of A/B pier).
   - As the number of leaseholders increase the predictable and steady revenue stream increases; conversely, the quantity of overnight boat slip rentals and 4 hour boat slip rentals decreases because there are fewer docking accommodations available.

2. Anomalies
   - 2009 Four (4) boat slips on the E/F pier were taken out of service at the end of April due to broken pilings this resulted in a loss of $12,000 in lease slip holder revenue ($3,000 per slip).
   - In May the C/D T-Head was closed to pleasure boat overnight docking due to an agreement with the Potomac Riverboat Company to maintain unabated access to the pumpout this resulted in approximately $3,000 lost revenue.

3. Commercial Boat Slip Lease Revenue
   - Commercial boat slip lease revenue is not included in above charts; this revenue is approximately $100,000 annually.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS
AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

James B. Spengler
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October 26, 2009

Ms. Airielle Hansford, CMCA, AMS
Community Manager
Cameron Station Community Association, Inc.
200 Cameron Station Boulevard
Alexandria, VA 22304

Dear Ms. Hansford:

Subject: Proposal to Assume the Turf Maintenance at the Linear Park

Thank you for your generous offer on behalf of the Cameron Station Community Association to continue to provide turf maintenance in the Linear Park during the 2010 growing season. We are pleased to receive and accept this offer, and appreciate the willingness of the residents of Cameron Station to once again step forward to assist the Department and the City by providing this service at a level above what we could provide given the resources that will be required and are currently available.

In addition to mowing, you have offered to aerate and over-seed the turf as needed. We appreciate and accept this as part of the proposal; however, must remind you that fertilizer and pesticides may not be applied in this area due to its proximity to Backlick Run.

Thank you again for this most generous donation of service and assistance from the Cameron Station Community Association to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the City of Alexandria. The Park Manager, Walter Powell will continue to be the main contact for the park. Please contact Walter Powell by telephone at (703) 930-0755, or by email at walter.powell@alexandriava.gov.

Sincerely yours,

John Noelle
City Arborist

cc. Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
James Spengler, Director, RPCA
Roger Blakeley, Deputy Director, RPCA
Walter Powell, Park Manager

Jamie L. McCullough
James R. Tomkins
625 Pommander Walk
Alexandria, Virginia
22314

October 29, 2009

Mr. James B. Spengler
Director
Department of Recreation and Parks and Cultural Activities
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3999

Subject: Tree Removal on Pommander Walk behind 624 South Lee Street

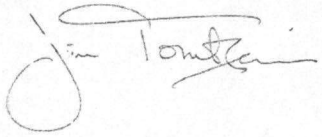
Dear Mr. Spengler:

We are in receipt of the letter dated October 16, 2009 sent by Mr. Noelle regarding the proposed damage being caused by the Silver Maple located behind the above property and the subsequent decision to remove the tree.

By writing this letter I am requesting that we be sent the report/information that outlines the damage that is being caused by the Silver Maple to the property at 624 South Lee Street. In addition, we are also requesting any reports that have been produced by the City Attorney regarding this matter as stated in Mr. Noelle's letter.

We also respectfully request that no action be taken on the tree removal until we have had a chance to review the information stated in Mr. Noelle's letter and are given a chance to respond appropriately.

Sincerely



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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2009

TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: BETHANY A. CARTON, ALSA
PARK PLANNER, PARK PLANNING

LAURA D. DURHAM
CITY OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR, PARK PLANNING

RON M. KAGAWA, ASLA LEED AP
ACTING DIVISION CHIEF, PARK PLANNING

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ATHLETIC FIELD AT BEN BRENMAN PARK (ITEM V)**

General Update-Design/Engineering Consultant:

- Based on guidance provided at the October 15 Park & Recreation Commission meeting, staff have solicited a scope of work using the City's Engineer of Record Contract. The targeted consultant has significant experience with similar athletic facilities throughout the mid-Atlantic and is in excellent professional standing with the City.

Scope of Work Generally Includes:

- Amendment of site survey information using existing data.
- Geotechnical investigation/analysis/recommendations.
- Site design and engineering including utilities dedicated to replacement of the natural grass field with a synthetic infill turf system field.
- Electrical engineering for athletic field lights and supporting site electrical system as related to replacement of the existing rectangular field and provision of lights at the existing diamond field southeast of the park office/restroom building.

Design/Engineering Approval Process:

- As a field replacement, the consultant will prepare engineering documents that will be administratively processed as a Grading/Plot Plan. The documents will include environmental considerations for stormwater quality and quantity. Grading/Plot Plans do not require approval by Planning Commission or City Council.
- The athletic field lights require a Special Use Permit which necessitates approval by Planning Commission and City Council. The consultant will provide information to support application for the Special Use Permit, which will be developed/processed by RPCA staff in coordination with other City departments.

Anticipated Schedule:

- Staff anticipate having the design/engineering consultant on-board and ready to commence work immediately in mid-December, 2009. 90 days lead time is required for application for the Special Use Permit, therefore staff are scheduling application in January/February in anticipation of a April/May hearing schedule with Planning Commission and City Council.
- In coordination with work at Ben Brenman Park, a work session with City Council regarding athletic field priorities is currently scheduled for January.
- The Commission will be updated on any public meetings (such as for the Special Use Permit for lights) and other design related issues as the project continues to evolve. Commencement of construction for the replacement field and athletic field lights is anticipated in Summer, 2010.

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2009

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 19, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING – ITEM VI
UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC ART FUNDING POLICY

In the late spring, Council charged staff with coming up with a policy that would provide for a funding mechanism for public art. At the beginning of the summer, an interagency staff work group was pulled together: Mark Jinks, Rich Baier, Roger Blakeley, Laura Durham, Jeff Farner, Maya Contreras and Alisa Carrel. The group has been meeting every two weeks.

The purpose of this group is to recommend funding mechanisms for public art through private and public development to City Council by December of 2009. The work group will recommend a definition of public art, calculation formula for contributions, guidelines, and procedures for the collection and use of the funds.

The group first looked at the policies of other jurisdictions in the area and across the country, specifically: Arlington, Rockville, Reston, Montgomery County, Fairfax, Prince George's, DC, Charlottesville, Philadelphia, Charleston, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco and Portland. We found that the policies of Arlington, Rockville, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle were the most useful. In order to develop a discussion draft, the group took the best practices of each and adapted it to meet the needs of Alexandria. This resulted in a draft policy that includes definitions of public art, artwork and artist; calculation formulas for public and private development contributions, procedures for the collection and allocation of the funds.

The next steps were to create and convene an ad-hoc advisory group to review the draft policy and make recommendations to staff and the Arts Commission. At their September meeting, the Arts Commission approved the creation of an ad-hoc advisory group, a sub-committee of the Public Art Committee, to review the draft policy and make recommendations to staff and the Arts Commission. The individuals on the committee represent the Arts Commission, Public Art Committee, development community, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Civic Associations, and businesses from the West End, Del Ray and Old Town. Three meetings have been held to date. Once this group has refined the draft policy, more specific information will be presented at a future meeting.

In addition to the Park and Recreation Commission, updates are scheduled to will be given to: Public Art Committee, Arts Commission, Planning Commission and the Alexandria Arts Forum. It is also anticipated that updates will be given to the Federation of Civic Associations and the Northern Virginia Business Industry Association. On December 8, a Work Session with City Council is scheduled. It is our hope that the policy will be voted on early in the new year.

This policy is the precursor to the Public Art Master Plan which will begin as soon as we identify the funds. A Public Art Master Plan is heavily community-based and usually takes between 18 and 24 months to complete. A funding policy is needed before the completion of the plan in two to three years. Once completed, the Public Art Master Plan may change this policy but this gives us an opportunity to test it first.

When this funding policy is approved, its implementation will require a collaborative effort among the many agencies of the City as well as the appropriate Commissions.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

TO: **PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

FROM: **JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR**
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: **DIRECTOR'S TIME UPDATE (ITEM VII)**

A. FY 2011 Budget Process:

The Alexandria City Council held their annual City Council Budget Retreat on Saturday, November 7, at the T&ES and Recreation Maintenance Operations Facilities. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the City's economic outlook, and priorities for the FY 2011 budget.

Main points from this discussion include:

- OMB projects a mid-range shortfall of revenues versus expenditures of $43.42 million for FY2011.
- General Fund expenditures are estimated at $552.8 million versus a revenue projection of $509.4 million.
- Based on changes in residential appraisals tax revenue will drop by $24,052,108.
- City staffing has decreased 222 positions since three years ago.
- It is likely that all of the budget reductions by RPCA will be taken during the budget process.

B. FY2011 CIP:

The proposed ten-year CIP for recreation and parks is shown on the next page.

C. Waterfront Fishing:

The RPCA Director was contacted by a resident concerned about a no fishing sign posted on the floating gazebo at Harborside near Windmill Hill Park. In researching the situation it was found that City Marina regulations prohibit fishing as an activity. The City Marina is defined as that public property along the waterfront from Prince Street to Oronoco Street including all pubic docks. There are no regulations for property outside that boundary prohibiting fishing. City Ordinance gives the power to prohibit activities in public parks to the City Manager.

Subsection / Project	Unallocated Balance	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	*FY 2017*	*FY 2018*	*FY 2019*	*FY 2020*	Total FY2011-FY2020
Renovated or Expanded Rec Facilities												
Chinquapin Recreation Center	0	0	850,000	10,000,000	9,300,000	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$20,150,000
Patrick Henry Recreation Center	0	0	0	0	600,000	3,500,000	2,000,000	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$6,100,000
Spray Areas	0	0	0	0	740,000	740,000	1,000,000	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$2,480,000
Community Running Track	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*100,000*	$100,000
Windmill Hill Park Bulkhead	784,953	0	0	500,000	5,000,000	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$5,500,000
Cameron Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*10,000*	$10,000
Recreation Facilities Maintenance												
Park Facilities Renovations (CFMP)	$0	$250,000	$312,500	$312,500	$312,500	$312,500	$312,500	*$312,500*	*$312,500*	*$312,500*	*$312,500*	$3,062,500
Recreation Center CFMP	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	*$500,000*	*$500,000*	*$500,000*	*$500,000*	$5,000,000
Public Pools	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	*52,000*	*52,000*	*52,000*	*52,000*	$520,000
City Marina Maintenance	0	52,000	52,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	*90,000*	*90,000*	*90,000*	*90,000*	$824,000
Ball Court Renovations	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	*150,000*	*150,000*	*150,000*	*150,000*	$1,500,000
Bike Trails (CMP)	0	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	*60,000*	*60,000*	*60,000*	*60,000*	$600,000
Ft Ward Park	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$0
Irrigation Projects	229,250	0	128,000	128,000	128,000	128,000	128,000	*128,000*	*128,000*	*128,000*	*128,000*	$1,152,000
Playground Renovations	0	193,346	500,000	600,000	650,000	700,000	750,000	*500,000*	*550,000*	*600,000*	*650,000*	$5,693,346
Tree & Shrub Capital Maintenance	60,250	226,000	226,000	226,000	226,000	226,000	326,000	*326,000*	*326,000*	*326,000*	*326,000*	$2,760,000
ADA Requirements	$54,000	$29,000	$29,000	$29,000	$29,000	$29,000	$29,000	*$29,000*	*$29,000*	*$29,000*	*$29,000*	$290,000
Public Art Conservation Program	$0	$110,000	$200,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	*$300,000*	*$300,000*	*$300,000*	*$300,000*	$2,710,000
Park Improvements												
Warwick Pool	0	0	3,300,000	0	0	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$3,300,000
Athletic Field Improvements	1,425,500	0	1,700,000	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	500,000	*500,000*	*500,000*	*500,000*	*500,000*	$11,200,000
Athletic Field Restrooms	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$450,000
Miracle Field	0	0	0	0	570,000	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$570,000
Medians	0	400,000	400,000	0	0	0	0	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	$800,000
Skate Park		$0	$0	$0	$50,000	$50,000	$0	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*	$100,000
Open Space Acquisition & Development												
Open Space Acquisition & Development	$9,731,061	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*	$0
Total Expenditure Requests	**$12,345,014**	**$2,022,346**	**$8,459,500**	**$14,947,500**	**$21,407,500**	**$9,487,500**	**$6,347,500**	**$2,947,500**	**$2,997,500**	**$3,047,500**	**$3,207,500**	**$74,871,846**
Less Total Revenues	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Subtotal Requests	**$12,345,014**	**$2,022,346**	**$8,459,500**	**$14,947,500**	**$21,407,500**	**$9,487,500**	**$6,347,500**	**$2,947,500**	**$2,997,500**	**$3,047,500**	**$3,207,500**	**$74,871,846**

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2009

TO: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDY LO, ASLA, RLA, PARK PLANNER
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: FY2010 PLAYGROUND RENOVATION UPDATE & FUTURE PLAYGROUND RENOVATION SCHEDULE (ITEM-VIII)

FY2010 Playground Renovation Update

Since the October Park and Recreation Commission meeting, initial public outreach, preliminary concept design, and preliminary cost estimates have been completed for each playground. Public Outreach will conclude by mid-December in order to begin the procurement (bidding) process for construction.

- **Buchanan Park (District 1):** Members of the Upper King Street Association were informed of the renovation at their October 19 meeting. A community meeting was held on November 9 to present draft renovation plans. A two week comment period will end on November 23. The plans are available on the Recreation Website; Park Planning section; Playground Renovation link.

- **Tarleton Park (District 3):** Members of the Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association were informed about the renovation at their October 21 meeting. A survey by the Civic Association was distributed and results are being compiled. Park Operations have also collected data on the playground's usage. A concept plan will be provided to the Civic Association for use at their December 16 meeting. Draft plans will also be posted at the park and on the Recreation website.

- **Stevenson Park (District 3):** A draft plan is being finalized. Public participation in this neighborhood is anticipated to be low. The draft plans will be posted at the playground and on the Recreation website no later than December 1.

- **James Mulligan Park (District 3):** A draft plan is being finalized. Public participation in this neighborhood is anticipated to be low. The draft plans will be posted at the playground and on the Recreation website, no later than December 1.

Playground Renovation Schedule

As a follow up to last month's question about districts and priority, the following CIP table lists renovations by fiscal year and priority, and identifies the Planning District of each playground. The current estimated age of the play equipment is also provided. This schedule is subject to change.

Playground Renovation Schedule; FY2010-FY2020; (Subject to Change)

ID	FY	Park Name	Priority	Current Est. Age-Years
3	2010	Stevenson Park	High	15<>20
1	2010	Buchanan/Durant Center	High	10<>15
3	2010	Tarleton Park	High	>20
3	2010	James Mulligan Park	High	15<>20
3	2011	Armistead L. Boothe Park	High	10<>15
2	2012	Mount Jefferson Park/Greenway	High	10<>15
2	2012	Hooff's Run Park and Greenway	High	10<>15
3	2013	Ewald Park	High	10<>15
2	2013	Hume Springs Park	Medium	10<>15
2	2014	Beverley Park	Medium	10<>15
2	2014	Lynhaven Park	Medium	10<>15
2	2015	Charles Barrett Recreation	Medium	10<>15
1	2015	Sunset Park	Medium	10<>15
2	2015	Chinquapin Park	Medium	10<>15
2	2016	Simpson Park	Medium	10<>15
2	2016	Four Mile Run Park	Medium	10<>15
1	2017	Windmill Hill Park	Medium	10<>15
1	2018	Montgomery Park	Low	10<>15
1	2018	Armory Tot Lot	Low	10<>15
3	2019	Brookvalley/Holmes Run	Low	10<>15
3	2019	Holmes Run Park	Low	10<>15
2	2020	Woodbine Park	Low	10<>15
1	2020	Chetworth Park	Low	5<>10
3	2020	Holmes Run/S. Jordan St.	Low	5<>10
2		Angel Park	Low	5<>10
2		Beach Park	Low	<5
2		Mason Avenue Park	Low	<5
1		Powhatan Park	Low	<5
1		Nannie J. Lee Recreation	None	<5
3		Ben Brenman Park	None	<5
2		Goat Hill Park	None	<5
1		Hunter Miller Park	None	<5
3		Fort Ward Park	None	<5
1		Charles Houston Recreation	None	<5
2		1 & 7 E. Del Ray Park*	None	<5
2		Landover Park	None	<5

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