Patrick Henry Recreation Center Feasibility Study

June 4, 2015

Community Meeting on Programming Options
We support the well-being of Alexandria’s residents by ensuring access to a variety of quality recreation, park and cultural experiences.

RPCA Mission Statement
The existing Patrick Henry Recreation Center is a 9,400 SF wing on the north side of the Patrick Henry Elementary School Building.
The City built a recreation center addition to the school in 1973, providing a small gymnasium for shared use with the school.

2006-2008 the City identified concerns about the center and studied the need for renovation.

In 2008 the community identified needs that included a larger gymnasium, daytime community use of the recreation center, senior programming, a fitness center, multipurpose room(s), and a walking/running track at Patrick Henry.

The study recommended to double the size of the existing center as well as to add a new gymnasium in the future.
A growing population and aging school facility led to ACPS identifying a need for a new or expanded school.

The City opted to undertake the school and recreation center project together.

Joint feasibility study and related community engagement initiated in 2014.

RPCA conducted Neighborhood Needs Assessment to determine recreational needs for a new center in July 2014.
86% respondents do not use the current Patrick Henry Recreation Center, showing the existing program and facility should not simply be replicated if we are seeking greater use.
Joint feasibility study tested a recreation center option that would meet most of the community identified needs

ACPS determined need for a new K-8 school that will include a new full size gymnasium and the study provided various options
Developing a Recommendation for a New Patrick Henry Recreation Center

Ongoing community feedback on recreation center programming options to guide recommended facility needs:

* Community meetings June 4 and 6
* Online programming options survey June 2-15
* Park and Recreation Commission public hearing June 18
Patrick Henry Recreation Center Programming Options

* **School Centered Scenario:** Focuses on before and after school care and programs for the students and their families enrolled at Patrick Henry preK-8 school.

* **Neighborhood Recreation Center Scenario:** This model has a market focus of the 1-mile radius surrounding the site, in addition to the Patrick Henry students and families.

* **Community Recreation Facility Scenario:** This model includes programs that attract users from the entire City.
School Centered Scenario

Types of Programming Available:

• School Year Power-On: Ages 6 – 12
• Summer Power-On: Ages 6 – 12
• Summer Before Care: Ages 6 – 14
• Youth Basketball League
• Meeting Room
School Centered Scenario
Neighborhood Recreation Scenario

Types of Programming Available:

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- Youth Basketball League
- Meeting Room
- Soccer: Ages 3 – 5
- Parent & Child Soccer: Ages 2 – 3
- Youth Flag Football League
- Specialized camps, including nature, “build it,” art, theatre
- Drop-in fitness room
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Aerobic Dancing
- Senior club programs
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- Specialized camps, including Various fitness programs, including: Zumba, Boxercise Fitness, BeFit, High Intensity Interval Training, Functional Fitness for Older Adults, Yoga & Pilates, Cardio N Tone, Youth and adult fencing, Pickleball, Adult Volleyball, Racquetball, Youth & Adult dance
- Youth & adult computer programs
- Preschool age programs including: Soft Play Story Time, Soft Time Players, Music Together, tumbling, art, lil gymnies
- Specialized camps, including, computer, chess, bike, sports, nature, “build it,” art, theatre
- Drop-in fitness center
- Indoor sports
  - Soccer/ Futsal
  - Lacrosse
  - Football
  - Rugby
  - Track/walking path
- Gymnastics
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Aerobic Dancing
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Community Recreation Facility
Scenario
All of the scenarios would include the following outdoor recreation elements:

* Playground for younger (non-school aged children)
* Multi-use field(s)
* Walking paths
* Maintaining the wooded/natural area
Your Feedback

* Based on the potential offerings provided under each programming scenario, please rank the scenarios from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred).

* For each option, indicate if you would use the recreation center if it provided the program types listed. If yes, how often.

* Provide any additional comments you have related to your needs for a new Patrick Henry Recreation Center.
Next Steps

- Refine site concept diagrams and cost estimates based on preferred programming options
- Develop staff recommendation
- Park and Recreation Commission public hearing on staff recommendation - June 18
- City Council meeting on staff recommendation - June 23