

Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Wednesday, August 22, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Jerome Buddie Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Avenue, Alexandria

The Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group, supported by staff, led the second Advisory Group Meeting. The City Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group webpage contains a copy of the following from the meeting: 1) Meeting Video; 2) Agenda; 3) Meeting Handout(s), and 4) Staff PowerPoint presentation. It can be located in the Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group section at: <http://alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan>

Meeting Agenda:

- Approval of July 16, 2012 Meeting Summary
- Update – AHAC Review of Beauregard Tenant Survey
- Summary and discussion on observations from Open Space Tour on August 15
- Evaluation and Prioritization of the Open Space Sites
- Public Comment
- Next Steps

There were approximately 20 attendees at the public meeting, including the Advisory Group Members (roster below). David Baker, the AG Chair and City staff guided the meeting presentation and question & answer segments. A more detailed attendance form is available in the Planning and Zoning Department.

City staff included the following: P&Z Department (Jeff Farner, Faroll Hamer, Zunilda Rodriguez and Maya Contreras); Office of the City Manager (Mark Jenks); T&ES Department (Steve Sindiong); RP&CA (Laura Durham); and Office of Housing (Helen McIlvaine).

Discussion of the Open Space Tour with Evaluation of

See land use presentation slides for more details. A copy of the meeting presentation was posted on the Beauregard Small Area Plan webpage on the Beauregard Rezoning Advisory subpage here: www.alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan

The Advisory Group and community members provided comments on the three possible sites – Town Center, Polk/Pelham and Seminary/Echolls. Topics of discussion included functionality of the sites, timing of when sites would become available, physical characteristics, costs, connectivity of open space, the importance of placemaking, and accessibility of the site as a resource to the greater community.

During the Open Comment period of the meeting, the community raised additional questions including site security, the needs and desires of particular neighborhoods, density of the adjacent neighborhoods, and the importance of ecological considerations in the development of any of the sites.

The Advisory Group agreed that the group would use the open space criteria approved by the City Council for open space acquisition and complete an exercise to help evaluate the three properties prior to the next meeting.

Schedule - Next Steps:

- Next meeting will be October 1, 2012.
- Staff to send electronic copies of the scoring matrices to the AG members, to be completed and returned to staff by Friday, September 7, 2012.
- Staff will research the three sites identified by the group and talk with the property owners before the next meeting.
- Copies of the presentation, the agenda, and video of the meeting to be posted on the Beauregard Small Area Plan website for public download at www.alexandriava.gov/BeauregardPlan

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group

David Baker, Chair, At-Large Representative

Stephen Beggs, Parks and Recreation Commission Representative (absent)

Don Buch, At-Large Representative

Mike Caison, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Representative

Dave Cavanaugh, At-Large Representative

Donna Fossum, Planning Commission Representative

Carolyn Griglione, At-Large Representative

Hector Pineda, At-Large Representative

Kevin Posey, Transportation Commission Representative

Catherine Puskar, Developer Representative

Josh Sawislak, Environmental Policy Commission Representative (absent)