

## **Open Space: Task 3**

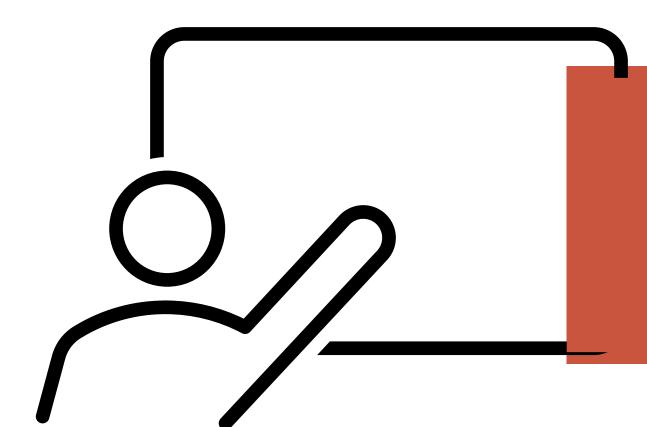
March 28, 2023

## Agenda

- Call to Order: Kurt Moser, Co-Chair
- Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Limit to three minutes
- Committee Task Updates:

Approval of January 31, 2023, Meeting Minutes Schedule and next steps

- Discussion Items and Actions
   Public Open Space Zone Text Informational presentation
   Draft Task 2 Acquisition Review Trigger
- Next meeting: April 27, 2023
- Adjourn



## Public Comment

Limit to three minutes

## Approval of January Meeting Minutes

## Next Steps:

#### **Spring**

Approval of Tasks 1-3 and associated documents

#### Summer

Document development

#### Fall

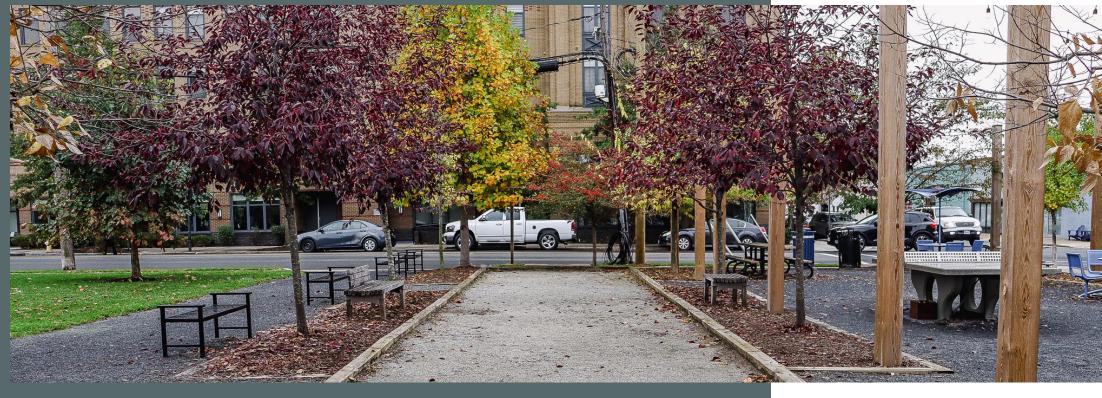
Community Engagement

Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing

#### Winter

Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearings

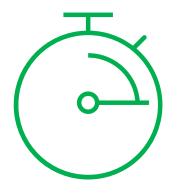




# Public Open Space

Zone Text Amendment Virtual Open Space Steering Committee Meeting Braddock Interim Park

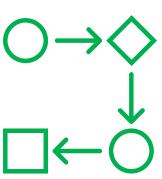
## **Project Goals**



**Create efficiencies** 



Implement typical recreational uses and park safety



Implement approved plans

## **Summary of Amendments**



**Ewald Park Plan – Approved 2015** 

- Update the definition of park to reflect common uses, including playgrounds, sports courts & fitness equipment;
- 2. Update the definition of congregate recreation facilities to add community recreation buildings, skating and miniature golf uses;
- Permit standardized accessory uses and structures of parks, including restrooms, storage sheds, scoreboards, netting, shade structure;

## **Summary of Amendments**



Hensley Park – SUP Request for Netting (Sept. 2022)

- 4. Update allowable building and structure heights from 15 to 30 feet, and up to 50 feet with a Special Use Permit;
- 5. Allow pathway and parking lot lighting for safety;
- 6. Reduce the amount of uses requiring a Special Use Permit but continue to require congregate recreation facilities; and
- 7. Clean zoning ordinance language for consistency.

## Amendment **Benefits**

## Reduce

- **Implementation**
- **Time Costs**

#### Playground relocation at Four Mile Run Park

- Park since 1970s, playground built in 1995
- SUP required for Congregate Recreation Facilities
- Initiated February 2019, SUP approval May 2019



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - SCHEMATIC DESIGN

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA SCALE: 1" = 40" DATE: 01/17/2018





Angel Park



**Armistead Boothe Park** 



# Project Timeline & Outreach

#### **Project Time**

- March and April: Public engagement
- May: Finalize edits to amendment
- June: Planning Commission and City Council hearings



#### **Committees/Commissions Meetings**

- Park and Recreation Commission March 16 (Patrick Henry Recreation Center)
- Community Meeting March 20 (Virtual)
- Waterfront Commission March 21 (City Hall)
- Public Arts Commission March 21 (Lee Center)
- Open Space Steering Committee March 28 (Virtual)
- Federation of Civic Associations March 29 (Virtual)
- Youth Sports Advisory Board April 10 (Mt. Vernon Recreation Center)
- Beautification Commission April 13 (Charles Houston Recreation Center)
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission April 18 (Llyod House)
- Park and Recreation Commission April 20 (location TBD)
- · Alexandria City Public Schools internal coordination meetings

# Project Timeline & Outreach



Mt Jefferson Park

### Thank you



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Armistead Boothe Park

Project webpage: https://www.alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/public-open-space-zone-text-amendment

Task 2: Edits to the Acquisition Criteria Trigger

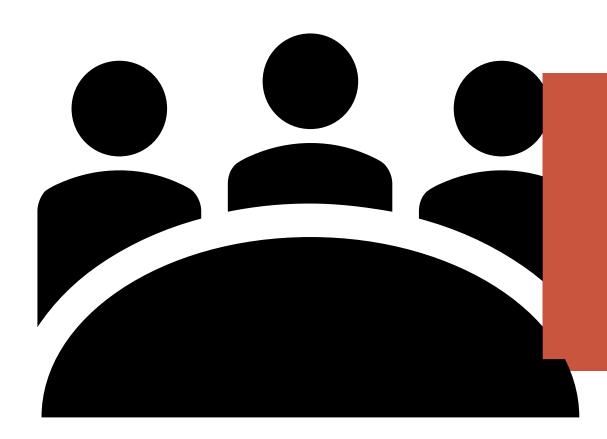
**Step 2**: Land is not identified in a plan, but meets at least one of the criteria listed below:

#### The property is associated with existing parks:

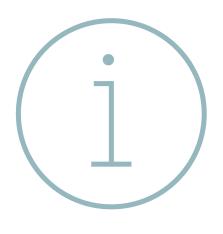
- The site shares its perimeter with an existing public space and facilitates the expansion of that public space.
- The site is an infill property of an existing park, located on the corner of a park or would serve to normalize a park boundary or shape.
- The site will allow the creation of new trail connections to improve pedestrian, and bicycle, or vehicular access to the existing park or other nearby City facilities like schools.

Motion:

To approve the Acquisition Criteria Trigger



Next Meeting: April 27, Patrick Henry Recreation Center



#### **Information**

Open Space Planning



### **Questions**

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