

City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Charles Houston Community Center
901 Wythe St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Agenda

- I. Call to Order: Jennifer Atkins, Chair
- II. Public Hearing – Potomac Yard Metrorail Project: Preliminary Plans for revised Potomac Greens and Potomac Yard Parks.
- II. Presentations:
 - A. Taney Avenue Park Plan
- III. Items for Information:
 - A. Public Comments – non agenda items.
 - B. Updates:
 - Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center
- IV. Items for Action:
 - A. Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2016
- V. Director's Report:
 - A. Update on Approved FY2017-2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget
- VI. Division Updates: Recreation Services, Park Operations, Park Planning, Design and Capital Improvement
- VII. Commission Business: Verbal Reports from Commissioners by District:
 - A. Discussion of Slate of Officers for June Election
- VIII. Next Meeting: June 23, 2016.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 19, 2016

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR **WC**
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT - ITEM VI

Program Wrap-Ups

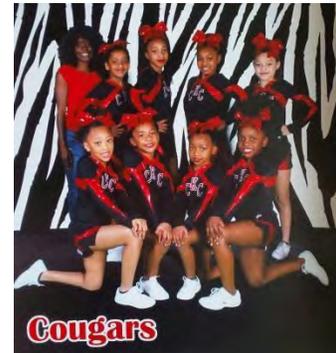
- On April 16, the **Annual Spring Invitational Cheer Competition** took place at T.C. Williams High School. This competition included teams from Alexandria recreation centers and the metropolitan Washington area. Approximately 462 spectators cheered on the 7 teams that competed in three levels (Pee Wee, Youth Level and Junior Level). Recreation centers represented were Charles Houston, William Ramsay and Cora Kelly. Additional participants included DC Scorpions, Browne Academy and Springfield Youth Club. EZ Street, Celebrity DJ for 93.9 WKYS Radio Station, was the master of ceremonies for the 16th straight year.



- On April 23, Charles Houston Recreation Center held its **ASTEAM Carnival**. The ASTEAM Carnival was designed to introduce children to the areas of Aviation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. All participants had the opportunity to engage and learn through interactive activities, flight simulators and other events during the program. Over 300 Youth participated in this free event.
- Charles Houston Recreation Center just finished its 6-week **Train Like an Astronaut** program on May 17. The program is designed to exercise the same body parts that NASA astronauts do in training and on space missions. The program was presented in partnership with the Barrett Branch Library. There were over 40 school-aged participants including youth from the community as well as the Out of School Time program.

- The **Annual Track & Field Meet** took place on May 14, at T.C. Williams High School. The meet enabled over 100 boys and girls to compete in up to three track and/or field events. The winners advance to the Regional Track and Field Meet on June 18.

- On May 8, Cora Kelly Recreation Center cheerleaders participated in the **U.S. Cheerleading Finals** in Virginia Beach. Out of 6 teams competing in the Small Pee Wee Level 1 division, Cora Kelly earned 2nd place. Congratulations to the Cora Kelly Cougars and their coach Shatavia Lipscomb!



- From April 7-28, youth at William Ramsay Recreation Center participated in the **Untouchables Male Youth** program a mentoring group focused on developing male youth into successful men who live healthy and productive lives. The group met with participants weekly to engage in discussions and activities that are designed to stimulate the minds of young men ages 9-12.



- On April 23, over 100 people attended the **Miracle League Opening Day Ceremony** and "**Courage to Live Big**" Mural unveiling. The mural was inspired by the Courage Wall, a project launched last year by Alexandria resident and business owner Nancy Belmont. Artist Matt Corrado created a vibrant design with the words, "Courage to Live BIG", a theme that particularly applies to the therapeutic recreation players in the Miracle League Program. The project is the City's first long-standing interactive mural, with chalkboard space for participants in the Therapeutic Recreation Program to add their contributions in colorful chalk.



- The **Chinquapin Nature Walk** took place on April 23. 7 participants enjoyed a guided nature walk through Chinquapin and Forest Parks, led by Naturalist Mary Farrah and Natural Resource Specialist Rod Simmons.
- Seniors at Mount Vernon Recreation Center recently completed their 6-week program **Eat Healthy, Be Active** instructed by Alexandria Cooperative Extension. Weekly work-shops included Enjoy Healthy Food that Tastes Great, Quick & Healthy Meals and Snacks, Eating Healthy on a Budget, Tips for Losing Weight & Keeping It Off, Making Healthy Eating Part of Your Total Lifestyle, and Physical Activity is the Key to Living Well.

- On May 14, Mount Vernon Recreation Center hosted its **Tot Rock Festival**. Children aging from infant to 8yrs. and their families enjoyed free festivities including face painting and kids' games. The



The main attractions were the live performances by Mr. John Music, Groovy Nate, The Great Zucchini, The Uncle Devin Show and Rainbow Rock Band. Numerous food trucks were onsite to offer lunch and cold drinks. The event captured over 2000 participants.

Program Updates

Out of School Time FY13 through FY16 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

	FY-16 YTD School Year 15-16 4-30-16	FY-15 Actuals School Year 14-15 4-30-15	FY-14 Actuals School Year 13-14	FY-13 Actuals School Year 12-13	FY-16 Summer 2015 YTD	FY-15 Actuals Summer 2014	FY-14 Actuals Summer 2013
Program Fee	\$415	\$415	\$300	\$250	\$125/\$300 (as of 7/1)	\$100	\$50
Satisfaction % mid-year report	90%	92%	92%	92%	90%	96%	92%
Registration #	1,201	1,193	1,243	1,296	1,352	1,332	1,373
OSTP Revenue	\$356,179	\$353,155	\$268,536	\$212,225	\$130,750	\$103,100	\$54,352
Fee Assistance (Discounts)	\$125,208	\$124,814	\$87,608	\$73,050	\$41,060	\$28,715	\$13,798
Fees Charged	\$500,530*	\$496,923*	\$366,071	\$308,031	\$174,060	\$133,965	\$68,622

*Fees paid in installments.

- **American Red Cross Learn to Swim programs** are essential to the water safety of the community. The spring and summer enrollment includes 951 participants, 20 waitlisted in 273 class offerings generating \$101,815 in revenue. We are projected to far exceed the 2015 spring/summer numbers of 1334 participants, 151 class offerings generating \$102,900 in revenue.
- On May 28, **Memorial and Old Town Pools open for the summer season**. Preparations for opening day have been underway since early March. In April, both pools were drained and cleaned and plumbing repaired in the bath houses. Both sites participated in the Spring for Action volunteer clean-up day May 13. Volunteers hosed down chairs, swept the deck and cleaned up trash. Recruitment of new staff, rehiring returning staff, and training to occur in May.
- In April, Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility hosted three **Family Fun Night** events featuring Matthew Maury and William Ramsay Elementary Schools, and Francis C. Hammond Middle School. Participants enjoyed swimming, basketball relays, a floating obstacle course, a racquetball clinic, a nature center exhibit, pool safety tips and swimming assessments for youth. Combined attendance reached 234 people, and generated \$936 in revenue. On May 6, Lyles Crouch was the featured school with 171 participants, generating \$684. Upcoming Family Fun Nights are scheduled for May 20, June 3 and June 10.
- April 16 kicked off the **West End Flag Football League** for boys and girls ages 7-12. The players engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Divisions are formed by age groups and the teams are formed by recreation center districts. Practices began in April and are held at Patrick Henry Recreation Center and the times vary by the teams. Games began on April 23 with 6 teams in the 7-8 age group, and 8 teams in the 9-12 age group. A total of 62 participants generated \$3,645 in revenue.
- **Summer Camp registration** began on February 24, which is 3 weeks earlier than in previous years. To date \$192,000 has been collected for camps, which will begin June 27.



Upcoming Programs & Events

- On May 20, Cora Kelly Recreation Center will host a **Seniors Lunch Cruise** on the Potomac River. Transportation departs from the recreation center at 11 a.m. for a full day on the Potomac on the Spirit of Washington cruise ship.

- **National Senior Health & Fitness Day** is May 25 and Lee Center will host a celebration event, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. This event celebrates senior health and fitness with Senior Services of Alexandria through a speaker series panel discussion with INOVA, exercise demos, information tables, screenings, and more.
- On May 30, Mount Vernon Recreation Center will hold its annual **Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The event will honor the 67 Alexandrians who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m.
- On June 4, Charles Houston Recreation Center will host its **Community Reading Festival** from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The festival is dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk children and families by helping them create and sustain literacy-rich environments and motivation for reading. This free event is sponsored by The Reading Connection and the Alexandria Rotary Foundation.

Special Features

- The **club rooms** at Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility were recently painted and a new door was installed in club room 3.

Staff Updates

- **Mac Slover**, Regional Program Director, will take over some extra duties related to the Out of School Time Program, Senior Programs, Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying and other special programming. He will continue to coordinate athletic facility use and the Miracle League Adaptive and Baseball Programs. **Tamika Coleman** is now an acting Regional Program Director who will manage and coordinate the youth and adult sports programs.
- **Tamika Coleman**, Recreation Manager Youth Sports, is now a certified Youth Sports Administrator through the Academy for Youth Sports Administrators and the National Alliance for Youth Sports.
- **Senai Beyen**, Recreation Manager Fee Classes & Camps, recently completed the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) program.
- On April 30, 29 Recreation Center OSTP staff members attended the George Mason University Child Development Center's **Spring Professional Development Workshops**. All participants earned 4 credit hours of training and a certification of completion for classes in "Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligences" and "Life Is Not an Emergency: Stop and Take a Breath!"

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- The Winter program season spanned 13 weeks and includes programs that took place January 1 through March 31, 2016. Recreation Services' **Winter FY16 Scorecard** indicates a nearly 50% increase in participation during this time as compared to FY15 with 1,645 more registered participants in the Winter season. In addition, Winter FY16's total revenue is 16% higher than the previous year, largely due to a significant increase in reservation and registration revenue. Registration revenue increased by 21% while reservation increased by 41% over the same season the previous year. The total revenue increase from these two areas equates to \$107,428.

In Winter FY16, 14% more programs were offered over the previous year with steady success, satisfaction and recommendation rates. This indicates that programs are aligning with community needs and that both operating efficiency and program quality are simultaneously increasing.

Recreation Services SCORECARD			
	Winter FY15 13 weeks	Winter FY16 13 weeks	Change
Registration Revenue	\$321,102	\$389,041	21% revenue and 49% participation increase over previous Winter
# of Registrations	3,374	5,019	
Avg. Value per Registration	\$95	\$78	
Adult League Revenue	\$26,975	\$24,625	15% increase in value per adult team over previous Winter
# Teams	50	40	
Avg Value per Adult Team	\$540	\$616	
# of Active Households	9,843	15,411	9% increase in # of households in one season
Increase	26%	9%	
# of Programs Offered	365	415	14% more programs offered vs. previous Winter
Program Success Rate	79%	81%	
Overall Satisfaction Rate	90%	88%	Scores consistent. Low response rate makes data less reliable
Evaluation Response Rate	19%	13%	
Likelihood to Recommend	92%	90%	
Passes Sold	558	547	On par with previous Winter
Pass Revenue	\$48,219	\$44,715	
Avg. Value per Pass	\$86	\$82	
Daily Visit Revenue	\$66,260	\$57,183	14% below previous Winter
Reservation Revenue	\$96,665	\$136,154	41% above previous Winter
Combined Revenue	\$559,221	\$651,718	16% increase over previous Winter

Chart reflects information managed using RecTrac.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 19, 2016

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS, RPCA

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS' MONTHLY UPDATE – ITEM VI

1. RPCA's 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS RECOGNIZED

RPCA was recently recognized for several accomplishments in the list of “*Alexandria's Top Ten Environmental Achievements for 2015*” through the Eco-City Alexandria Program:

- Significant Progress in Implementing Goals of the Urban Forestry Master Plan – We completed a 3-year baseline tree canopy study, made significant progress toward attaining a 5-year pruning cycle, and planted over 600 trees through our Urban Forestry Program and Tree Sale.
- Expanding the Highly-successful Invasive Plant Control Program – Carried out 67 projects throughout the City and expanded the acreage of natural areas managed to a total of 54.6 acres.
- Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E-3) Certification by Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality – Based on RPCA's implementation of its Environmental Sustainability Management System (ESMS) and the associated Environmental Policy.

2. “TREE CITY USA” DESIGNATION

- Alexandria received designation as a “*Tree City USA*” for the 33rd consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation. To receive this designation, the City must satisfy a number of criteria, including:
 - Have a Tree Ordinance in the City Code
 - Meet established standards for tree maintenance
 - Certified Staff Arborists
 - Proclamation by the City regarding Arbor Day
 - Plant an Arbor Day Tree (done at Earth Day Event)

3. “BEST EARTH DAY BOOTH” AWARD

On April 30, the nature center attended Earth Day Alexandria at George Washington Middle School. This new venue drew many visitors. At the nature center’s table, staff displayed native frogs and discussed citizen science projects to protect amphibians. At the “tent talk,” Nature Center Director spoke about “Landscaping with Native Plants.”

For the third year in a row, the nature center received the award for “Best Earth Day Booth.”

4. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

a. Park Maintenance

- Community volunteers organized a Volunteer Day in Four Mile Run Park. They cleaned the park and helped with the beautification projects.
- On Saturday, April 16th the Friends of Dora Kelley Nature Park held its annual Clean Up Day. About 15 community volunteers came out to help pick up litter and debris.
- Potomac Yard Park’s Interactive Fountain is scheduled to open Memorial Day Weekend. There will be a soft opening two weeks prior to allow for repair/adjustments to the system.
- The Industrial Athlete award ceremony took place at the city’s 20th Annual Health, Wellness, & Benefits Fair May 12, 2016. The City Manager, Mark Jinks, presented awards to each of the departments' awardees. RPCA’s Andrew Farmer was one of this year’s recipients.
- The Third Annual “Spring Field Day and Equipment Rodeo” was held on April 28th. Training covered a variety of subject areas including turf grass management, pest and disease identification, environmental clean-ups, hazard communication, and safety. Staff also participated in interactive team building activities and practiced equipment operating skills.
- Park Operations hosted RPCA’s quarterly Town Hall meeting on May 11th - featuring staff training in leadership and safety, budget updates and staff recognitions.
- Alexandria Day School students participated in a volunteer project at Waterfront Park this month. Students helped improve the appearance of the flower beds through trash and weed removal. The volunteers learned gardening techniques from park staff as well as the importance of giving back to the community.



Mayor and staff with the “Best Earth Day Booth” award



Nature Center’s exhibit at Earth Day



Four Mile Run Park Volunteers



Interactive Fountain at PYP



Industrial Athlete Award

b. Park Facilities Maintenance

- De-winterization schedule for irrigation systems and water fountains is completed.
- Equipment conversion, general inspection and corrective maintenance for all turf equipment completed
- Staff started the third (annual) playground safety inspection.
- Staff completed the recreation center entrance and landscaping improvement projects at Cora Kelly, Durant Art Center, and Charles Houston Community Center.
- Annual Equipment and Vehicle Replacement Plan is about 95% complete.
- Landscape Maintenance, Medians and Rights-of-way mowing, School Grounds maintenance and Horticultural inspections are on schedules. Work schedules are posted at:
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=88170>

5. URBAN FORESTRY

- Staff from Urban Forestry, Ford Nature Center, Natural Lands Mgt. Section partnered with Arlington-Alexandria Tree Stewards to hold our Spring Tree Sale during April. Residents purchased over 160 native trees that will improve our natural environment and increase the City's tree canopy cover.
- We are in the midst of our Spring Tree Planting Season that is funded through the City's CIP. We are on track to plant about 250 trees by late June. This year we have also added the capability to have the contractor provide periodic irrigation and establishment maintenance for the newly-planted trees. This will enhance the health of the young trees and reduce losses due to dry conditions and disease.
- At the April 30th Earth Day Event, the City's 2016 Arbor Day Tree (a Black Gum) was planted in a prominent location at Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, next to George Washington Middle School. The Mayor, Council Members, and other dignitaries participated in the planting ceremony. The Ford Nature Center also had another Arbor Day event, which included planting a Dogwood in native habitat at Dora Kelley Nature Park.

6. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

a. Natural Resources Management Plan

The draft of the City's first Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) is being finalized and will be distributed for review in the coming weeks. The NRMP includes a thorough



Equipment Rodeo



RPCATown Hall Meeting



Alexandria Day School Volunteers



Cora Kelly Rec Center



Durant Art Center entrance with new sign

Environmental Inventory and Analysis for the City, Best Management Practices for Natural Lands, and Recommendations for Natural Land Management for use by City Departments and private interests. The review and adoption schedule for the NRMP includes an initial in-house RPCA review, followed by interdepartmental review, presentation to the Parks & Recreation Commission, and ultimate approval (as an element of the Open Space Plan) by City Council in Fall 2016. We anticipate that the NRMP will be ready for review by the Parks & Recreation Commission by mid-to-late summer.

b. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

Staff supervised our contractor with non-native invasive plant removal work at Rynex Natural Area, Telegraph and Duke Meadow and interchanges, Beatley Library Meadow, Chinquapin Park, and Fort Williams Park.

c. Cooperative Initiatives

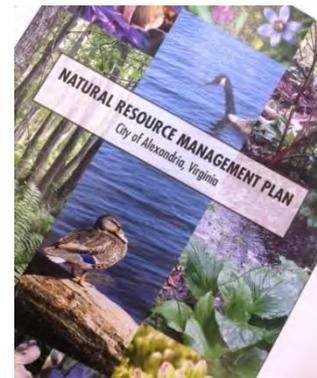
- On April 21, staff gave a presentation on “Native Plants in the Garden” to the Garden Club of Waynewood.
- Staff supervised 123 students and 12 chaperones and volunteers at the successful April 29, 2016 T.C. Williams International Academy Community Stewardship Day at Chinquapin Park, Dora Kelley Nature Park, Timberbranch Parkway, and INOVA Alexandria Hospital Scenic Easement.
- On May 5, staff gave a presentation to the Holmes Run Park Committee on the greatly improved and revised Geologic Atlas of the City of Alexandria and Vicinity and the on-going planning for the Alexandria’s Natural Resource Management Plan.
- Staff installed native ecological restoration plantings at Goat Hill Park, Telegraph and Duke interchange above Hilton Street, Charles Hill Park, and St. Asaph Park.

d. Environmental Review

- Staff reviewed the Fort Ward Park Drainage Master Plan Implementation Phase 1 – Stormwater Runoff Diversion Project and provided comments regarding appropriate native plants to use.
- Staff met on site at Dora Kelley Nature Park at the fair weather crossing of Holmes Run to discuss Best Management Practices for stabilizing a section of the stream bank.
- Staff reviewed the Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Rehabilitation 100% Plans and provided comments regarding appropriate native plants to use.



Charles Houston Center entrance



Draft – Natural Resource Management Plan



T.C. Williams High School International Academy Community Stewardship Day at Dora Kelley Nature Park



T.C. Williams High School International Academy Community Stewardship Day at Dora Kelley Nature Park

5. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER

a. Programs/Updates:

Staff of the Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center conducted 109 interpretive programs in April that was attended by 2,586 participants. The programs include 5 birthday parties, 15 public school programs, Earth Day Alexandria, Family Fun Night at Chinguapin, 5 weekday and weekend nature center programs, Spring Clean Up in Dora Kelley Nature Park and the Rec Expo at the Lee Center. Visitation and participant numbers were extremely high this month. The combined total of visitors and program participants for April was 3,948 people.

School Programs:

Throughout the month, programs were conducted for students from various public schools throughout the City of Alexandria. Staff conducted programs for students from William Ramsay and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools. Five kindergarten classes at Patrick Henry learned about “Animal Life Cycles.” Among the animals visiting the school were day old mice and their mother. These students will be observing the surprisingly fast development of these baby mice when the nature center returns in two weeks. Kindergarten students from Ramsay have been exploring Dora Kelley Nature Park, by taking weekly hikes. One group of students was treated to a very close encounter with four pileated woodpeckers hunting for insects. Staff conducted seven programs for kindergarten students who walked from John Adams Elementary School through Dora Kelley park to the nature center. The children learned about parks and wildlife and their importance.

Champion Tree Bike Ride:

On Sunday, April 10, Arlington Arborist conducted a bike ride to see the champion trees in Alexandria. Starting at the nature center, the leisurely paced ride brought the participants along the bike paths throughout the City. Natural and environmental interests were pointed out on this tour.

Afterschool Buddies Program:

On April 5th, Alexandria City Fire Fighters conducted a program on fire safety for the afterschool buddies. The children got a closer look at a fire truck, equipment and an ambulance. On April 29th, Nature Buddies afterschool program participants planted a dogwood tree in Dora Kelley Nature Park to celebrate Arbor Day. The program was led by a City arborist.



T.C. Williams High School
International Academy Community
Stewardship Day at INOVA
Alexandria Hospital Scenic
Easement



Center Director Mary Farrah
compares an adult and baby box
turtle at the RecExpo



Happy hikers in Dora Kelley
Nature Park



Finding a bess beetle along the trail

Science and Engineering Night at Mount Vernon Elementary School:

The nature center was invited to participant at Mount Vernon Elementary School’s annual “Science and Engineering Night” staff exhibited native frogs (from the tiniest cricket frogs to larger wood frogs) to explain FrogWatch USA. This is a nationwide citizen science project to monitor frogs. More than 200 children and their parents attended this event.

b. Volunteers and Interns:

A total of 52 volunteers provided 210 hours of service during the month of April.

International Academy Intern:

The staff mentored a student from the International Academy at TC Williams High School. The intern’s responsibilities included animal care, conducting research, and assisting in the supervision of the after school program. The internship lasted from December until April. On April 14th, the student presented his final portfolio where he discussed his internship. The naturalist staff was presented with a mentor award for participating in this internship program for the past three years.

Scout Project for Dora Kelley Nature Park:

On April 30, Eagle Scout came to Dora Kelly Nature Park to construct and erect a wooden arbor for the parking lot entrance to the park. The six scouts and their fathers completed the work by noon. Staff, as well as visitors, is pleased to have clearly marked entrance to the park from the nature center.

Friends of Dora Kelley Nature Park Spring Clean-Up:

The annual Spring clean-up of Dora Kelley Nature Park was held on Saturday, April 16. The 39 volunteers worked diligently to collect trash throughout the park. A special thanks to Dave and Joyce Dexter for organizing this event.



Firefighter explaining the different parts of his uniform



Nature Buddies plant a t dogwood tree in Dora Kelley Nature Park



Eagle Scouts with their finished arbor

Park operations City Works Report

FY 2016- As of May 12, 2016

Service Requests

	Currently Open/Reviewed	Currently Past Due	YTD Closed	Notes:
Natural Resources (trees, nature programs and natural lands)	151	0	769	
Park Maintenance	17	0	148	
Park Facility Maintenance	1	0	66	
All Park Ops	169	0	983	

Work Orders

	*Currently Open/Recurring	Currently Past Due	YTD Closed	
Trees (UrbanForestry)	361	0	1500	
Nature Center	0	0	1	
Natural Lands	12	0	146	
Park Maintenance	227	0	524	
Park Facility Maintenance	111	0	132	
ROW	0	0	1500	
Schools	69	0	854	
Horticulture/Landscaping	13	0	134	
All Park Ops	793	0	4791	

*Current open/recurring work orders include items related to service requests and planned annual maintenance tasks



RPCA - PARK OPERATIONS
DINESH V. TIWARI; DEPUTY DIRECTOR
 City of Alexandria, VA

UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FY16 and FY17
5/13/2016

FY	ACCOUNT NAME/NUMBER	ALLOCATED BUDGET	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT MANAGER	SCHEDULING AND COMMENTS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
2016	ADA 44801679	\$20,000.00	Ben Brenman Access Improvements	David	Remote picnic shelter, FlexiPave access path, new BBQ = ADA compliant. Planning and Design begin in June 2016 Design only for: FY18 Implement	This funding will cover ADA parking improvements and provide funds for planning support (survey/studies/engineering) for the improvements in FY2018.
2016	ADA 44801679	\$80,000.00	Angel Park Access Ramp	David	CURRENTLY IN DESIGN – FIRST SUBMITTAL SENT TO KEY STAFF FOR REVIEW, COMMENTS RECEIVED. Combine three projects for efficiency: Design/Planning CURRENT Implementation in JULY, 2016	This funding will address a recommendation of the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan and 2012 ADA Priorities Study. Coordinate with stairs project.
	ADA 44801679	\$7,500.00	KHA: Angel Park Improvements			This funding will address recommendations of the 2012 ADA Priorities Study.
	ADA 44801679	\$30,500.00	KHA (ref) Angel Park Stairs			
2016	ADA 44801679	\$50,000.00	Simpson Duncan Avenue Entrance Improvisent	David	DESIGN COMPLETED -- ON HOLD PENDING 5.16.2016 DISCUSSION ON SIMPSON.	The project will provide an ADA accessible entrance to the park as recommended in the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan.

2016	ADA 44801679	\$26,878.00	Pavement Improvements at Fort Ward Park	David	DRAWINGS COMPLETED BY DG. JL WORKING WITH TESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.	This funding will restripe and address grading issues at Fort Ward Park in conjunction with the Fort Ward Loop Repaving project.
2017	Ball Courts 44801645	\$20,000.00	Fort Ward Tennis Courts Repairs	David	Ty Sprecht Mid-Atlantic Once POs are in hand pass on to James Nichols Evaluate net posts.	Renovate the existing court surface.
2017	Park CFMP TBD	\$240,000.00	African American Heritage Park Renovation	David	D/P= JUNE Solicitation, July Allocation, IMPLEMENT = MARCH Combine Geo-tech task with Contractor task for solicitation.	Repair and renovate the stairs, railing and paths in African American Heritage Park. May Planning, July Allocation, July Procurement, August PO
2015	Horticulture 44801656	\$3,000.00	Forest Restoration at Goat Hill Park	Bob	INITIATION = JUNE 2016	Remaining stabilization and forest management tasks in Goat Hill Park.
2016	Horticulture 44801656	\$80,000.00	Renovate Landscaped Areas at Rec Centers and Facilities	Oscar	IMPLEMENTATION = JUNE 2016 PLANNING = JUL, AUG IMPLEMENTATION = SEP, OCT, NOV	Renovations at various Recreation Centers to improve entrances.
2015	Horticulture 44801656	\$57,000.00	Lee Center Landscape Renovation	Oscar	PLANNING = JUN, JUL, AUG IMP = SEP, OCT CLOSEOUT = NOV	This project will modify the plantings around the Lee Center to address building system/planting conflicts as identified by General Services.
2016	Horticulture 44801656	\$45,000.00	Medians Renovations	Oscar	IMP = JUN CLOSEOUT = JUL IMP = SEP, OCT, NOV CLOSEOUT = DEC	Median improvements as identified by Park Operations. Some funding will be combined with the City Gateway/Portals project to fund the sign replacements.

2015	Horticulture 44801656	\$50,000.00	City Gateways/Portals	Oscar	PLANNING = JUN IMP = JUL, AUG, SEP CLOSEOUT = OCT	Replacement of two gateway/portal signs. The signs will be procured/installed by T&ES. This project is coordinated with the Gateway/Portal Landscaping project.
2016	Horticulture 44801656	\$25,000.00	Wetlands Restorations at Dora Kelley Nature Park	Bob	PLANNING = JUN, JUL IMP = AUG, SEP CLOSEOUT = OCT	Restoration of the trailside wetland/marsh that has been degraded due to sediment intrusion from upstream and establishment of invasive vegetation in the artificially shallow water of the wetland. Removal of accumulated sediment and restoration plantings.
2016	Horticulture 44801656	\$10,000.00	Hillside Park Planting	Bob	INITIATION = DEC 16 PLANNING = JAN, FEB 17 IMPLEMENTATION = MAR 17 CLOSEOUT = APR 17	Address erosion issues adjacent to the parking lot and mitigate impacts of the desire line paths.
2014	Horticulture 44801656	\$10,570.00	Enhance Natural Conservation Zones	Bob	PLANNING = JUN, JUL 16 IMPL = AUG, SEP 16 CLOSEOUT = OCT 16	Long term improvements to better define and protect NPCZs through installation of rustic fencing and addition of educational signage.
2016	Horticulture 44801656	\$20,000.00	City Gateways/Portal Landscaping (Match Funding)	Bob	PLANNING = NOV 16 - MAR 17 IMPL = APL - JUN 17	Funding to install plantings/water access to Gateways/Portals in coordination with the Beautification Commission. This project is coordinated with the Gateway/Portal Sign project.

2016	Horticulture 44801656	\$54,000.00	Lake Cook (FY16 & FY17)	Bob	PLANNING JUN 16 - JAN 17 IMPL = FEB 16 - JUN 17	Funding to coordinate with the Lake Cook project planned by T&ES.
2017	Horticulture 44801656	\$20,000.00	Renovate Landscaped Areas at Recreation Centers and Facilities	Oscar	IMPL = JAN 16 PLANNING = JUL, AUG 16 IMPL = SEP, NOV 16 PLANNING = DEC 16 - MAR 17 IMPL = APR - JUN 17	Renovations at various Recreation Centers to reconstruct beds, install irrigation systems, and replace or install trees and shrubs.
2017	Horticulture 44801656	\$10,000.00	Forest Restoration at Goat Hill Park (Phase II)	Bob	TBD	Remaining stabilization and forest management tasks in Goat Hill Park.
2017	Horticulture 44801656	\$20,000.00	Forest Restoration at Dora Kelly Nature Park (Phase I)	Bob	INITIATION = OCT 16 PLANNING = NOV 16 - MAR 17 IMPL = APR - JUN 17	This project is a two-year effort to restore native plant communities and increase mature tree canopy at a premier City Natural Area. This includes restoration plantings, of mature forest species, following the removal of invasive exotic plants.
2016	Trees 44801657	\$56,000.00	Spring Tree Installation	Bob	CLOSEOUT = JUN 16	Tree planting/tree well improvements/tree maintenance
2017	Trees 44801657	\$103,000.00	Fall Tree Installation	Bob	INITIATION = JUL 16 PLANNING = AUG 16 IMPL = SEP 16 - DEC 16 CLOSEOUT = JAN 17	Tree planting/tree well improvements/tree maintenance

2017	Trees 44801657	\$103,000.00	Spring Tree Installation	Bob	INITIATION = JUL 16 PLANNING = JAN 17 – FEB 17 IMPL = MAR 17 – MAY 17 CLOSEOUT = JUN 17	Tree planting/tree well improvements/tree maintenance
2016	Irrigation 44801658	\$270,000.00	Renovate Systems as Identified Assessment	Oscar	IMPL = JUN 16 – NOV 16 CLOSEOUT = DEC 16	This project is being prepared for solicitation.
2017	Irrigation 44801658	\$15,000.00	Renovate Central Control Computer	Oscar	INITIATION = JUL 16 PLANNING = AUG – SEP 16 IMPL = OCT – NOV 16 CLOSEOUT = DEC 16	Renovate the Central Control Computer with new hardware (coordinated with IT), updated software, and access rights.
2017	Irrigation 44801658	\$38,000.00	Ben Brenman CCU Systems and Sites	Oscar	PLANNING = JUL – SEP 16 IMPL = OCT 16 – DEC 16 PLANNING = JAN – MAR 17 IMPL = APR – JUN 17	Implement recommendations of the 2015 study.
2016	Public Pool 44801683	\$14,000.00	Old Town Pool Training Pool Fence	David	Completed	Project is in close-out.
2016	Public Pool 44801683	\$13,000.00	Pool White Coating	David	On Hold	This project may be delayed until FY17 if the OTP hot water heater can be purchased in FY16.

2016	Public Pool 44801683	\$6,800.00	OTP Door Replacement	David	Completed	This project will replace doors at Old Town Pool. The purchase order has been approved.
2016	Public Pool 44801683	\$8,000.00	Charles Houston Ramp Resurfacing	David	Completed	This project will resurface the pool entrance ramp at Charles Houston. The purchase order has been approved.
2016	Public Pool 44801683	\$15,090.00	OTP/JH Fence/Sidewalk Repairs	David	Completed	The project is in the final stages of construction. Outstanding punch list items are weather dependent.
2016	Public Pool 44801683	\$7,000.00	Signage Improvements	David	July Allocation	This project may be delayed until FY17 if the OTP hot water heater can be purchased in FY16.
2017	Public Pool 44801683	\$30,000.00	OTP Electrical Upgrades	David	July Allocation Creating consultant list	The scope for this project will be informed by the OTP study report/results.
2017	Verify funds for VFA Assessment of Building Systems, prior to work.	\$14,000.00	OTP Hot Water Heater Replacement	David	July Allocation Creating consultant list	This project may move to FY16 due to the critical nature of the improvement. See Pool White Coating and Signage Improvements projects above.
2017		\$80,000.00	OTP Plumbing Repairs	David	July Allocation Creating consultant list	The scope for this project will be informed by the OTP study report/results.

2016	Fort Ward Park 44802468	\$150,000.00	Fort Ward - Interpretative Plan	OHA	On-going	The project is being managed by Office of Historic Alexandria.
2016	Fort Ward Park 44802467	\$8,500.00	Fort Ward Additional ADA Compliance	David	PO Issued, contractor mobilizing	The project will fund ADA site furnishings.
2016	Fort Ward Park 44802467	\$28,000.00	Fort Ward ADA Parking and Pathways	David	PO Issued, contractor mobilizing	The project will fund pathways to ADA picnic tables.
2016	Fort Ward Park 44802467	\$13,500.00	24 New Trees Plantings	Bob	In progress	Plant 24 new trees with a 2yr establishment warranty.
2017	Fort Ward Park 44802467	\$186,000.00	Restoration of Former Maintenance Yard	Dinesh		Fort Ward Management Plan implementation.
2017	Fort Ward Park 44802468	\$60,000.00	Conduct Archaeological Investigations	OHA		The project will be managed by Office of Historic Alexandria.
2017	Fort Ward Park 44802467	\$7,000.00	Improve Loop Road ADA	Judy Lo		This project will fund additional ADA improvements on the Loop Road that are not complete with the repaving project.

2017	Fort Ward Park 44802467	\$82,000.00	ADA Access Path Between Picnic Shelter and Parking	David	PLANNING = JUL 16	This project will plan and construct an ADA access path between the ADA parking and the picnic shelter.
2016	Recreation Center Security 44802466	\$135,000.00	Recreation Center Door Replacements/Access Improvements	David	Due Diligence with ACPS Security Director: James Bartlett	SOW 1) Perimeter Door upgrades at all centers. 2) PA system interface for rec centers
2017	Warwick Pool 44802221	\$2,150,000	Warwick Pool and Facility Reconstruction	David	PM = DPI Tony Gammon Three proposers selected for interviews in two weeks.	The goal is to create an economical and efficient community pool providing the baseline of community needs while minimizing operational costs and maintenance expenses.
2017	Recreation Center CFMP 44801641	\$750,000.00	City's Recreation Centers CFMP	Oscar/ David	Park Ops team is formalizing the CFMP Internal Review Committee. Charge: 1.) To create a new DGS/RPCA MOU, 2.) To create continuous RPCA controls and accountability. 3.) Increase efficiencies and reduce maintenance costs.	

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 19, 2016

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF *Jack Browand*
PARK PLANNING, DESIGN & CAPITAL PROJECTS
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM VI. DIVISION UPDATE

TANEY AVENUE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Project Manager: Judy Lo, Urban Planner III

Park Planning has released a [survey](#) to obtain feedback about the proposed park improvements. The public comment period will end June 1, 2016. A community outdoor open house is scheduled for May 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Taney Avenue Park, 4149 Taney Ave. Staff will provide walking tours of the proposed site improvements. The SUP application is docketed for the [June 9 Planning Commission Meeting](#). For additional project information, visit the [Taney Avenue Park Improvements](#) project website.

FORT WARD PARK PAVING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6-10

Project Manager: Judy Lo, Urban Planner III

Re-paving of the existing loop road and paved parking areas is scheduled for June 6-10, weather permitting. Work will include milling, repaving, installation of new speed bumps, and parking space re-striping. Work is expected to take five days. In the event of inclement weather, paving will be re-scheduled. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The park and museum will be open during paving operations. Patrons should expect road closures throughout the day and should follow traffic signs for their safety, as some parking areas may not be available throughout the day.

SIMPSON PARK PLAYGROUND AND PASSIVE LAWN RENOVATION

Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Urban Planner III

Park Planning will hold a community workshop to obtain input on the Simpson Park playground and adjacent Lawn Renovation on Wednesday, May 25. A site tour will begin at 6:30 p.m. at

Simpson Playground, 421 Monroe Ave., followed by a presentation, review of concept alternatives and discussion at 7 p.m. at the Reingold meeting Room, 433 E. Monroe Ave.

RPCA hired the Alexandria-based landscape architecture firm [Lardner/Klein](#) to lead the design process and [May + Watkins](#) to incorporate public art within the site. The project implements recommendations from the 2014 Citywide Parks Improvement Plan, which called to (1) improve the open space to accommodate multiple passive uses and activities in Simpson and (2) renovate Simpson playground, including a new configuration, shade, surfacing, and equipment suitable for ages 2-12. The design also aims to connect passive use areas, making it family friendly for multiple age groups.

- [Simpson Park Playground and Passive Lawn Renovation](#)
- [Community Workshop eNews](#)

FOUR MILE RUN WETLANDS RESTORATION

Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Urban Planner III

The City held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Four Mile Run Wetlands Restoration project on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The wetlands restoration implements recommendations from the Four Mile Run Restoration project, a joint venture with Arlington County to restore 2.3 miles of a highly degraded stream within the hardened flood control channel - or levee corridor - of Four Mile Run. Specifically, the project restored the historic 2-acre tidal wetland where the water levels fluctuate with the daily tidal cycle along Four Mile Run. The project also included a renovation of the Four Mile Run Park parking lot, which utilizes environmentally sensitive materials and design, including permeable pavers, native plantings, and rain gardens. In Summer 2016, Arlington County will begin the next phase of the implementing the Four Mile Run Restoration Master Plan through a project to restore the stream banks along Four Mile Run. The next phase of the project will include a bridge to connect the wetlands to the ballfields. The bridge is currently in design.



PATRICK HENRY K-8 & RECREATION CENTER PROJECT

Project Managers: Jack Browand, Division Chief & Margaret Orlando, Division Chief

On Thursday, May 19, the Alexandria School Board will receive an update from ACPS staff; the Project Manager Brailsford & Dunlavey; and Mosley Architects. The purpose of the update is to provide additional information and evaluate the current Patrick Henry site design options of A.1 and C.1 on several factors as requested by the School Board at its May 10 Board meeting. Specifically, the School Board requested a comparative analysis between the two plans as follows:

- Safety Regarding Site Traffic Flows
- Pedestrian and Bike Safety
- Adequacy of the Proposed Building for Educational Purposes
- Project Cost
- Outdoor Open Space

The recent discussions related to selection of a site plan have taken several weeks longer than anticipated. The project team now intends to submit a Concept II plan for DSUP review in June 2016 and hold public hearings in December 2016. This requires ACPS and the City to select either the A1 or C1 by May 20, 2016.

- [Patrick Henry K-8 & Recreation Center Project School Board Information](#)