

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** APRIL 21, 2022

**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM:** LAURA DURHAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
MARGARET ORLANDO, DIVISION CHIEF  
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM - IV

**Program Wrap-ups:**

- The Sports Section wrapped up winter programming including Winter Basketball League, Lil Slammers Basketball, Lil Rookies Basketball League, Rookie Baseball Clinic, Softball Clinic, and Alexandria Titans Indoor Track with over 1080 participants and 38 players in the adult Coed Volleyball league.
- On March 26, the Durant Center hosted a “Drive In” Movie event where kids could bring a large box from home and use art materials to make their own “car”. After they completed their projects, they took them to the “drive in” to watch the movie Cars and enjoy popcorn. We had 14 participants.



- We celebrated the end of the Winter Session of ballet with our **spring dance recital** on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme was Hollywood and the dances were choreographed to different famous songs from movies. The recital was made up of 4 dances with 32 dancers ranging in age from 3-10.



- On April 1, the Charles Houston Recreation Center hosted a **Flash Light Easter Egg Hunt**. 50 people registered for the event, and it was entertaining, fun, and beautifully decorated.



- 15 Charles Houston Recreation Center teens graduated from the **Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP)** and received gift cards for successfully completing the program. The goal of the program is to teach teens about decision-making and to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- In partnership with the Charles Houston Advisory Council, students are participating in weekly **Scratch coding classes** in the newly renovated computer lab.
- Attendance at **Little Gymmies** is increasing. Little Gymmies is a toddler drop-in program on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

- On March 30, the Patrick Henry Center held its first **Women's History Program**. During the program, there was a virtual interaction with Ms. Shannon Waite, a professor from Howard University. She did a presentation uplifting all women. After the presentation the women along with their children took part in a Sip and Paint activity.



### Program Updates:

- **Department Summer Camp update:** \$788,552.63 in revenue, and 47 camps already filled.
- **Youth baseball registration** ended for tee-ball and coach pitch baseball. There are ten tee-ball teams (122 participants) and 12 coach pitch teams (150 participants). League games will begin Saturday, April 30.
- **Late Night Basketball League** tipped off its first season since COVID. Six teams started play on March 31 at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Games are played every Thursday at 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30 p.m. The league is a partnership with the Sports Section, Outreach, and Charles Houston.
- Chinquapin offered four **Spring Break Camps** with 35 participants and \$11,000 in revenue.
- Chinquapin held **Youth Swim Clinics** over a two-week period with 30 participants
- Mt. Vernon Recreation Center in partnership with the Momentum Collective under the direction of Jason Ellis, offered 8 weeks of **puppetry instruction**. The children learned how to create puppets and handle them on a stage. They then went on to prepare scripts and plan a short production which the puppeteers shared with their parents on April 6<sup>th</sup>.



- On April 9, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center hosted an **Egg Hunt and Art Pop Up event**. Participants enjoyed searching for 650 eggs, as well as a creative arts and crafts activity for families. Children ages 1-4yrs came out along with parents and siblings to enjoy a morning of fun and excitement



- Track and Conditioning** participants got back to some much-needed typical activities for Spring at Mount Vernon Recreation Center. Children from 5-12 years of age were invited to join the conditioning and training under Coach Jason's direction. While instilling discipline and work ethic in the youth, Coach Jason prepares participants to compete in the City's Track meet on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On April 23, William Ramsay Recreation Center will start their own **Playgroup**. The staff were trained on the curriculum by the Center for Alexandria's Children on how to run playgroups and were provided materials for their first 10-week session. There has been growing demand for additional playgroups on the west end, with the Center for Alexandria's Children starting a waitlist for families that want to join the new Ramsay playgroup.

- On April 8, over 150 Out-of-School Time (OSTP) participants from each neighborhood recreation center, 2 ACPS OSTP locations and Ruby Tucker Family Center, participated in the **Annual Night of Stars Performing Arts Festival**. This festival is an annual event that gives youth enrolled in OSTP an opportunity to showcase their special talent through song, dance, poetry, comedy, and drama. This is the first year we've been able to perform live since 2019. The program also supports and highlights one of OSTP's core programming areas, Performing Arts. A cast party will be held after Spring Break to celebrate the hard work of the program participants and staff.



- John Adams Out-of-School Time program has been receiving enrichment opportunities through the **American Rescue Plan Act (Grant)**. This enrichment is intended to enhance the children’s academic, physical, and emotional learning after a long year of virtual school in 2020-2021. We are currently in our 3<sup>rd</sup> session. Participants at John Adams are engaged in educational and hands-on learning activities one to two hours per week to enhance and promote continuous learning. Currently program participants are engaged in Art-Sational and Silver Knights (Chess).
- April is **Child Abuse & Child Neglect Prevention Month**. Each center and OSTP location received a knapsack of supplies and information to share with families. Each knapsack included 6 Blue Pinwheels to create a Pinwheel Garden, mini-Pinwheel Lapel Pins and a flyer of weekly themed activities. Each location also received yard signs to add to their Pinwheel Garden and balloons. The blue signature Pinwheels are used to help educate communities about the importance of supporting children and families and it is a positive emblem of the effect we can have when we work together to prevent child abuse. As mandated reporters we all need to do our part to keep youth and teens safe.
- The **Senior Stretching class** at Patrick Henry Recreation Center has increased in popularity. This low impact stretching class is designed for seniors to improve range of motion, increase circulation, decrease potential injury, and improve rest.



- Last month, Patrick Henry Recreation Center conducted the **Walk & Fit Training** class. This circuit training incorporates walking as an aerobic activity and the use of handheld weights and resistance bands for strength training. This class included 15 participants.



## Upcoming Events:

- **Alexandria City Track & Field Meet** – Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m. at Alexandria City High School
- May 18-19, **Rebuilding Together DC – Alexandria** will be at the William Ramsay Recreation Center and the Jerome Buddy Ford Nature working on a revitalization of the interior and exterior of the buildings.
- The **Community Outreach and Safe Place** team is currently organizing and planning for the upcoming annual community cookouts. The events will take place between April 19 - May 10. They are designed to provide an outreach opportunity to the community to help educate and provide resources about summer camp opportunities, outreach programs, Safe Place, City-Wide resources and services, community events and updates as well as building the relationship between the community and law enforcement. The Community Cookouts are provided in partnership with RPCA, Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria, Sheriff Department, Alexandria Fire Department, DCHS, ARHA, and other City agencies and local non-profits.

## Staff Updates:

- **Debbie Woodbury, Jamie Aylor, and Julie Miles** graduated from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Revenue Management and Development School.



- Welcome to **Sharell Pitts** who recently joined the Charles Houston Team working with the teens. She is developing rapport with the teens, and we are excited about her programming.
- Three staff from the William Ramsay Recreation Center recently completed the **Developmental Assets training** offered by DCHS. Staff are excited to start to strengthen their connection to the Developmental Assets.

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 14, 2022

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK SERVICES, RPCA

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES MONTHLY UPDATE

### 1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

#### a. Park Maintenance

- Frank Mann Field Park preparation.

#### b. Park Facilities Maintenance

- The maintenance team made electrical repairs and light bulb replacement at several parks throughout the City.
- We continued with warehouse enhancements at 2900 Business Center Dr.

### 2. URBAN FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE

#### a. Urban Forestry

- Briefed Environmental Policy Commission on proposed program improvements.
- Began quality control inspection of FY 2022 tree plantings.

#### b. Horticulture

- The Community Gardens were prepped and opened for the season for several returning gardeners as well as new. Landscape and mowing will begin in April.

### 3. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

#### a. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

- Staff removed Porcelain-berry, English Ivy, and other non-native invasive weeds from Fort Williams Park,



*Frank Mann Field.*



*Frank Mann Field.*

Forest Park, Timberbranch Parkway, and Dora Kelley Nature Park.

- Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), in the removal of invasive plants along the tidal cove shoreline at Windmill Hill Park.

b. Cooperative Initiatives

- On March 15, 2022, City Natural Resource Manager led a field trip to Dora Kelley Nature Park for the Virginia Native Plant Society’s “Grass Bunch”.
- On March 26, 2022, natural lands management technicians Eileen Grant and Jim Clark hosted a native tree planting with volunteers at Timberbranch Parkway. This was an especially important event in that the volunteers were 3 families who wanted their children to learn about planting trees. Three Dogwoods, 3 Sycamores, 2 Redbuds, and 1 Southern Red Oak were planted.
- On March 26, 2022, Natural Lands Management conservation partners Bonnie Petry and Russ Bailey, with staff coordination, led a native tree planting demonstration at the Ben Brenman Park Meadow for the 2022 Tree Stewards class. Three Shortleaf Pines, 2 American Plums, 2 Southern Red Oaks, 1 Scarlet Oak, and 1 Blackjack Oak were planted.
- On April 5, 2022, City Natural Resource Manager gave the “Successfully Tackling Non-Native Invasive Plants with Public Support” presentation - an overview of the City’s non-native invasive plant control program - to the Parkfairfax Landscape Committee and provided best management practices for natural lands management.

c. Environmental Review

- Staff reviewed the Hooff’s Run Invasive Species Removal Plan for the Alexandria Renew Enterprises RiverRenew Tunnel System Project and provided comments and best practices.

4. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER

a. Programs/Updates:

- There was a total of 377 visitors during the month of March. There were 39 interpretive programs attended by 743 participants.

School Programs:

- During the month of March there were 15 school programs conducted for a total of 389 students.



*Warehouse enhancements.*



*Warehouse enhancements.*



*Light repair.*



*Spring Beauty (left) and Bloodroot in bloom at Dora Kelley Nature Park.*



- William Ramsay ES pre-K students took a walk in DKNP to explore animal homes and were greeted by our emerging frogs and turtles as they learned about spring.
- Fifth graders from William Ramsay ES and Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy participated in virtual and onsite Oceans programs in preparation for testing in May.
- St. Paul’s Episcopal Preschool students came out to DKNP for habitats programs where they learned about native animals and searched the park for their homes.
- MacArthur ES hosted a career day and staff, accompanied by one of our ambassador box turtles, spoke with students in grades K-2 about Environmental Education as a career.
- The Nature Center hosted a virtual professional development session for 12 ACPS teachers. The teachers came from various schools throughout the city and our focus was on using schoolyards as a classroom and citizen science opportunities for students.



*Timberbranch Parkway native tree planting.*

Outreach Programs:

- This month’s Recreation Center programs focused on pollinators. Participants learned about what pollination is and how it occurs, and the program covered the types of pollinators as well as the various plants and flowers that they may pollinate. The participants made a flower with pollen and a bee that was able to pick up the pollen to model the process.



*VNPS “Grass Bunch” field trip to Dora Kelley Nature Park.*

Onsite Programs:

- Early in the month we hosted our Frog Calls program for eight participants. They learned about native frogs and how to identify them by their call. Unfortunately, it was too cold for our amphibian friends, so no frogs were spotted or heard.
- We concluded the winter session for Little Adventures by learning about animal homes and signs of spring. The participants planted seeds to take home and watch grow.



*Ramsay kindergarten class in DKNP.*

b. Volunteers Hours:

- One volunteer reported 16 hours for the month of March.
- The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia resumed work in the pollinator garden this month. Garden-based programs, led by the volunteers, will begin this spring.

c. Noteworthy:

- The Friends of Dora Kelly group conducted their annual frog survey in DKNP. The volunteers conducted nightly patrols at dusk in order to provide a snapshot of present species and to observe how those numbers change over

time. A total of 486 amphibian observations were recorded including; 476 of Spring Peepers, 6 of Spotted Salamanders and 4 observations of Wood Frogs.



*Tarryn Lee at MacArthur ES Career Day.*



*OSTP students with their bee craft during a pollination program.*



*A large group of visitors learning about our corn snake.*



*A spring peeper observed calling in DKNP.*

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**FROM:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR   
PARK SERVICES

BETHANY ZNIDERSIC, ACTING DIVISION CHIEF   
PARK SERVICES - PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

**ITEM 4:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE  
PARK SERVICES - PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

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### **Commission Presentations & Oral Reports**

- Landmark Development Site Open Space – (Item 5.a.)
- Eugene Simpson Park Renovation Update – (Item 5.c.)

### **Attached Memorandums**

- Landmark Development Site Open Space

### **Capital Improvement Project Updates**

- April 2022 Park Planning & Capital Development, Park Services (*Attached*)

### **Small Area Plan & ACPS Modernization Coordination**

- Landmark Mall
- Eisenhower East
- North Potomac Yard
- Arlandria-Chirilagua
- Potomac River Generating Station
- High School Project Minnie Howard Campus
- Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
- Patrick Henry K-8 & Recreation Center Restart (FY 2023)

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**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** ANA VICINANZO, URBAN PLANNER III  
MAYA CONTRERAS, PRINCIPAL PLANNER  
JARED ALVES, AICP, URBAN PLANNER III

**THROUGH:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR PARK SERVICES  
BETHANY ZNIDERSIC, ACTING DIVISION CHIEF

**ITEM 5a:** WEST END OPEN SPACES (LANDMARK MALL SITE)

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**ISSUE:** Presentation of the proposed Central Plaza, Paseo, and Terrace Park within the West End (Landmark Mall) site at 5801 Duke Street.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Park and Recreation Commission review the proposed design for the future publicly accessible private parks.

**BACKGROUND:** In July 2021, the City Council approved CDD#2020-00007 to establish the long-term plan to redevelop the Landmark Mall site into a new mixed-use neighborhood with the Inova Alexandria Hospital campus, offices, residences, commercial uses, a fire station, and a network of at least 3.5 acres of publicly accessible private park spaces. Foulger-Pratt Development, LLC is designing a future 204,281 sq. ft. (4.7 acre) network of publicly accessible private parks as part of the Landmark Mall redevelopment envisioned by CDD#2020-00007 (see Figure 1). The forthcoming Development Site Plan application will focus on two of three Central Plaza blocks (F and N), the Paseo (R), a neighborhood park within Block M adjacent to the Paseo, and the Terrace Park (P):

- **Central Plaza** (*See Attachments 1-2*): The proposal for Blocks F and N of the Central Plaza includes a pair of retail/restaurant pavilions (excluded from open space calculations), a multiuse lawn, a seasonal fountain/ice skating rink, and shaded seating areas.
- **Paseo/Neighborhood Park** (*See Attachment 3*): The proposal locates the Block M neighborhood park along the Paseo (Block R) to provide a playground space connected to the rest of the open space network. Conceptually the CDD had shown the neighborhood park within Block M but aligned with Road 2. The Paseo links the Central Plaza to the Terrace Park by providing a shaded pathway and a raised bridge that crosses Road 7.

- **Terrace Park** (See Attachments 3-5): The proposal provides raised walkways among the trees, including a staircase connection to N Van Dorn Street. The applicant team divides the flat portion of the park between passive seating and an active multiuse lawn. The applicant team is exploring additional elements including an adventure swing bridge and a netted “perch” to account for the change in elevation.

Figure 1 – Open Spaces and Site Context:



In addition to these open spaces, the Inova Hospital Campus application will include the design of Block Q, i.e., the westernmost part of the Central Plaza, and a future DSUP will provide for a second neighborhood park.<sup>1</sup> A green street along Roads 1 and 3 and adjacent to the Central Plaza will visually connect the open spaces with the Paseo and Terrace Park. Finally, each development block, excepting the Hospital Campus, will need to provide 25 percent open space at or above grade. Separate from Block Q, the Hospital Campus will provide 15 percent open space at grade with at least 10,000 sq. ft. of above grade open space.

Visitors will access the open spaces via the transit station on Road 2, including the stops for the future West End and Duke Street Transitways, the cycle track that extends along Roads 1, 3, and 5, and via on and off-street parking.

<sup>1</sup> Conceptually the CDD identified the second neighborhood park within Block J.

**DISCUSSION:** The Landmark Neighborhood Chapter of the Alexandria Master Plan envisioned a network of connected open spaces within the new neighborhood (see Figure 2). This concept submission responds to the recommendations of the small area plan, including:

- Providing at least 3.5 acres of publicly accessible, at-grade open space,
- Connecting the spaces physically and visually by the neighborhood’s green street,
- Having the Central Plaza serve as the primary community gathering area for programmed events, connecting to nearby retail and restaurants, and retail pavilions within the park,
- Designing the Terrace Park to maximize the flat surface, account for the steep slope, and provide a trail connection to N Van Dorn street, and
- Incorporating both active and passive elements in the Neighborhood Parks

Figure 2 – Open Spaces in the Landmark Neighborhood Chapter



**LEGEND**

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|  | Required Active/Retail Streets                                  |  | Framework Streets & Service Connections                                     |
|  | Preferred Active/Retail Streets                                 |  | Future Extensions   |
|  | Mixed-Use (Minimum 20% Non-residential)                         |  | Existing Above Grade Parking Structure to be Redeveloped with Future Phases |
|  | Fixed Public Parks (Central Plaza (1), paseo, and Terrace Park) |  | Existing Connector  |
|  |   |  | Interim Connector   |
|  |   |  | Signalized Intersections  |

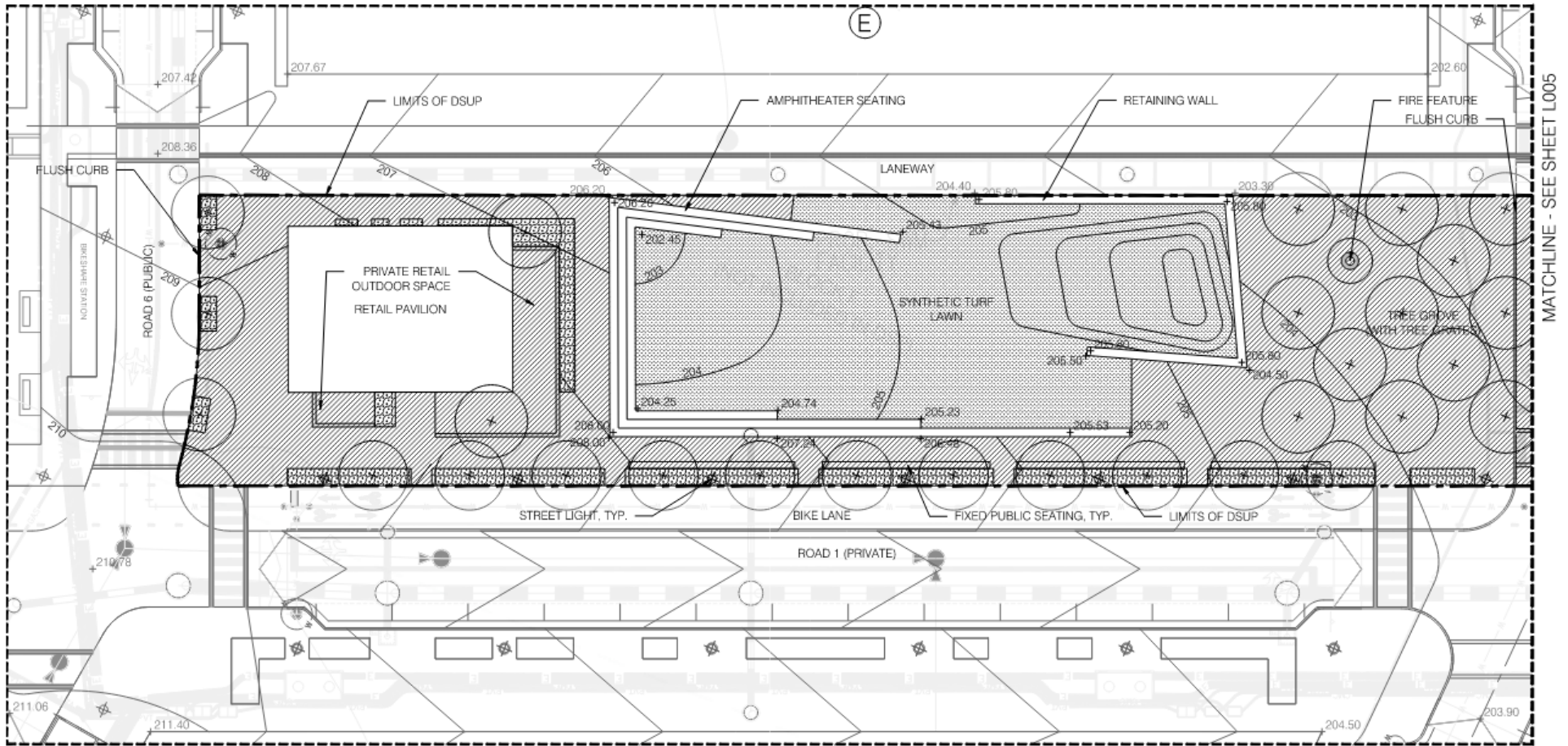
Staff supports the initial conceptual design of the parks and will work closely with the applicant as they prepare for the Planning Commission public hearing. In particular, Staff will work with the applicant team on the architecture of the retail kiosks, ensuring pathways are wide enough to accommodate all users, identifying locations for public art, designing the playground within the Block M neighborhood park, providing for active uses within the Paseo, and ensuring that the landscaping for the Paseo accommodates the park's underground stormwater vault.

The applicant has submitted their Concept Plan and anticipate receiving project approvals at the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings next winter. The applicant will be working with RPCA on additional community engagement this spring and summer. Engagement efforts will be tailored to the West End Van Dorn/Landmark area, and will include HOA's, civic associations, and the Ad Hoc Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The applicant team will fund, design, construct, and maintain the private parks. CDD Conditions of approval permit the City to hold up to six events per year at no cost in the Paseo and up to eight events per year in Blocks F and N of the Central Plaza.

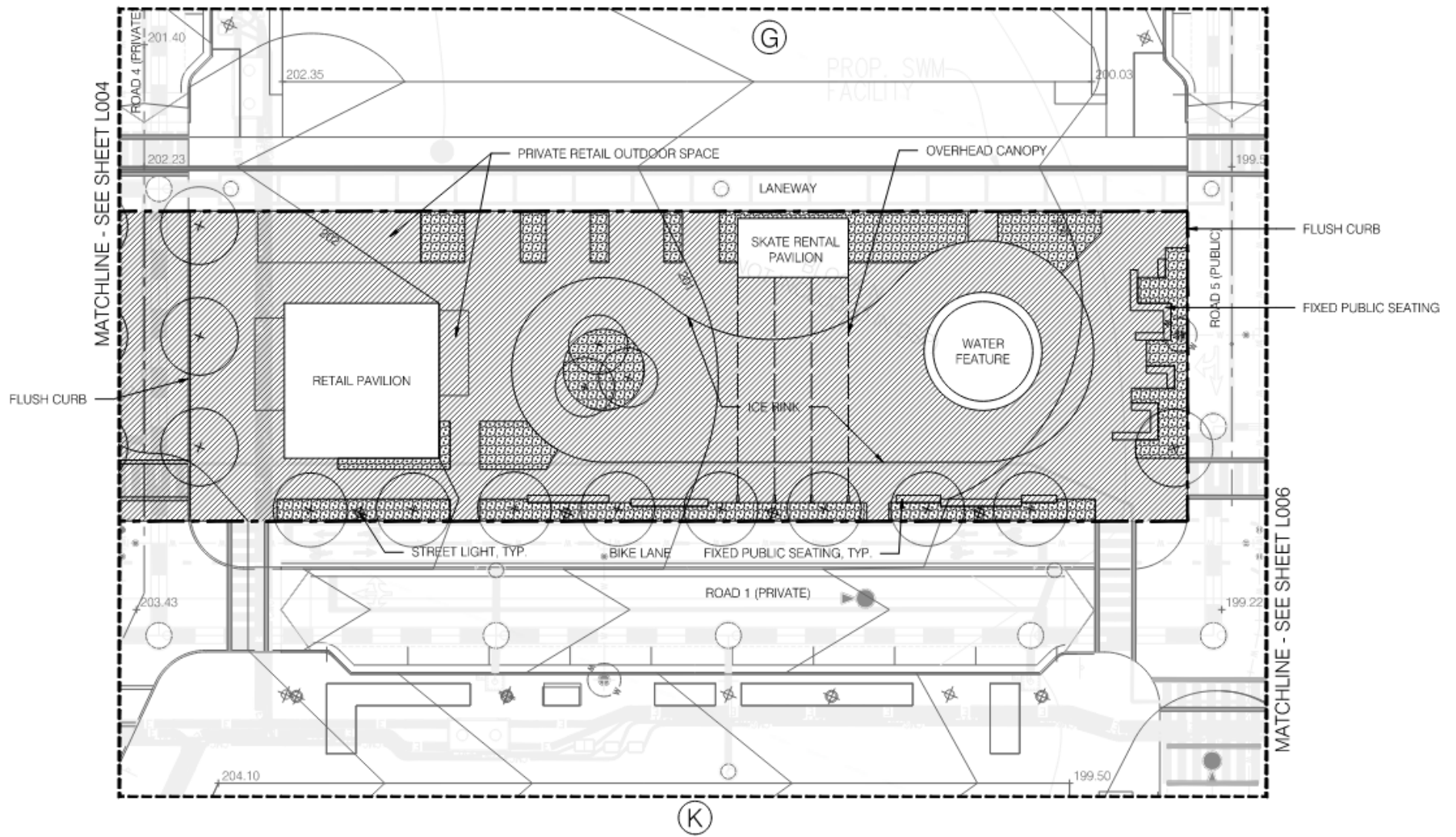
**STAFF:** Jack Browand, Deputy Director Park Services  
Ana Vicinanza, Urban Planner III  
Jared Alves, AICP, Urban Planner III  
Maya Contreras, Principal Planner

Attachment 1 – Central Plaza Concept Block F

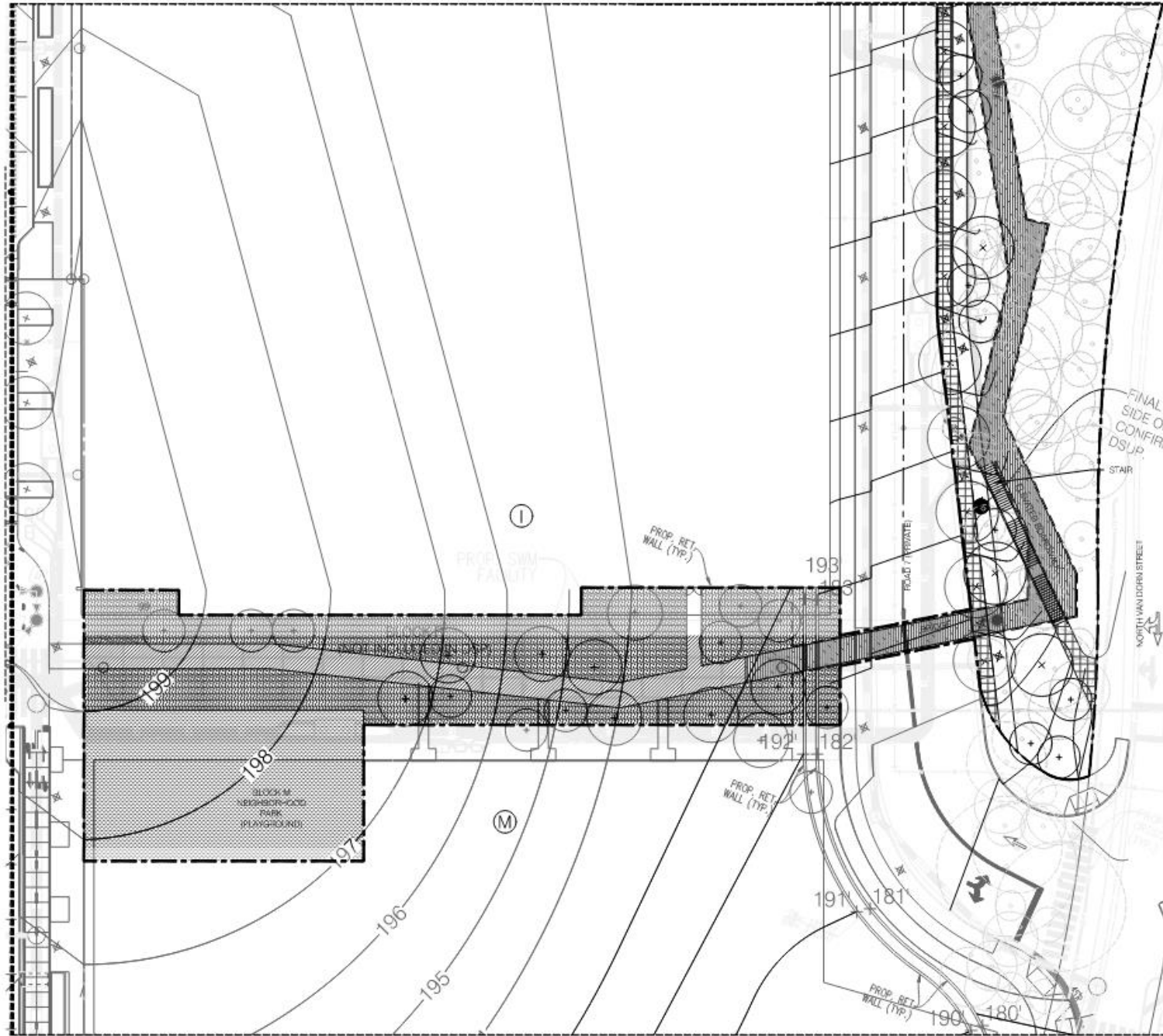




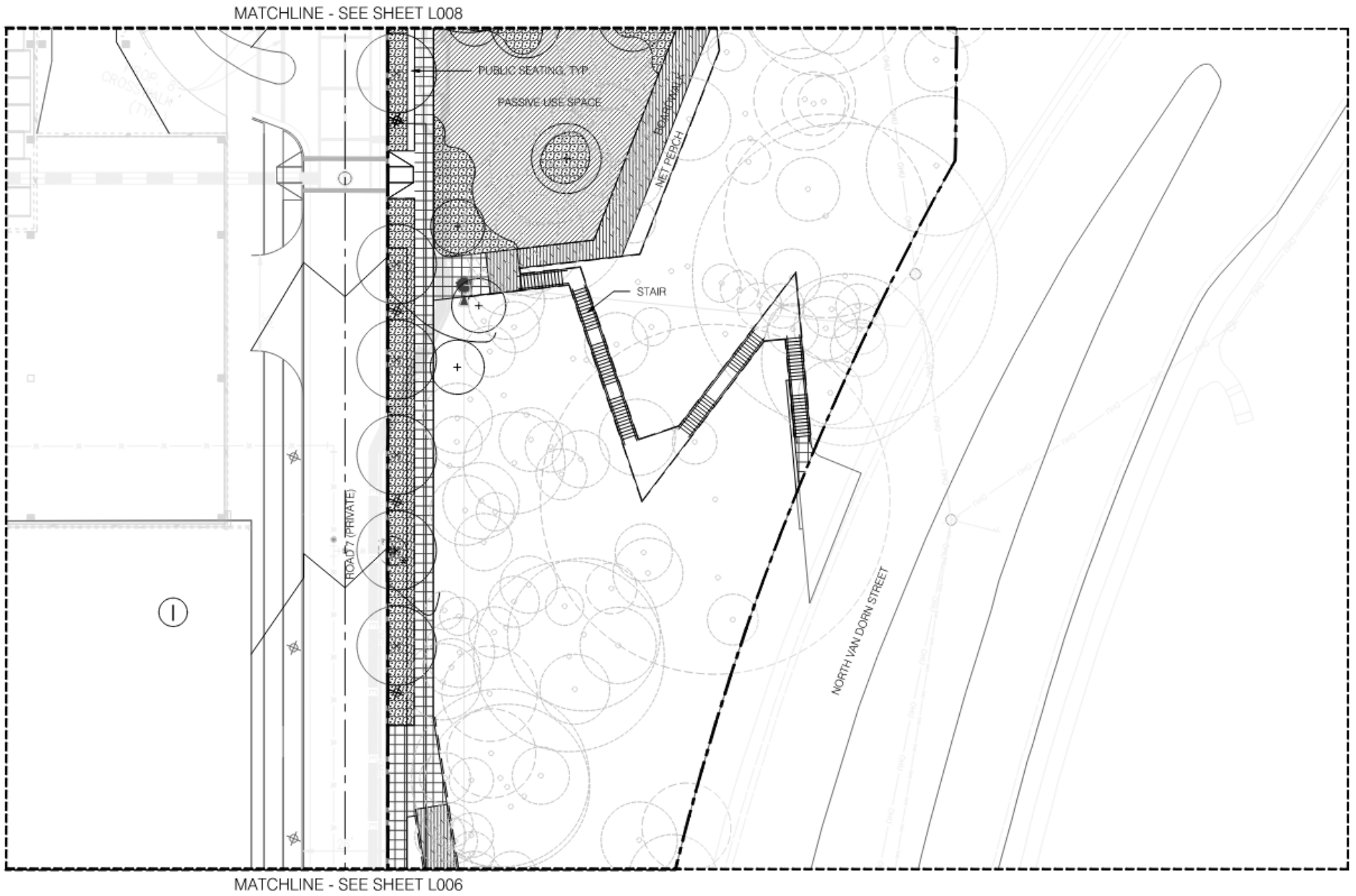
Attachment 2 – Central Plaza Concept Block N





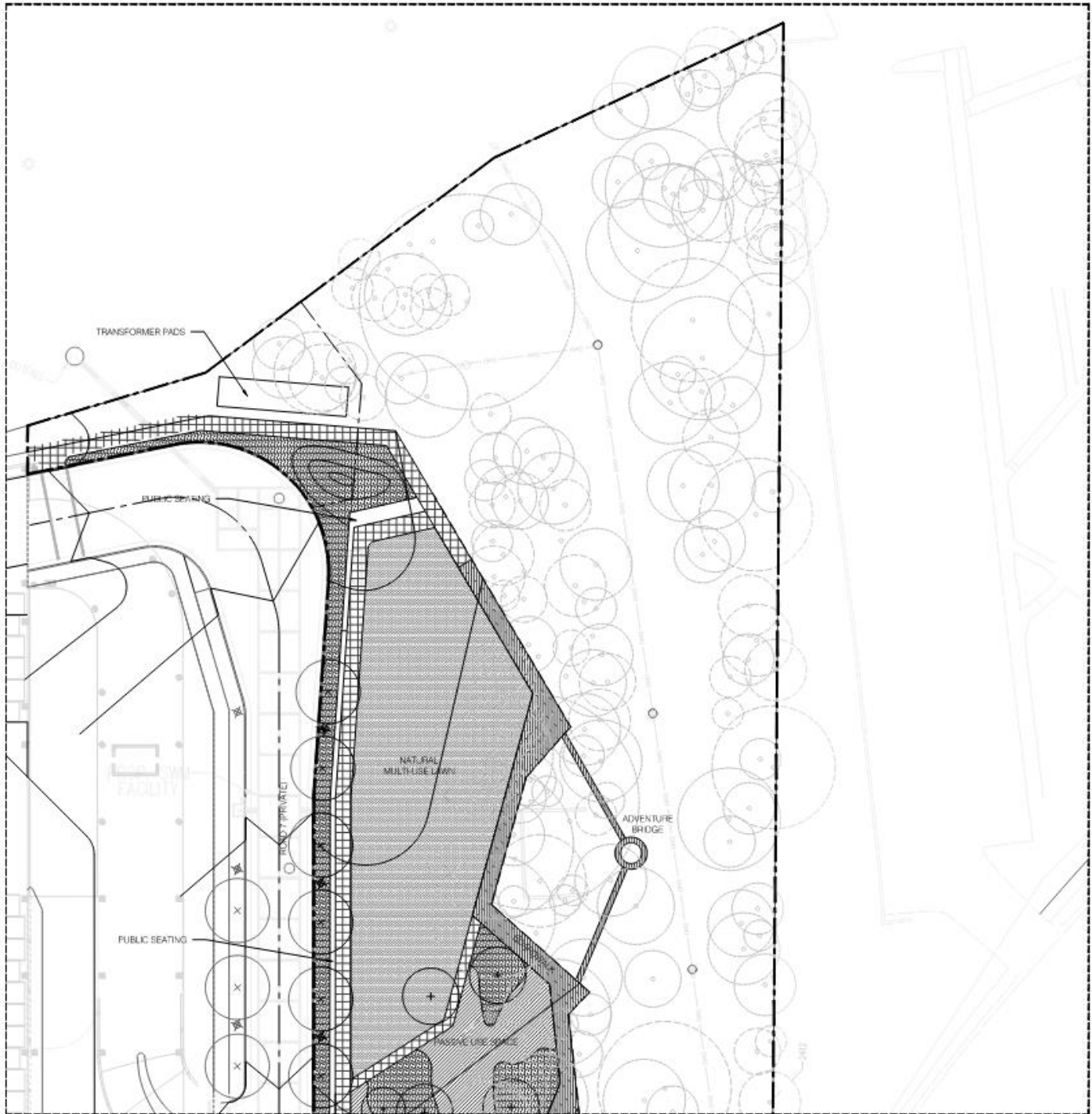


Attachment 4 – Central Portion of Terrace Park Concept





Attachment 5 – Northern Portion of Terrace Park Concept



MATCHLINE - SEE SHEET L007

# Park & Recreation Commission -Park Planning Report



April 21, 2022

Project	Project Description	Monthly Update	Status	Planning District	Target Completion Date	Assigned To
1 Open Space Policy Plan	This project will develop a framework for explaining Open Space and identifying policy change needs. City Council reinstated the Open Space Steering Committee with charge of work to be completed by FY 2023.	At the March Open Space Steering Committee, a presentation was provided on open space metrics. The Committee discussed the existing metric and need for updating or adding new metrics based on geographic areas.  The Open Space Steering Committee is also reviewing the open space acquisition criteria discussed in January. Staff continues to work on open space national standards and best practices.	Implementation	Citywide	06/30/23	Ana Vicinanza
2 Park Renovations Emergency Projects	Unanticipated park CIP Projects	This project addresses emergency repairs and unanticipated facility needs. A portion of funding from this program is currently in designated to repair the Hensley Park Rectangular Field Lights.	Initiation	Citywide	06/30/22	Bethany Znidarsic
3 Witter Recreational Fields Netting	Netting along Witter Drive on the Rectangular Fields	The project scoping investigation is complete, and unexpected issues have been identified. Through a public private partnership, the project will be expanded to include netting on all four sides of the rectangular fields. A Special Use Permit request to add the netting was recommended for approval at the April 7 Planning Commission Public Hearing and is docketed for the April 23 City Council Public Hearing.	Planning	District 1	12/30/22	Daniel Unkle
4 Wilkes Street Park	Develop plan for Wilkes Street Park in anticipation of building redevelopments	Wilkes Street Park was submitted and reviewed by staff as a Grading Plan last month. Staff will be working with the applicant team and City Attorney's Office to create a construction MOU for the implementation of the Park. Staff continues to review and provide comments to the blocks adjacent to the park because of their potential impact to the open space.	Planning	District 1	02/18/21	Ana Vicinanza
5 City Marina Pier Gates	This project will add gates to the piers at the Marina.	The new gates are installed and complete. The project will be closed out.	Implementation	District 1	06/30/22	Michael Durham
6 Simpson Dog Park Renovation	This project will address erosion and drainage issues in the Simpson Park dog park per the 2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan.	The construction Invitation To Bid opening was held in mid-March. The bids are currently under review. The project is anticipated to	Procurement	District 2	12/30/22	Bethany Znidarsic
7 Colasanto Interactive Fountain Public Art	This project provides a site specific public art piece for the Colasanto Interactive Fountain Project.	A virtual community meeting will held to review the public art and the final design for the interactive fountain.	Planning	District 2	12/31/22	Diane Ruggiero
8 Colasanto Interactive Fountain Design	This project will convert the existing closed Colasanto Pool to an interactive fountain per the 2012 Aquatics Plan. The renovated site will be an intergenerational, inclusive, multi-functional site that can be used year round.	The 90% design drawings were submitted for review in late January, which included a review by the Health Department. The design team addressed the comments. The final plan submission is anticipated to be complete in May2022 after the final community meeting, which is planned for late April. The public art infrastructure and supporting footers will be incorporated with the next plan submission and included in the construction package.	Planning	District 2	12/30/21	Bethany Znidarsic
9 Mount Jefferson Park Improvements	City responsibilities per the Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) conditions.	The developer continues construction of the park improvements. Clearing and grubbing are ongoing. Initial invasive plant removal was complete in March.	Implementation	District 2	06/30/22	Judy Lo
10 NPY North Potomac Yard Park	North Potomac Yard Park is the extension of Potomac Yard Park in Coordinated Development District #19 (CDD19). This is the main open space for the CDD. The Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) was approved in December 2020.	The second final site plan for Potomac Yard Park was submitted and reviewed by City Staff. Staff will meet with the design team prior to the next plan submission.	Planning	District 2	12/31/25	Ana Vicinanza
11 Naming Proposal at Chinquapin Park	RPCA supports the City Council Naming Committee regarding naming requests as they are received.	RPCA has received a proposal to name the memorial tree grove located at Chinquapin Park. The tree grove was planted by Virginia Tech in 2017 as a tribute to the mass shooting victims. The proposed name will recognize gun violence prevention. Per the Naming Policy, a public comment period is required and will be planned for this spring.	Administrative	District 2	06/30/22	Judy Lo
12 MacArthur School Recreation Programming Space Construction	New recreation office and program space at Douglas MacArthur School	Anticipated completion of the project continues to be July 2023. Construction activities to complete the Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center field, parking lot and other site work anticipated to begin July and August 2023 with substantial completion in summer 2024.	Planning	District 3	12/30/22	Jack Browand
13 Patrick Henry Outdoor Improvements	Project reduced to completion of Lathan St. amenities due to MacArthur Swing Space determination.	RPCA and ACPS are coordinating a design modification to include athletic field lighting infrastructure when the synthetic turf field installation occurs. Anticipated construction is summer 2023 with substantial completion summer 2024.	Implementation	District 3	08/31/24	Jack Browand
14 Fort Ward Park Picnic Shelter Access Improvements	Provide barrier free accessible route that connects picnic shelter, picnic tables, and parking. The ADA accessible path will also connect to the sidewalk on Van Dorn Street	A community pre-construction meeting was held on April 9. Work will commence the week of April 25. Archaeologists will be on-site to monitor excavation activities throughout construction.	Implementation	District 3		Judy Lo
15 Hensley Park Renovation	This project will renovate Hensley Park based on the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan concept (2014).	Revised 100% drawings are anticipated in May. City staff met with the design team to review the plans and identify final edits to the	Planning	District 3	12/01/23	Bethany Znidarsic
16 Brenman/Boothe Improvements - Somerville Pesestrian Path Lighting	This project will install solar lights along the path between the Somerville Bridge and the Ben Brenman Dog Park.	Lights and poles have been delivered to contractor. The contractor is waiting for the remaining components prior to starting installation. Permits have been approved for the project.	Implementation	District 3	05/01/21	Daniel Unkle

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17 High School Project	This project is a complete rebuild of the Alexandria City High School Minnie Howard school and athletic complex. The project includes the addition of an aquatics center for high school sanctioned aquatics sports and separate training pool. Outdoor athletic amenities include lighted rectangular field, tennis courts and basketball court; walking loop; and stadium seating.	Construction activities are scheduled to begin April 18. Utility disconnects completed. Staff have removed items for use at other locations.	Implementation	District 3	09/01/24	Jack Browand
18 Ewald Park Site Design	Design of Ewald Park per the 2015 Neighborhood Parks Plan	The Land and Water Conservation grant was submitted. Staff will be submitting additional materials for the pre-review phase of the grant process. A 30 day public comment period will be scheduled this spring. Staff continue to work on the design scope of work.	Initiation	District 3	06/30/23	Judy Lo
19 Landmark Block P - Terrace Park	This development project is part of the Landmark Mall Redevelopment Coordinated Development District.	Open space for Landmark Mall was submitted as one Development Special Use Permit. Staff is reviewing the submission for compliance to the Small Area Plan and Coordinated Development District. Landmark Mall Open Space will be presented at this month's Park and Recreation Commission meeting.	Planning	District 3	01/21/22	Ana Vicinanzo
20 Polk Avenue Sidewalk	Installation of new sidewalk on Polk Avenue adjacent to 5325 Polk Avenue Park. This is a Safe Routes to School project managed by TES	TES is taking public comment on a new Safe Routes to School sidewalk project, adjacent to 5325 Polk Avenue Park: <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/transportation-planning/project/polk-avenue-sidewalk-safe-routes-to-school-project">https://www.alexandriava.gov/transportation-planning/project/polk-avenue-sidewalk-safe-routes-to-school-project</a> The project proposes to improve the entrance to the park and extend the Polk Avenue sidewalk.	Design	District 3		Judy Lo