



Open Space Committee
Town Hall Annex, Lyons Hearing Room
Meeting Notes -- Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:30pm

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Brian Kelder, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wendy Richter

Absent: David White, Kelsey Cowen, John Pickle, Jane Auger, Shirley Canniff, Emily Sullivan, Teresa DeBenedictis

Minutes: The minutes of September 27 and October 25 meeting were not reviewed since we did not have a quorum for voting.

Take-A-Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces: Next steps for Take-A-Walk maps:

1. Collect graphic feedback to bring to Adam Kurowski to streamline revision process once all areas have been mapped initially.
2. Brian added routes in Morningside area and Turkey Hill to the online draft map

Open Space and Recreation Plan:

1. To track projects in Google drive, Wendy will code meeting minutes per the Open Space Plan categories.
2. Funding options for OSC: CDBG funds have been used in the past. The previous cost to produce the OS&R plan was around \$15K to hire a consultant and printing costs. The plan is a requirement for the town.
3. OSC – target date to submit a budget to the town: before the end of the year. We discussed various items in need of funding and Ann will consult with Planning Department on the process.

OSC Communications:

1. Process to update photos of renovated parks in “Experiencing Arlington's Open Spaces” (on town web site):
 - Still need to collect photos from friends groups. Shirley offered to contact design firm that did Magnolia, Elisabeth volunteered to contact Tony for Robbins Farm. David has contacts for other friends groups.
 - Kelsey will check if Experiencing Arlington uses a Flickr account – and how to upload new photos.
2. FB Page: Jane is updating it.

Picture Post: No new information available.

CPA Project Update:

1. December deadline for 2019-2020 grants. No list was available for potential projects, but several current projects are asking for follow-up support (i.e., Reservoir Master Plan, MyRWA Wellington Park)

Other Topics:

1. AHS design: Community concern about loss of open green space and loss of historic buildings. The AHS community presentation was postponed to incorporate feedback. OSC will discuss further after the next public design presentation (scheduled for November 28, 7-9 pm).
2. Mugar parcel: Case is still under review in Housing Appeals Court. No decision expected until early 2019.

Next meeting: December 13 (2nd floor annex meeting room)

2019 Dates: Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, June 27, July/Aug TBD, Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 12

Notes by Ann LeRoyer