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EMAIL Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 12:41 PM
From: Bill Bouie, Chairman (Fairfax County Park Authority)
To: Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force Members

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I would like to clear up some misstatements that were contained in a couple of emails flying around since the meeting. Dave did not say that the Park Authority does not have a lot of land in Reston, what he said was that we do not have a lot of land in the Town Center area, as all of that land is privately owned. The only land that we have in the Town Center area is the 5 acres across from the North County Government Center. As Mr. Rogers noted, Reston is blessed with many Park Authority facilities, most of which were included on his list.

The Park Authority has not made any decisions on the 5 acres and what it will be nor have we had any discussions with regards to land swaps or land sales. When the time comes to make a decision on the 5 acres, whatever that decision may be, we will have public meetings to get community input prior to the Park Authority Board moving forward with any plans. Once the Master Planning process is completed and accepted by the Park Authority Board will the process begin to move forward with regards to any development. The plan today simple calls for Open Space.

The Park Authority staff and I have looked at the Library Park site a number of times. The issues have always been around if the owner wanted to donate the property to the Park Authority for us to develop into a Tot Lot or some type of open space, passive recreation activity place. No one has been able to nail down Trammel Crow and what their plans are for that property.

Lastly, the Park Authority is not looking to do anything at this time with the 5 acres. We are not looking to swap our 5 acres for 7 elsewhere, or any combination thereof. We will continue to participate in the North County study, and we will wait on the results of the study to be delivered before the discussion of any development moving forward.

To get an idea of some of the new parks around Urban Development in the County, I suggest that you visit the urban park at the Merrifield Development or the new development at Arrowbrook in Herndon off of Centerville Rd. and the Toll Rd. Arrowbrook was a proffer from the developer. I would be more than happy to host a gathering at either or both places.

You are to be congratulated for looking at parks as an integral part of the growing Town Center. We look forward to working with you and the Task Force in making the growing Reston the BEST place to live, work, and play.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Take care and have a great day.

Bill Bouie, Chairman
Fairfax County Park Authority