

**PUBLIC HEARING: June 22, 2004
Nottoway Master Plan Revision
DRAFT
MEETING SUMMARY**

Attendance:

FCPA BOARD MEMBERS:

Joanne Malone, Providence District, Winifred Shapiro, Braddock District; Harold Strickland, Sully District; Ken Feng, Springfield District; Kevin Fay, Dranesville District; George Lovelace; Georgette Kohler.

FCPA STAFF: Mike Kane, Director; Tim White, Deputy Director, Park Authority; Judy Pedersen - Public Information Officer, Lynn Tadlock – Director, Planning & Development Division; Kirk Holley, Manager, Planning Branch; Irish Grandfield, Project Manager, Planning Branch; Sandy Stallman, Senior Planner; Angela Allen, Planning Branch; Diane Probus, Planning Branch; John Hopkins, Area 7 Manager, Park Operations; Shelley Shah, Admin; Diane Wotortsi, Admin; Gail Taylor-Wharton, RMD; Cindy Jordan, RMD;

CITIZENS: Approximately 200 citizens in attendance

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. and was facilitated by Judy Pedersen. Following introductions of Park Authority Board Members and Staff, she introduced Project Manager Irish Grandfield who provided an overview of the planning process. Park Authority consultant Elisabeth Lardner followed with a presentation of a Master Plan Revision to the Plan that was originally approved in 1973.

Ms. Pedersen then opened the floor for speakers to comment. The following citizens spoke:

1. Richard Bavier – Kelly Square, Vienna
 - Self-described member of the “Disorganized Nottoway Regulars” who like to walk in the woods and don’t often use other park facilities.
 - Supports the proposal because it minimizes impact on wooded areas.
 - Thanks local elected and appointed officials and Park Authority staff for being responsive to community concerns to protect the woodlands.
2. Vivian Morgan-Mendez – “Friends of Nottoway”, Kelly Square, Vienna
 - Supports the proposal because it minimizes impact on wooded areas.

- Thanks local elected and appointed officials and Park Authority staff for being responsive to community concerns to protect the woodlands.
 - Likes the community gardens, “Nottoway Nights” and green spaces at the park.
3. Julie Appleby, Kelly Square, Vienna
 - Likes woodlands and green spaces at the park.
 - Enjoys walking & trails.
 - Requests state-of-the-art field lighting.
 4. Fred Crabtree, Vienna
 - Described history of Nottoway Park acquisition in the 1970s and importance of Vienna Youth Little League in the purchase.
 - Expressed support for keeping Curry baseball diamond as opposed to replacement with a rectangular field.
 5. Kate Beddall, On Behalf of “Friends of Nottoway”
 - “Friends” is an informal group organized in opposition to locating a new Area maintenance facility at Nottoway Park. “Friends” submitted a petition with 3,000 signatures in objection to a new maintenances facility. Appreciates Park Authority’s response in draft master plan revision to not locate the facility at Nottoway.
 - Supports protection of natural and cultural resources at the park.
 6. Michael Pobat, Vienna Little League Administrator
 - Indicated the Vienna Little League has over 1,000 ballplayers in three leagues and cannot afford to lose use of a diamond field at Nottoway.
 - Expressed support for keeping Curry baseball diamond as opposed to replacement with a rectangular field.
 7. Russ Ekanger, Treasurer, Vienna Little League
 - The Vienna Little League has of only two diamonds provided by the County and maintains many others on their own.
 - Wants to keep Curry baseball diamond as opposed to replacement with a rectangular field.
 8. Bill Cervenak, President, Vienna Little League
 - Replacement of Curry baseball diamond with a rectangular field would be “bad government.” Opposes loss of little league diamond.
 - Needs Assessment indicates that we need more fields not fewer.

9. Frank Williams, Jr., Oakton/Vienna resident
 - Supported Nottoway Park acquisition in the 1970s and indicates that the Park Authority has a long standing commitment to continue to provide two little league baseball diamonds at Nottoway Park.
 - Don't destroy a perfectly good little league field when there are too few.

10. Franklin Blackstone, III, Tyson's Glen and North Gallows Neighborhood Association
 - Wants both preservation of Curry baseball diamond and a new rectangular field.
 - Not opposed to loss of trees or use of cultural resource area to provide recreational opportunities for children.

11. Jerry Duane, Jeremiah Moore Historic and Education Association
 - Cited historical importance of Moorefield House as home of 18th Century preacher Jeremiah Moore.
 - Wants Moorefield located on Nottoway Park in the southeastern portion of the site.
 - Claims that construction, renovation, and maintenance of the structure can be done entirely with private funds.

12. Don Curry, Vienna Resident
 - Long-time Little League coach and supporter for which Curry Field is named.
 - Notes that Nottoway is parkland largely due to Vienna Youth Little League's efforts in the 1970's.
 - Supports retention of Curry field baseball diamond.
 - Believes that there is room for additional fields and does not oppose removal of trees to add fields.

13. Frank Sheridan, Edglea HOA
 - Opposed to locating a new Area maintenance facility at Nottoway Park.
 - Supports protection of green space and open fields at the park.

14. Darryl Haynor, VP Vienna Youth Soccer
 - Supports addition of another rectangular field at the park considering 3,000 children participating in youth soccer in the Vienna area.
 - Notes that soccer is the fastest growing youth sport and Park Authority provides only one and a half fields total in the Vienna area for youth.
 - Supports lighting and synthetic field surface to improve playing conditions.

15. Connie Houston, Aide to Delegate Steve Shannon,
 - Appreciates removal of proposal to locate new Area maintenance facility at Nottoway Park.
 - Wants both preservation of Curry baseball diamond and a new rectangular field.
16. Mary Beck
 - Has two boys in Little League. Does not support replacement of Curry baseball diamond with a rectangular field.
 - Don't pit baseball vs. soccer; need more of both types of fields.
 - Concerned about scheduling play for children at night.
17. White Sox Little League Team
 - Introduced themselves.
 - Don't replace Curry baseball diamond with a rectangular field.
18. Alex Russell and Twins Little League Team
 - Save Curry baseball diamond.
 - His teams have more trouble getting access to baseball fields than soccer fields.
19. Carlos Hamman, Kelly Square, Vienna
 - Supports playground improvements.
 - Likes woodlands and green spaces at the park. Recognizes the air quality contribution of trees.
 - Remember the other park users (such as ethnic groups) who are not represented at tonight's public hearings.
20. Bill Hotchkiss, Kelly Square, Vienna
 - Supports woodlands at the park. Recognizes importance to wildlife and air quality.
 - Concern about declining bird species and habitats.
21. Joe Facenda, Vienna Little League
 - Cannot afford loss of Curry baseball diamond.
 - Don't pit baseball vs. soccer; need more of both types of fields. Look for opportunities to develop more fields both on and offsite.
 - Look at possibility of replacing tennis courts with an athletic field.
22. Pamela Frasier, Country Creek HOA, Vienna
 - Nottoway Park is an oasis in an area of heavy development.
 - Supports the proposal because it minimizes impact on wooded areas.

- Thanks for removing maintenance facility from proposal.
23. Alex Phillips, Player in Vienna Little League
- Notes high quality of Curry baseball diamond – please save the field.
 - Cites difficulty in finding places to practice and play.
24. Douglas Phillips, Vienna
- Does not believe that the Needs Assessment indicates a surplus of little league fields.
 - Notes severe shortage of little league fields in the Vienna area.
 - Destroying Curry Field would be a big mistake.
25. Clark Gray, Vienna Babe Ruth
- Notes severe shortage of little league fields in the Vienna area.
 - Destroying Curry Field would be a big mistake.
 - Supports locating the Moorefield House at Nottoway.
26. Jim Collins, Reston Youth Baseball
- Notes severe shortage of little league fields in the Vienna area.
 - Supports retention of Curry field baseball diamond.
 - Look to create additional field space at other park sites.
27. Steve Brilia,
- Sports build character. Focus on the children.
 - Supports retention of Curry field baseball diamond.
28. Roger Sims, Fairfax County Baseball Council
- Supports retention of Curry field baseball diamond.
 - Athletic Council should be involved in this process.
29. Freida Robey,
- Wants Moorefield located on Nottoway Park.
30. Frank E. Williams III,
- Big need for additional fields in this area.
 - Supports retention of Curry field baseball diamond.
31. Leslie Brickowski, Vienna
- Baseball community should have been better alerted of the proposal to replace Curry Field.

- Supports both preservation of Curry baseball diamond and a new rectangular field.

32. Robin Yee, Vienna

- Self-described “tree-hugger.”
- Thanks to Vienna Little League for their role in the 1970s to acquire Nottoway Park.
- Please don’t pit little league against tree-preservation.
- Signs for the Public Hearing should have been posted in Spanish. Concern that ethnic community not represented at the public hearing.

33. Mike McGuren,

- Supports both preservation of Curry baseball diamond and a new rectangular field.
- Notes need for a high-quality soccer field (“crown-jewel”) in Vienna area.

34. Tony Ensaladi, Vienna

- Notes that Little League fields in the Vienna area are not underutilized.
- Supports retention of Curry baseball diamond

35. Gary Moon,

- Supports both retention of Curry baseball diamond and addition of another rectangular field.
- Don’t pit baseball vs. soccer; need more of both types of fields.

36. Walth Gardner, Little League coach

- Notes importance of little league.
- Supports retention of Curry baseball diamond.
- Supports adult softball fields.

End of Public Hearing; No other Speakers