

BARON CAMERON PARK

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Recreational Facilities

Affiliation: Northern Virginia Disc Golf

Comment: what about disc golf??? - the woods we walked would be a perfect out of the way venue. should put that in the master plan.

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Pertains To: Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: I would be interested in receiving additional information on the project, in particular with respect to projected costs and anticipated increases in taxes or other costs being passed through to homeowners; the demonstrated need for an additional facility of this type (in particular for another indoor facility) and impacts to local community (traffic, congestion and light and noise pollution).

Based on my review of the master plan, I would currently object on the basis that the Baron Cameron Park is not well suited for this type of expansion. The park is right in the middle of a residential area and the traffic, noise and congestion will have an adverse impact on the quality of life. In addition, there does not appear to be a demonstrable need for this type of expansion given the YMCA in north Reston; the Community Center in South Reston and the recent upgrade to lighted fields at Langston Hughes. If additional lighted fields are necessary, then the logical choice would be to expand the facilities at Lake Fairfax Park which is much better suited for this type of development. Is that option being considered? If not, why not?

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: General

Affiliation:

Comment: As a nearby resident, I would like to retain the space as it currently is. There is very little open space left in Reston.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Off-Leash Dog Area

Affiliation:

Comment: When revising the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan, please strongly consider leaving the Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) in its current position within the park. The OLDA serves the local area and provides a safe place for dogs to socialize and play. The current position of the OLDA provides sufficient space for both large and small dogs. I regularly use the small dog area; my dogs enjoy having a safe space to run and play. The OLDA is used by many local residents. Please keep the area in its current position.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area**

Affiliation:

Comment: Please count me as in favor of expanded swimming facilities at Baron Cameron Park or elsewhere in the Reston/Herndon area.

Whatever plan is approved, please maintain the dog park at it's current site or expand it at a new location within Baron Cameron Park. No other facility in Baron Cameron Park is used by as many people as this facility on a daily basis. The dog park is all about community enjoyment by people and their pets. It is imperative that the division between small (under 25 pounds) and large dogs remain in place!

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: In all the meetings regarding the passibility of building a recreation center at Baron Cameron, I haven't heard any information that defines how traffic would be managed/ameliorated on Wiehle Avenue.

Those of us living in Longwood Drove, a horse-shoed shaped neighborhood, has as its only access on Wiehle Avenue. When the Silver Line finally opens, traffic will increase exponentially. Adding to that traffic by building a recreation center will make it nearly impossible for us to make a left turn onto Wiehle Avenue ever. I leave for work early in the morning and already have to wait many minutes to get out of Longwood Grove. Your plan?

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Off-Leash Dog Area**

Affiliation:

Comment: The existing off-leash dog area should remain in its current location, although it is overcrowded and too small. If relocated, it should be placed along the Wiehle Avenue frontage to provide a linear design. Further, recommends a few design improvements.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Memorial Garden of Reflection**

Affiliation: **Initiative for Public Art-Reston**

Comment: Proposes that the park master plan include a Memorial Garden of Reflection to serve as a universal and inclusive quiet place for personal contemplation, meditation, and reflection

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, General**

Affiliation: **Inlet Cluster**

Comment: I'm very encouraged about the proposed plans – you've taken into consideration all the parties, and not a single lobby. This should be a space for all Reston's and Fairfax's people, all ages, all income levels – offered in Reston's true open-minded spirit.

Please, when you're planning the aquatic facility, keep these principles uppermost, and by all means think big. The last thing we need is a small overbooked 6-lane 25 meter pool and diving area with an adjacent Jacuzzi.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: **Save Baron Cameron Park Coalition**

Comment: If Fairfax County is willing to fund [an indoor recreation center] completely without using Small Tax District #5 tax monies in a location in Town Center North area, I fully support it but not at Baron Cameron Park.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of recreational facilities oriented toward runners.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: The Fairfax County Park Authority in conjunction with RCC using their power to forge though with a project that is not fiscally responsible. The proposal to add a second recreation center is a several misuse of funds that should be earmarked for other areas within Fairfax County Park Authority. In addition, having Mr. Bill Bouie on Board of Directors for RCC and employee of Fairfax County Park Authority is unethical and conflict of interest.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Off-Leash Dog Area, Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: 1. Save the dog park.
2. Small Tax District #5 is not a piggy bank. Let developers pay and people that use pools pay.
3. I.P. at Brown's Chapel Park.

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Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Recreational Facilities

Affiliation: www.restonpaths.com

Comment: Proposes that the park master plan include a pedestrian connection to the westerly adjacent residential neighborhoods, as a trail already exists starting at Waterfront Road but stops at the park boundary.

Notes that an indoor recreation center could be located underground in order to preserve open space.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (written)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I want to go on the record as being against using Small Tax District #5 taxes to build a recreation center/pool at Baron Cameron Park. It is taking blatant advantage of the Reston STD5 taxpayers to expect us to fund a facility that will be used by many people living outside of Reston. While there are groups in Reston who it seems are very anxious for an indoor pool, it is not reasonable to expect the entirety of Reston to pay for this small contingent's facility. Fairfax County has funded recreation centers in many other districts of the county (all other except Reston?) and there is no reason why Reston should be treated differently... not to mention, we have the burden of the trolls on 267, aging facilities that need maintenance, and an existing community center that has operated at a loss in recent years. Please don't expect STD5 to pay for any part of this proposed recreation center.

I agree with everything Tammy Petrine from Reston 20/20 and Rick Beyer said at [the public comment] meeting. I love Tammy's suggestion to provide a larger dog park in Lake Fairfax!

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (written)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I do not support the recreation center at Baron Cameron Park and urge it to be dropped from the development plan. The recreation center does not belong in this park, it would seriously increase traffic on roads, such as Wiehle Avenue, which will not be able to accommodate this increased traffic safely. I believe that the recreation center should be built where there is population growth, such as near the Town Center. In addition, the increased traffic will create additional safety concerns at Baron Cameron intersection, where there are already too many accidents. Finally, the costs should not be borne by the Reston tax district, especially given that it will benefit county residents.

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Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: **SLHS Swim & Dive, RSTA Swim League, Potomac Valley Swimming**

Comment: Please support an alternative development option that includes an indoor competition pool. We – Reston’s high school, the Reston developmental swim league and Potomac Valley Swimming – are in desperate need of a modern facility that would allow those living in western Fairfax access to a recreation facility with sufficient space necessary to support a growing population of competitive swimmers.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: We have serious concerns about putting an indoor recreation center at Baron Cameron Park. I strongly urge you to drop this option from the master plan. This facility would lead to increased traffic congestion and would not primarily benefit the Reston community. Residents from all over Fairfax County would use this facility but Reston residents would pay for it through the small tax district. It is more appropriate to put the indoor recreation center near the population increase caused by the Silver Line station. This indoor recreation center should be put in the North Town Center area. This action would preserve Baron Cameron Park and put this facility where the population would be.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: The swimmers need to stop complaining and Fairfax County Park Authority and RCC do not need to tax Reston residents due to the complaints of swimmers. Do you see the ice hockey players complaining, do you see the gymnastic complaining, do you see the wrestlers complaining, do you see the lacrosse players complaining, no you don't - only the swimmers.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: I continue to express my opposition to the proposed indoor recreation center at Baron Cameron Park.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: I moved to Reston in 1971 and practiced Internal Medicine here for the past 42 years. I have been the prototype Restonian defined by Robert Simon, living and raising a family here, my wife teaching at South Lakes HS, participating in all our community activities. I have encouraged patients to exercise and I certainly have done so. But, although we have wonderful outdoor swimming pools and basketball facilities and other such, there is a dearth of indoor facilities. I can afford membership at a facility with an indoor pool and all athletic facilities, but membership cost for my wife and me is impossible for most families.

Since I moved to Reston in 1971 there has been talk of a county Rec facility but it has never become a reality because of a few local people that object. The plan to build this current facility in an area that will not be close to homes or private streets is perfect and I encourage the County to listen the majority of Restonians and not the few who have objections that are poorly founded.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Off-Leash Dog Area, Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: **Reston Dogs**

Comment: Supports the park master plan retention of the existing off-leash dog area, though it could be larger in size and could incorporate some addition design improvements.

An indoor recreation center is more suitable at Reston Town Center in order to preserve open space and be located in a more accessible area than Baron Cameron Park.

Highlights the results of a survey taken by 1,500 off-leash dog users, which revealed that 99% of participants preferred the off-leash dog park to remain in Baron Cameron Park, and that 82% of participants opposed the indoor recreation center in Baron Cameron Park.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the idea of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m swimming pool, and encourages a fair and balanced decision-making process about where it should be located.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: **Reston Masters Swim Team**

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m swimming pool, notes that Reston has currently 15 outdoor pools and only 2 indoor pools, and retention of the existing off-leash dog area.

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Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation: RCA Reston 2020 Committee, Fair Lakes Cluster

Comment: Small Tax District #5 is not a general county funding source, and should not be used toward any development in Baron Cameron Park as it is a district park that serves more than just Reston residents. Notes that Hunter Mill District is the only district without a county-funded indoor recreation center.

Proposes that the existing off-leash dog area be relocated to Lake Fairfax Park as it has a planned, but unbuilt, off-leash dog area in an isolated area of the park with adequate parking.

Need to conduct cost analysis on building and maintaining synthetic turf fields.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m swimming pool.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: Off-Leash Dog Area

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the park master plan retention of the existing off-leash dog area, though does not support the relocation option due to topography and drainage issues.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: Off-Leash Dog Area

Affiliation: Reston Dogs

Comment: Highlights the advantages and benefits of off-leash dog areas from the perspective of a professionally certified dog trainer and canine behaviorist.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation: RCA Reston 2020 Committee

Comment: An indoor recreation center is more suitable at Reston Town Center due to better pedestrian access and proximity to a larger number of residents than Baron Cameron Park.

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Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Recreational Facilities

Affiliation: Alliance of Reston Clusters and Homeowners

Comment: Highlights issues raised about the draft master plan in recent Reston Association candidate forums, including: the desire to preserve open space, whether Baron Cameron Park is the correct location for an indoor recreation center, the decision by Public Schools to declare Baron Cameron Park as surplus, funding sources for an indoor recreation center, and the lack of major infrastructure improvements to accommodate traffic related to the future Metrorail Silver Line.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Off-Leash Dog Area

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the park master plan retention of the existing off-leash dog area, though suggests it could be larger in size.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Memorial Garden of Reflection

Affiliation: Initiative for Public Art-Reston, Memorial Garden committee

Comment: Proposes that the park master plan include a Memorial Garden of Reflection to serve as a universal and inclusive quiet place for personal contemplation, meditation, and reflection.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: An indoor recreation center is more suitable at Reston Town Center due to better pedestrian access and potential traffic impacts if located in Baron Cameron Park. Although, it should not be funded by Small Tax District #5.

Supports the park master plan, in particular the retention of the existing off-leash dog area, though proposes that a pedestrian connection to the westerly adjacent residential neighborhoods be included.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation: Reston Masters Swim Team

Comment: Supports the park master plan, in particular the inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m competition pool and upgraded athletic fields.

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Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation: Reston Masters Swim Team

Comment: Reston needs a new indoor recreation center with a swimming pool, although it should not be funded by Small Tax District #5.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation: Save Baron Cameron Park Coalition

Comment: Small Tax District #5 is not a general county funding source, and should not be used toward an indoor recreation center in Baron Cameron Park as it would be a county facility. In example of using this funding source for the needs of Reston, suggests locating the proposed Memorial Garden of Reflection at RA's Brown's Chapel Park.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation: Reston Masters Swim Team

Comment: Supports the park master plan, in particular the inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m competition pool.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation: Reston YMCA

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m competition pool.

Method Received: Public Comment Meeting (written)

Pertains To: Off-Leash Dog Area

Affiliation:

Comment: 1. Leave dog park alone. Leave dog park in same location, no changes.

2. Dogs and owners are satisfied with current location, water availability, and minimal exposure to small children or kids insensitive to dog "cues".

3. I have no use for athletic fields.

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Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m swimming pool.

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Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I am writing in support of building a state of the art Recreation Center in Reston, which should include multiple swimming pools, an indoor track, multipurpose courts, and fitness and meeting rooms.

First, I'd like to start by stating one of Reston Association's five areas of focus in its current (2012-2016) strategic plan. Under the 'Programs and Services' section the stated focus is:

'To provide high quality programs and services to meet the needs of the Reston Community.'

The goal doesn't say, 'good enough' or 'just barely enough' or 'okay'. The statement is 'high quality'. That is what Reston strives for in everything we do. I propose that we build a Rec Center that shows every other community how to do it right!

Doing it right means a lot of things. Let's design something that nestles nicely into the landscape, that shows efficient use of space, that is 'green' friendly (LEED certified), with programs that are specific to the needs of the Reston community that will also enhance the income potential of the rec center. Let's look at design that increases operational efficiency and anticipates the needs of the community to build a facility which lets Reston lead the way to the future.

Next, I want to look at some history of Reston as written by the Reston Historic Trust. The Trust writes that,

'Recreation and cultural facilities have been part of Reston from the beginning of construction.'
'When Reston started, Robert E Simon set down seven goals for this new community. ' [One of these is] That commercial, cultural and recreational facilities be made available to the residents from the outset of the development -- not years later.'

In many ways this came true quickly as outdoor pools and tennis courts were built, the walking/biking paths took shape, the horse and pony stables were made available with associated trails, the golf course, and village centers were constructed. Then came soccer fields and baseball fields, basketball courts, the lakes, and the Reston community Center with its twenty-five meter, six lane indoor pool.

But now, 50 years after this all began, with Reston heading toward a very culturally diverse population estimated to grow to over seventy-five thousand, I don't think that anyone can argue with the fact that our facilities need to grow, too!

I am currently very involved in US Masters swimming and my children grew up on swim teams. So, since this is the sport I understand best, please forgive me for speaking mostly to swimming needs, but the same applies to other sports and activities that are currently underserved by Reston's inadequate facilities.

Right now, if our children want to swim competitively during the fall, winter, and spring they have to leave Reston and travel to other towns with multi pool facilities such as Oak Marr Rec Center in Oakton or Claude Moore Rec Center in Sterling. Reston's one indoor pool at the Reston Community Center does not work for competitive swimming for many reasons, including water depth, water temperature,

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and pool length. The Community Center Pool is also at capacity for the number of child and adult swimming lessons it can accommodate, having to turn away as many people as they are able to sign up. Again, many Reston residents have to look to facilities outside of Reston. We have fallen grossly behind the communities around us when it comes to the availability of inexpensive indoor recreation facilities!

Please remember that swimming is not simply a recreational activity it is a SAFETY SKILL! USA Swimming has found the following statistics:

- 70% of African American children cannot swim
- 60% of Latino children cannot swim
- 40% of Caucasian children cannot swim
- Ten people drown each day in the U.S
- Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of childhood unintentional death for children under the age of 14.

Yes, drowning is the 2nd leading cause of childhood unintentional death for children under the age of 14! 70% of African American children cannot swim, and 60% of Latino children cannot swim! With nearly 25% of Reston's population being African American or Latino, (According to the 2000 US Census) shouldn't we be doing a better job of making more year round swimming and swimming lessons available to our community?

Please, let's come together to keep Reston moving forward. Let's build a Recreation Center that includes multiple pools for the multiple swimming needs. Let's continue to grow in providing the high quality programs and services that answer the call of our Reston Association Strategic Plan.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: It seems as though the Master's Swimmers stacked the April 27th, 2014 meeting at Buzz Aldrin. Interestingly, when we asked the swimmers to raise their hands last fall during the same meeting, there were only a small handful (less than 5) that could say they swam year-round. By the same token, more than 75% of the people in the room had kids that played soccer at the Baron Cameron fields. It's simple math.

I'm a swimmer myself. I've coached a swim team and taught swimming lessons for years. I even lifeguarded the early bird swim. So, I understand that swimmers want a place to swim. I strongly believe, however, that Baron Cameron Park is not the place to put a Rec Center, for many reasons:

- First, you intend to have a small group of Tax Payers fronting the bill for a proportionally small group of end-users. (Interestingly, my son plays hockey and we go to multiple rinks and pay our own money to get him ice time....should I ask you all to put a free ice-rink on Baron Cameron for the small group of hockey players?). This is shameful.

- Second, Reston's open space and parkland is why people live here. We have few precious open spaces left. Really? You want to cut down more trees? Lake Ann is a mess. Twin Oaks is a mess. Repurpose those facilities that are already parking lots. Don't take away our parks.

- Third, the safety of Buzz Aldrin Elementary kids cannot be ignored with a rec center backing up onto that property.

- Fourth, the traffic on Wiehle is already horrific and noisy with many people from Loudon cutting through to get to the toll road or 7. If you put more lights in to accommodate, then you also further slow-down commute times. It's a no-win.

- Fifth, we are in desperate need of fields. The fields are packed on the weekend with soccer, football, lacrosse. Don't ruin open fields with a parking lot and Rec center.

Did you ask Brailsford & Dunleavy to assess another place to put this Rec Center?

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: As a resident of Small Tax District 5 and a retiree on a limited budget, I am totally opposed to the construction of any type of Community Center or other expensive building at Baron Cameron Park. Reston needs as much of its open space preserved as possible. Paying for the repairs needed at our present community centers is a nightmare we must already deal with.

In addition, Reston taxpayers are tired of paying extra taxes to support recreation needs that other parts of the County receive without a special fee added on. Let the swimmers fund their own pool--the rest of us don't expect others to pay for our expensive hobbies.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoror Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area**

Affiliation:

Comment: I am writing, as a resident and homeowner in Reston, VA in reference to the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan. I am against any plan that requires me as a homeowner to pay a tax increase for the proposed changes to this park. Small Tax District 5 is not the bank account of Fairfax County.

I do not support the building of a large indoor pool.

As a dog owner, I think the dog park should be expanded to accommodate the increase in local residents.

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Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: I am a long-term resident of Northgate Condominiums and I share ownership of our condominium with my wife. We have been here in Northgate for over 20 years.

We are strongly opposed to taking open space away from Baron Cameron Park and replacing it with a 52,000 or 90,000 square foot Indoor Recreation Center and an additional 250 parking spaces. Our nice open space will be replaced with yet another built-up area. I frequently go to the park for lunch and to enjoy its fine open space. This experience would be replaced by a rather large building and many more parking spaces.

I am opposed to this recreation center for the following reasons:

Open space is very rare in Fairfax County. The County recognizes it in their statement: "Public comment reflects that Baron Cameron Park is regarded and valued as an oasis of open space that should be preserved. While nearly 60% of the park has been developed or is actively managed, the types of facilities in the park afford mostly unobstructed vistas throughout the park. Community members enjoy going to the park and experiencing the feel of open space; therefore, this characterization of the park should be retained to the extent possible. This can be achieved by limiting land use-intensive, large-scale new development to prescribed locations." In one respect the County is incorrect. The open space is best preserved by having no new land use-intensive, large-scale new development in Baron Cameron Park!

The proposed indoor recreation center would provide a large fitness center, sports courts, and a 50-meter competition pool. Fairfax County is currently filled with health clubs and their related exercise facilities. In addition, the County has several large pools available for use. Some of these are in privately-owned health clubs. So there is not a strong need for additional facilities proposed in this recreation center.

These are hard economic times even here in wealthy Fairfax County. The County does not need to spend large amounts of money to build a new recreation center here in Baron Cameron Park. If the County wants to spend additional money they should buy new land for open-space parks, or invest more in our public schools.

The outdoor sports fields are valuable for many residents and organizations and they should remain instead of being replaced in part by a new building.

The indoor recreation center represents only a small range of recreation interests. There is nothing there for people who want to make or build things. There is no flying field for model aircraft that used to be operated at Baron Cameron Park. There is no amateur radio station facility for those amateur radio operators who are prevented from operating by the various prohibitions of outdoor residential antennas. It is clear that the proposed indoor recreation center represents a certain fraction of recreational users, but not Fairfax County citizens as a whole.

The Bottom Line

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Please do not build the indoor recreation center. Keep our open space open. Save the taxpayers' money in these hard times.

Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I do not want to have a new rec center at Baron Cameron It should be near the Town Center or Metro stop where people can access it. And the county should pay for it.

Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I am supportive of the master plan revisions and would like to comment about the indoor facility. My comments center on three topics: The need, financial agreements with Reston Association, and hours of operation and access for patrons of the facility.

1) There is significant need in this section of northern Fairfax County. Options to use public fitness facilities require driving significant distances and are difficult and unrealistic on many weekdays. I am only aware of Herndon Community Center being nearby. I use the large pool facility at Claude Moore Park in Loudoun County due to the traffic south and east of the North Point Reston area.

2) With respect to agreements with Reston Association, Fairfax County should ensure fair access and fee arrangements and formalize those provisions, protecting non-Reston Association residents who live in Fairfax County from paying disproportionate shares of fees charged over time. Information on the Reston Association website outlines financial scenarios and as a baseline uses a 2 to 1 admission fee structure for Non-Reston Association members to Reston Association members. In other words Fairfax County residents would seemingly be treated like Non-Fairfax County residents (there is no differentiation of County and non-County residents). The admission fee would be twice as expensive for non-Reston Association residents and no ceiling is noted. I believe a ceiling on the fee structure should be incorporated into the agreements to protect Fairfax County residents from a rising proportion of fees over time - if they don't exist already. I also wonder what level of representation Fairfax County residents would have on the facility's governance - if any at all. I am a Fairfax County resident living just four houses off of Reston Avenue and the Reston Association boundary near Wiehle Avenue and as a result I do not live in Reston Association. Yet, we pay taxes which will support the bond referendum and maintain the parkland. Many patrons of the facility may also face a similar situation in this Northern portion of Fairfax County along Baron Cameron toward Great Falls and along Wiehle Avenue toward Herndon.

3) Technologies exist that would enable the facility to operate on extended hours and match the wide range of live styles and schedules of Fairfax County residents. I would hope the project team would consider technologies to increase access to the indoor facility, ensure safety, and promote efficiency.

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Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Off-Leash Dog Area

Affiliation: Hunters Square Community

Comment: I understand the new Baron Cameron Park plan includes maintaining a dog park. Thank you! But I also hear that some people are petitioning against it (or to move it and make it smaller) and that is deeply upsetting. I hear they want pools and fields instead, which I understand on some level, but Reston already has loads of pools and fields... but only one dog park. I am 43 years old and have always wanted to have children. So I understand wanting great places for our kids. I'm an aunt and "honorary aunt" to many. But as I have not been able to have human children (which in itself is heart wrenching to me), last year I got a little dog (Ben) who now is my "kid" and as a long time Reston resident (12 years), I'm asking you to do something for my kid too. I live here to. I pay taxes too. Reston is a community of mostly townhomes and condos... with limited yards for dogs. But I deserve a "family" too and ways to take care of and enjoy my family in Reston and the dog park is a big part of that. My pup is a sweet and loyal little guy. He brings amazing joy wherever he goes. I know a lot of dog owners say that, but I will soon be trying to certify him as a therapy dog because he is just that special. But he needs play time. He needs to run. He needs to wrestle with his buddies. And I need to be able to give him that time and opportunity, to burn off energy, something I can't at my home. He's still a puppy, just over a year. Dogs need exercise. He needs the dog park and so do I. And so do the hundreds of other dogs and dog parents that use it weekly.

I heard from another pet parent that there is talk of moving it and making it smaller and square. To move it inside Baron Cameron Park is fine, but if anything, make it bigger! There are load of dogs and they need long expanses to run and chase. A smaller space and square at that, will not only limit play (they need that long runway), but could be problematic and even unsafe at high peak times. And like I said, its not like we have somewhere else to go instead. We really rely on this park.

I could go on and on to tell you why this is important and how important dogs are, but I think I've already made most of my points. I'll just leave you though with one story... of an added reason Ben is so important to me and why I am such a believer in the importance of dogs to the health and well being (and happiness) of so many in our crazy society.

Fall of 2012, dealing with some health issues, I found that I was home alone far too much and started to get depressed. I'd thought of a pup for some time, but prior to getting sick, I didn't have the lifestyle to really care for one. Early December I decided it was time and got my name on a list. I badly wanted to do a rescue (and am still thinking about fostering a rescue) but got Ben from a breeder b/c of the severe allergies of my niece and nephew. Then... On December 14th, my long time friend Cindy Mattioli lost her son in the Sandy Hook massacre. I grew up 20 minutes from from Newtown. I knew James. It was a day (and many weeks to follow) that would rock us all in deep grief. But when I was up there, I saw the therapy dogs. Cindy's other child, Anna, was deeply blessed by the therapy dogs. I can't imagine losing a brother like that, but these dogs were giving her joy in the midst of it. The same day as James' funeral my breeder called me. I was too overwhelmed to deal with it though and told her I'd call her back in a week or two. When I did, I told her "I think I want a dog that can be trained for therapy, to bless people in tragedy". She replied "I think I have just the little guy for you." And that was Ben.

Ben has been too young to certify until recently and I've been a bit too overwhelmed to fully engage in the process, but even without this official certification, I see him be "therapeutic" every day... to me, to neighbors, to family. Being hypoallergenic, he's been able to bless kids around us that have never been

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able to play with a dog. He's so outgoing he's meet every single dog and kid in the neighborhood... which has caused me to get to know parents... which has brought our neighborhood together into community events that we NEVER had before Our neighborhood has become a real community, almost family, in part because of one adorable and social little dog.

Dogs are good. They're great for families. They're great for singles. But to keep them content and able to do their best for us, they need that exercise. And dog professional will tell you that. And in loving them as we do, we want to give them that too, because its just a joy to watch them happy.

Please keep the dog park in the plan. Please keep it at least its current size. Please even consider enlarging it, for the good of all those blessed by these great animals.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: I do NOT support a swimming facility at Baron Cameron Park. By adding a swimming facility you will reduce the number of fields for athletics. Fields are already overused and overcrowded in the county. In addition I do not want to increase the taxes we already pay to live in Reston. If you keep increasing our taxes you place a burden on us (the taxpayer) and make it more difficult to sell property. The town of Herndon has an indoor facility, add on to that facility or place one closer to metro, or in Reston's industrial section along Sunset Hills Road. Keep our outdoor open space, and please do not take away or reduce our outdoor parkland.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: Please do not place the burden of financing the cost of a new pool at Baron Cameron Park on the taxpayers of the small tax district for the Reston Community center.

Baron Cameron park is used by residents of many parts of Fairfax County, who should share in the cost of improvements. Reston does not have a Fairfax County rec center like McLean, Oakton, and Centreville. It is time to share some park dollars with Reston instead of depending on the Reston Community Center taxes.

A pool at Baron Cameron is for all of Fairfax; let everyone pay for it.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on redevelopment plans for Baron Cameron Park. I would like the Plan to include a recreation center and an indoor Olympic size pool.

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Method Received: USPS

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: Thank you for taking comments on the proposed changes to Baron Cameron Park in Reston, Virginia. I am an active athlete in Reston. I routinely run and walk and bike the numerous pathways in Reston. I swim in the Reston Association pools and I am a member of the YMCA. I routinely walk my dog to the dog park. I believe the park needs to address the needs of the most possible users in the most fiscally responsible way.

Here are my comments on the proposals:

- Great ideas on converting the fields to turf fields and adding lights to the fields - the fields can be utilized by variety of sports
- Great ideas by adding the fitness stations to connect the fitness stations on the adjoining Reston Association Property
- Add a pathway that connects users to the west section of the park and neighborhoods that adjoin it. (It could be added near the back smaller athletic fields)
- Leave the dog park at the existing location and increase the size by 20% by eliminating a few parking spots
- Increase the number of garden plots - more and more people want to grow their food.
- Could a memorial garden be included in forested area near the picnic pavilion
- Please do not include an enclosed recreation center at Baron Cameron Park. Any potential recreation center needs to be placed within walking distance of the future metro stops and not in a residential and green natural park. Reston needs to maintain the green and open space where they currently exist. Once the green is gone it can never come back - we must do all that we can to preserve the open and green space in Reston. An indoor pool should be financed with a private company absorbing the most cost within the "urban area" of Reston. My son is active in the Reston Swim Team Association (RSTA) and has been for the past ten years. My husband is on the board of the RSTA so we are active in the swim arena also. There is approximately 1000 RSTA swimmers. The majority of summer RSTA members do not swim year around because kids swim in the summer because they have limited activities to chose from since all sports are usually off in the summer. The majority of summer swimmers swim for social reasons - hanging with their friends and eating donuts. In the fall, the kids go to soccer, football, hockey or just focus on school. It is not because of lack of year round swimming. The A swimmers may swim year round, but most B & C swimmers swim only in the summer. We need to focus limited tax payer funds on areas that multiple groups can use. We don't expect FCPA to provide an ice arena for all of the ice skaters and hockey players in Reston, why should swimmers be treated preferentially?

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Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Off-Leash Dog Area, Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: keep dog park where it is.

No indoor rec facility.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (written)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: Reston YMCA

Comment: I've been a volunteer coach for the Reston YMCA Water Wolves the past 7 years. I spoke at the hearing two weeks ago in favor of the plan with the pool. I wanted to present some slides on the Water Wolves, capacity constraints that already exist and the coming growth for swimming in Reston. Since I didn't have an opportunity to present those slides I've attached them here as part of my public comment.

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Method Received: USPS

Pertains To: Draft Master Plan

Affiliation:

Comment: We recommend modifications to the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan proposal to make it more consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan provisions to ... "mitigate adverse impacts from park activities on surrounding neighborhoods ... and design transportation ... to mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods, as well as provide best practices for walkable communities, pedestrian and bicycle planning, quality of life and ecological preservation."

The scale of what is proposed is not appropriate for this quiet neighborhood that is completely surrounded by residential neighborhoods, Reston parkland, and an elementary school. If adopted, the proposal would most detrimentally impact the Longwood Grove residential neighborhood where some homeowners head to work starting at 5:30 AM and the first school bus begins arriving at 6:30 AM.

Parking: Increasing paved parking from 237 spaces to 701 is the equivalent of adding a commercial shopping center parking lot the size of North Point in the middle of this residential area, displacing highly valued existing greenspace. The new eight-row wide parking lot visible from houses in the Longwood Grove neighborhood is inconsistent with the historic and current Reston plan for residential neighborhoods.

Lighting: The added field lighting would generate an unacceptably dramatic level of light pollution in what was designed for Reston as a quiet residential neighborhood devoid of street lighting - converting a park that currently has one baseball diamond lighted only in the summertime into one of the most intensive park developments in the County. The proposal for eight soccer fields and several other sports fields lighted year round will change the surrounding area from the current character that attracted existing homeowners, and adversely affects our quality of life. In addition, the proposal needs to clarify the hours that the lights can be used at night to minimize disruption of neighbors.

Traffic: Adding a third entrance across from the Longwood Grove Drive is the most damaging aspect, removing the buffer between the park and Longwood Grove homes. The proposed location of that new entrance and additional park usage will redirect traffic flow thru the neighborhood to access Wiehle and inevitably require traffic signals to provide safe flow in and out of the park and the neighborhood, which will cause even more objectionable light pollution in the Longwood Grove residential neighborhood and more disruption for those using Wiehle to commute to work and school. Residents already have difficulty getting out to the neighborhood during busy commuting times in the morning. Having an additional entrance to the Park between Center Harbor and Barron Cameron will make it more difficult.

Noise: Reasonable nighttime use of lighting is important to limit concerns about future noise levels from the park redevelopment. This redesign provides the perfect opportunity to eliminate the noise from the dog park in homes along Wiehle Avenue.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: I am writing to express strong support for an indoor recreation facility that includes an indoor recreation facility with aquatics at Baron Cameron Park as part of the master plan revisions.

Reston is a long ways from public recreation facilities at Oak Marr, Cub Run, and Spring Hill. The pool at Reston Community Center (RCC) Hunters Woods is a very old design and is unsuitable for the many burdens placed upon it. Lanes are narrow, and demand frequently exceeds capacity. Lap swimmers are often crowded into three or fewer lanes; given speed differentials between recreational and training swimmers, the result is usually uncomfortable for all. I have not observed similar capacity issues at Oak Marr, a modern 50 meter x 25 yard facility, even with swim and dive teams in the water at the same time as the general public. The local high school swim team, South Lakes, cannot compete at RCC due to the deficiency of the course. Given anticipated changes in population which you have highlighted in your presentation, I strongly believe that Reston can support and should have a modern Rec Center with a competition swimming pool that is accessible to our local community.

I strongly urge the Parks Authority to reconsider its decision to move the indoor recreation center to its "alternative" plan. I do not believe that a small, vocal minority of residents should be allowed to retard the construction of facilities suitable for current and future residents of Reston. Failure to accommodate the needs of our growing community for indoor recreation and aquatics will detract from quality of life for all residents, while creating minimal, if any, burden upon the neighbors of Baron Cameron park. Oak Marr and Spring Hill Recreation Centers certainly do not detract for the quality of life of their neighbors, which should be an easy statement to prove with surveys and data.

Reston is a planned community, and one of the reasons why it has been such a successful planned community is because of its anticipation of the human needs of its inhabitants. As the Parks Authority updates its master plan for Baron Cameron Park, I hope it will consider the greater good of Fairfax County and our community over the perceived needs of a few "Not In My BackYards."

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: My husband, my son (a freshman swimmer for South Lakes High School) and myself attended the presentation on March 22, 2014. We strongly support the requirement for an indoor aquatics facility in this part of the county. The Reston Community Center pool, the only available practice pool for the South Lakes High School swim team, is not adequate for the team. The pool is not large enough for the entire team and it does not have starting blocks. There is such demand for pool time, they only are able to have one hour of practice a few days per week. The only other pool in this area, at the YMCA, is also overcrowded with aquatics activities. I have two younger children ages 13 and 10 who are also year round swimmers. We need an indoor aquatics center either at Baron Cameron Park or nearby vicinity in the very near future. Aquatics programs are suffering with the lack of pool availability.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Recreation Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: One thing I believe Reston could use is a fantastic playground. Reston has lots of mini-playgrounds within residential clusters, but there is no large, community playground facility. I have friends who live in Oshkosh, WI and their community has the kind of playground I'd like to see in Reston. The Menominee Park playground is quite large and is separated into equipment that is better for littler and bigger kids. This allows families with children of varying ages to play and have great fun in the same space at the same time.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: It is a very sad state of affairs that Fairfax County uses Reston as a cash cow. It's sad that the schools get worse and worse in Reston. It's sad that the County wants to up our tax base and raise our taxes so high that many retired and elderly people must leave Reston. In the midst of this it is unconscionable that Fairfax County is even considering a Sports Center at this cost. It is not needed and it is not wanted by the majority of residents.

Stop this insanity!

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: **USMS, Chair of Local Masters Swim Club**

Comment: I am work in Reston off Sunrise Valley Drive, and live on the edge between Reston and Herndon off of Foxmill Road. My wife and I use the pools during the summer buying a pass and participate on the US Master Swim team at Reston Community Center. We also use the trails for training runs and walks. We love this area and look forward to the future as things expand. On a personal note, I am a part of the USMS organization, I am the elected official holding the position of Chair of the LMSC, (Local Masters Swim Club) and represent 2700 swimmers across the Potomac Valley area. I also am a member of the national organization that works on Open Water swimming. My personal bias is towards the water but I partake in all activities, from running/biking/hiking/dog parks you name it we do it, and will eschew that an active life is a good life for all.

Without a question there is a need of additional recreational resources. As an example starting in October through June we are pushed to swim indoors due to the weather and have to share a packed undersized pool at the community center. Undersized means that the pool that the community center is right out of the 70's with six lanes and not much depth. The size aside with the population of the area, I find it hard to believe that we end up having to drive to facilities in other areas of the county, IE Cub Run/Oakton, etc... We do not mind joining private clubs, but they do not offer what we are looking for. A fairly large pool with lap lanes, that has some depth, IE deeper than 7-8 feet.

I personally travel for work and pleasure several times a year and have been amazed at facilities in smaller towns such as Moab UT and Fruita Colorado, which has 6 and 13K population with a more activity orientated community center. While we are of course comparing apples to oranges, I still have to ask myself why can't our local area have at least the minimum to offer as standard activities. Swimming is year round, so can't we have a pool that can support the local population year round?

Once again thanks for letting me comment and no matter what happens I look forward to seeing additional resources added to a community area that can be utilized by all.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: I live close by and in regards to the park changes...

Our family would enjoy and often utilize an indoor pool and walking track during winter and inclement weather. It would also be nice/ safe to have indoor walking on Code Red days, heavy allergy days, etc.

In the event these 2 changes do not occur, we would be happy to leave the area "as is" .

The open space and green are desirable.

Having more traffic/bright lights/and replacing real grass with artificial turf is not a "plus" .

Only the above-mentioned indoor facilities would warrant any significant changes or expense.

The reason: there is no indoor pool on this side of Reston and no indoor track anywhere for residents- other than joining the "Y" at additional cost.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: I am a native of Fairfax County and for the past ten years I have been living in Reston, VA (Halstead Glenn neighborhood across from Buzz Aldrin Elementary). What makes our county great is progress and development. I am all for "Replace athletic fields with an indoor recreation center and additional parking " to Baron Cameron Park.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Open Space

Affiliation:

Comment: I live in the Longwood Grove Neighborhood. My family enjoys the amenities that Reston has to offer including the pathways, the quick access to shopping and the green spaces. My children have played organized soccer, lacrosse and run cross country at Baron Cameron throughout the years. We have experienced many glorious days at the Park.

Baron Cameron is well used by the public. Local folks take advantage of the green space. Adult soccer players and their families often picnic there throughout the seasons. Camps meet there in the summer. People fly kites and look up at the stars on clear nights. Softball leagues use the space in the evenings.

As Reston grows denser, green space will become a premium. Apartment dwellers will need a place to experience some fresh air, nature and grass. Reston offers many health clubs, as do surrounding communities. Please do not take away our green space to build facilities that only a few will use.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: The meeting was very interesting and worthwhile, but did not seem to cover a few key subjects.

I feel that the lack of compelling reasons for building a recreation center ANYWHERE in Reston still remains foremost. Its urgency to a small dedicated group is not a reason to undertake such a project.

Building a recreation center seems ill timed at this precarious economic moment. With residents unsure and uncomfortable about their futures. Residents appear reluctant to undertake any new projects, other than perhaps schools.

The research on the influx of residents who will be attracted to the area and flock to these facilities via a silver line is very sketchy and based on hypothetical scenarios and very long range figuring.

There seems to be an uneasy sense that the decision has already been made, perhaps to coincide with the Lake Anne renovation.

I might suggest postponing the decision for a while to allow more time for reflection and meanwhile to do a simple upgrade to Baron Cameron===perimeter walking paths, sensible entrances and exits for the two dog park sections, landscaping to deflect the noise, and making it prettier and friendlier for the public.

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Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Draft Master Plan

Affiliation: RCA Reston 2020 Committee

Comment: Summary.

This report documents the results of the Reston 2020 Committee forum on the draft Baron Cameron Park master plan and related Reston 2020 research. In addition to noting strengths in the draft plan, it identifies several key issues remaining in the plan, including rectangular field capacity, the optional recreation center, growing traffic congestion, parking, and social areas (including the dog park). It offers eight recommendations for changes in the plan beginning with dropping the option of locating a recreation center in Baron Cameron Park to accommodate other, more suitable uses preferred by the community. Appended are the forum introductory presentation and data from the forum small group exercise. The essence of the forum perspective: The Park Authority's master plan is trying to do too much with too little space.

Introduction.

On April 7, 2014, the Reston Citizens Association's (RCA's) Reston 2020 Committee—its independent community planning committee—held a ResTown Hall Meeting for the community to discuss and share views on the draft master plan for Baron Cameron Park. Attendees included more than 50 community members. The forum program comprised:

- An overview presentation of the plan focused on the areas previously identified as controversial (Attachment A)
- Breakout group brainstorming on the key issues and ideas regarding other aspects of the plan
- Community-wide prioritizing of these issues and ideas using colored sticky "dots" (Attachment B)
- A closing discussion to bring the ideas together and form a community perspective, especially on the key issues.

This report provides the Reston community's perspective as developed at the forum and set in the context of the plan and Reston's expected substantial growth.

The community generated more than 90 diverse ideas, issues, strengths, weaknesses, risks, and threats in the draft plan. Despite their diversity, the group generally found a single common theme: The Park Authority's draft master plan is trying to do too much with too little space. Important aspects of this overarching theme are presented in the following sections of this report, culminating in a short list of key recommendations for improving the draft Baron Cameron Park master plan.

Significant Plan Strengths.

- Added playing field capacity. The community appreciated the draft plan's proposal to increase the "community use" (scheduled) playing capacity of the park's playing fields by lighting and turfing them, although it identified some risks in doing so. The addition of a softball field is especially welcome to

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complement the existing baseball diamond. The County says that turfing and lighting individual grass fields doubles their capacity and, in general, we believe this to be a reasonable expectation.

The community also sees some risks with lighting and turfing that we believe the Parks Authority should consider as it moves forward with this plan. Most important from a community perspective is the potential for light and noise diffusion and pollution in nearby residential neighborhoods. We understand that FCPA plans to use the latest low-diffusion lighting technology in this effort, but we also recognize that lighting for the diamonds must be high so fly balls can be seen.

Similarly, from a policy perspective, we believe that noise from games on the fields must end before the currently allowed time of 11PM, especially on weeknight evenings (Sunday-Thursday), when people are likely sleeping before heading to work or school. We believe 10PM should be the latest that lights are allowed on weeknight evenings.

- The addition of trails and fitness stations. The community is quite pleased with the prospect that trails and fitness stations will be added to the park. These will allow people to better access and enjoy the protected natural areas of the park. Indeed, the community thought more trails should be added than are currently planned.

- Retaining the garden plots. Many Restonians are avid gardeners and it was community's strong view that the current garden plot area—possibly expanded—should remain in Baron Cameron Park.

- Addition of multi-use court complex. An important “missing ingredient” in Baron Cameron Park has been multi-use (generally, basketball) courts and we are pleased that some are proposed to be located in mid-park. We appreciate that the draft park plan calls for them to be lighted, subject to the same concerns expressed above.

Key Areas of Concern in the Plan.

The presentation, breakout sessions, and community prioritization and discussion highlighted several serious areas of concern that we believe need to be addressed before moving forward with approval of this draft plan.

- Rectangular field capacity does not keep pace with Reston's expected population growth. The plan proposes the elimination of up to four rectangular fields (two if one of the fields is split into two youth fields) to allow for the new softball diamond, multi-use courts, and movement of the off-leash dog, picnic, and playground to the middle of the park. As illustrated in the two tables below, the significant early gain in playing capacity per capita in the core plan dissipates as Reston's population grows even allowing for the three new fields (and assuming they are rectangular fields) added over time in the transit station areas.¹ If the recreation center option is included, Baron Cameron Park loses substantial playing capacity per capita outright and the deficit widens over time. Even if a full-size rectangular field is placed on the recreation center's rooftop—a costly option never described by either FCPA or RCC in their planning documents for the park or the recreation center respectively—there are growing per capita losses with a full-size field and dwindling gains with two youth-size fields over a 30-year planning horizon.

Several breakout groups spent considerable time trying to figure out how another field might be fit into the park. Ideas including omitting or curtailing some facilities in the draft plan (most especially

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limiting parking space growth) or moving key features to make room for an additional rectangular field (including clearing some natural area and re-foresting the same acreage elsewhere in the park).

- The draft plan will create greater congestion on Wiehle Avenue despite the proposed addition of a new northern entrance. The expanded range of facilities and periods of operation proposed in the draft Baron Cameron Park master plan are certain to add more traffic to Wiehle Avenue—one of Reston’s most congested peak period streets—and possibly Baron Cameron Avenue in addition to the anticipated population growth-related traffic in this area. In particular, we expect the added traffic will be most serious in the evening rush period, just the time when the wide range of scheduled activities at the park will commence. We appreciate that FCPA is planning to reach out to FCDOT for further bus transit connections, but given its focus on moving people to/from home, work, and Metrorail as well as the fiscal constraints generally facing the County, we doubt that significant bus transit service improvements to the park are likely.

The draft master plan highlights that the peak park use period is 5-7PM, the same time traffic is most congested on Wiehle Avenue during the evening rush hour. Unfortunately, it uses the official VDOT Average Annual Week Day Traffic (AAWDT) full day count in a comparison with the peak period of park use—late afternoon²—which also corresponds with the peak afternoon traffic rush hour. The VDOT data (K factor) indicates that more than 1,800 vehicles travel along Wiehle, about three-quarters of them northbound, during its weekday evening peak hour. The four-season peak evening period flow of traffic to use the ballfields and other facilities during this timeframe would add more than 350 vehicles to this flow, or about 15- 20%.³ That will—and does—have a significant impact on Wiehle congestion as well as access to/from the park and the neighborhood across Wiehle from the park.

The Optional Recreation Center’s Impact on Traffic.

The addition of the optional recreation center would aggravate Wiehle traffic congestion further. As reflected in the table below, the May 2013 recreation center market update indicates that, between 5-7PM, virtually all the facilities in the center will be at 100% utilization and forecasts that there will be 452 users during that timeframe—more than doubling the park’s traffic impact on Wiehle during this period (Option B; 84,929 SF) and tripling that forecast by the simplistic ITE formulation offered in the draft park plan.

The draft plan proposes to build a second entrance to the park opposite the northern Longwood Grove Drive access to Wiehle Avenue to accommodate this traffic, taking advantage of the curb cut and left turn lane already on Wiehle and offering to add a right-turn lane for southbound traffic. While this would help alleviate the difficulty of access to/from the park and for Longwood Grove residents, it will probably become inadequate quickly as traffic continues to grow on Wiehle Avenue to reach the Dulles Toll Road or the Silver Line transit station.

Participants offered at least two access variants that may be worth considering:

- Move the right-in/right-out Baron Cameron entrance to the west edge of the developed area of the park and construct a complete intersection, allowing park users to arrive from the west, depart to the east, and avoid the congestion on Wiehle Avenue.
- Establish a traffic light at the northern intersection of Longwood Grove Drive with Wiehle opposite the proposed northern park access. This would better enable both park users and neighbors to access

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Wiehle Avenue, especially during peak traffic and park usage periods.

- Too many parking spaces are planned for the park. The draft plan proposes more than doubling the number of parking spaces in the park to about 700 (850 with the recreation center option). Given our calculations above that we would anticipate about 350 vehicles using the park at one time; we believe that doubling that number results in far too many parking spaces, although we understand it is based on an FCPA calculation of users of different types of fields and facilities, including overlaps for arrivals of next game participants.

A general concern that arose in our discussions of this issue was that the parking spaces would be used for commuter parking during the work week. We appreciate that about 50 current parking spaces are so designated on a temporary basis, but we are concerned that, with a shortage of parking (much less free parking) at Reston's Silver Line stations, commuters using Metrorail will gravitate to these parking spaces and connect to the Wiehle station by bus transit. Like other challenges facing this plan in a growing Reston, the problem is only likely to worsen over time.

Two other important reasons were offered for reducing the number of parking spaces. First, the park needs to retain (and enhance if possible) its green space and added parking will take away that opportunity. Second, consistent with our concern about preserving playing field space, a reduction of about 220 parking spaces would allow room for an additional rectangular playing field based on a typical planning figure for parking space size (300SF including lane space) and the size of a full-size rectangular field (180x360SF = 64,800SF).

The Optional Recreation Center's Impact on Parking.

As documented above, with more than 450 recreation center users anticipated at the daily peak period and more than 200 simultaneous users anticipated from noon to closing in Brailsford & Dunlavey's 2013 market update analysis, the addition of 150 parking spaces for the recreation center seems woefully inadequate. Twice as many parking spaces may not be enough given the forecast recreation center usage, especially to meet the simultaneous spiking demand for the recreation center and the playing fields in the 5-7PM period.

Using the common parking planning metric of 300SF per space (including lane space), this draft master plan would require the taking of more than one acre of space for parking. If it more appropriately allocated twice as many spaces for the anticipated level of recreation center usage, the more than two acres it would require could instead readily accommodate another full-size rectangular playing field and associate parking.

These data suggest that the recreation center should be located in place where less parking is required because of greater population density, easy walkability, and better transit availability, such as Reston Town Center North.

Two other suggestions were offered to address the parking issue:

- Build a parking garage which, while extremely expensive, would dramatically lower the loss of green space, including playing fields.
- Build a pathway to the Adrin ES parking lot allowing people to park there easily at least for weekend

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games—and the time for most major sports tournaments.

- The optional recreation center should not be located in Baron Cameron Park. A straw vote of those present indicated this was the community's unanimous view. Key reasons expressed for not locating the recreation center at Baron Cameron Park included:

- From the discussion above, there is no long term potential for improvement in field capacity per capita, and the risk that Reston will lose per capita field space under any recreation center scenario is substantial long term.

- Similarly, the discussion above highlights the increased congestion and parking requirements a recreation center will require.

- We must protect the green open space offered by the existing fields and natural areas. The recreation center and its 150 additional parking spaces would require about 5 acres of current green space.

- A new recreation center should be located where population is more dense. Town Center North has been identified by the new Reston Master Plan and the Reston Community Center as a suitable and appropriate alternative site for the recreation center. Town Center will be much more densely populated (more than 20,000 people within ½ mile) than the Baron Cameron Park area.

- A recreation center should be located near public transit and where less parking is required. There is limited public transit in the Baron Cameron Park area and bus access to parks is a low priority (well after commuting and shopping access) for strapped County transit planners. The Town Center North location will offer substantial bus transit throughout the Reston Town Center area, and will also extend into the Reston community for commuters and shoppers.

We know that a recreation center has been one of the most controversial aspects in the preparation of this plan as spokespersons from both recreation center advocates and opponents have spoken at previous FCPA public meetings on the topic. The issue of a recreation center's location in Baron Cameron Park has also been conflated with issues over its financing, the "need" for such a facility, and the scope of its amenities. These issues arose at our forum as well, although we tried to limit our discussion to whether it was appropriate to build a recreation center at Baron Cameron Park. The community's unambiguous conclusion was that it is not appropriate to build a recreation center at Baron Cameron Park.

- More space and better facilities are needed for group social activities, including picnics, playgrounds, and the off-leash dog park, and support facilities. One of the weakest aspects of the current park arrangement is its small social spaces and inadequate facilities as well as limited support facilities. The draft plan's proposed addition of a substantial picnic pavilion and permanent restrooms (presumably with water and electricity) are important planned improvements to the park as are the provision of a vendor pad and other support facilities that should be acted on promptly. We also think the "existing" playground needs to be enhanced. The plan does not state that any of its facilities will be ADA compliant and it is important that any new facilities be handicap accessible. The proposed re-location and co-location of these facilities to the interior of the park may offer an important opportunity to enhance and possibly expand these facilities (without jeopardizing playing field space).

The off-leash dog park is both a valuable addition to the park and a concern to some neighbors. It

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offers both owners and their dogs the opportunity to socialize in a relatively free, but contained environment. It is heavily used by not only neighbors (as a “neighborhood off-leash dog area”), but also by other from Reston and beyond. Dog advocates believe it is too small, especially for the usage it generates, needs to be elongated, and should—as it does now—provide separated space for small and large dogs.

Nearby residents are deeply concerned about the noise the dogs create, especially at early and late hours of the day. This appears to be a problem, in part, of a failure of those responsible to monitor and police the use of the dog park as called for in FCPA’s agreement with Reston Dogs. Specific control concerns include use of the dog park outside reasonable and specific hours (8AM-10PM year round), failure to lock the gate for unauthorized timeframes, and too many dogs using the park simultaneously.

A partial answer to these issues in the draft plan is the proposal to move the off-leash dog area to midpark, which may offer both greater space and less noise. This is a good start, but we would note that issues of drainage, the distance from parking, and access across turfed athletic fields were identified and, to the extent possible, need to be addressed in finalizing this plan.

More important is the fact that demand for the dog park outstrips its size and even a new Baron Cameron Park off-leash dog area may be too small to meet growing future demand. One suggestion from the community is that another, much larger off-leash dog area be constructed in nearby Lake Fairfax Park as called for in its current master plan. The Lake Fairfax plan calls for a ¼- ½ acre dog park near the playing fields, but it is ranked last (23rd) in the list of priorities.

Other Important Ideas and Concerns.

- Bike racks/storage. Nothing in the draft plan indicates an intention to install bike racks or other bike facilities in the park. These would be an important addition to park and may be a way to alleviate vehicular traffic.
- Trails. Restonians are enthusiastic about their nature trails and there was broad support for adding more than are proposed in the draft plan. Two specific suggestions included a circumferential trail about the edge of the park and a trail link to the North Point area neighborhoods.
- Stormwater control. Although we understand that each of the turfed playing fields will have stormwater retention and control facilities beneath them, the paving of some 700 parking spaces (not counting any for a rec center) will add almost five acres of impermeable surface to the park. Runoff from this parking must be controlled at least in conformity with new Virginia stormwater management regulations.
- Memorial Garden of Reflection. Although Reston’s master plan calls for the building of a memorial garden in Reston, we do not believe Baron Cameron Park—a sports-focused park—is the appropriate place for this important asset. Nearby Brown’s Chapel Park (an RA resource) with its existing 9/11 memorial seems to be a more appropriate location for a memorial garden.

Recommendations.

1. Drop all together the option of locating a recreation center at Baron Cameron Park.

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Aside from the unanimous preference of those participating in our forum, this analysis shows that locating a recreation center at Baron Cameron Park will crowd out preferred community uses, including a significant loss of playing field capacity per capita over time, less opportunity for improved social uses, and a substantial loss of green open space. It will also result in substantial increases in Wiehle traffic entering/exiting the park, and the need for many more parking spaces than already proposed for the park.

The community's preferred, "suitable" alternative for the recreation center is Town Center North as allowed for in the new Reston Master Plan.

2. Be more creative in identifying space for at least one more lighted and turfed rectangular field.

Our analysis suggests that, in almost every circumstance, Restonians can expect a lower rectangular playing field capacity per capita over time. The addition of one full-size rectangular playing field would increase playing field capacity by about 20% in most cases and capacity per capita by about 10%, alleviating the projected long-term per capita shortfall—and thereby improve Reston's quality of life—in the basic plan option. To accomplish this would mean no recreation center could be built in the park.

3. Reduce the number of planned parking spaces in Baron Cameron Park to 500 or fewer.

Aside from reducing what appears to excessive parking capacity at most times, the reduction of planned parking spaces to 500 or less would allow the space required to create one more rectangular field. As shown above, this would eliminate the construction of a recreation center in the park, which would require much more parking than the 150 spaces provided for it.

4. Explore more opportunities to reduce traffic congestion on Wiehle Avenue with county and state authorities, including a new traffic light on Wiehle and a full intersection on Baron Cameron.

Congestion along Baron Cameron and Wiehle avenues will continue to grow and, with the proposed improvements in the park, so will congestion caused by the additional traffic entering and exiting the park. We believe that a traffic light at the northern entrance to the park (more than 1,100 feet from Center Harbor and 1,700 feet from Baron Cameron) may be feasible. In the same vein, moving the Baron Cameron entry farther west and constructing a complete intersection, possibly with a traffic light to help assure safety, may also be feasible.

5. Improve the quality and, if feasible, increase the size of the picnic, playground, and dog park areas in the central interior area of the park.

The draft park plan calls for improvement to these social, non-sports, facilities, and we believe they should be high on the priority list for improvements. Important in this effort are improved playground and picnic facilities, especially the proposed pavilion. Full-service support facilities should have equal importance, including restrooms, drinking fountains, arrangements for concessions, and so on.

6. Reduce Baron Cameron Park field and dog park hours of usage to avoid noise and light pollution in surrounding neighborhoods.

Current County policy calls for the use of lighted fields until 11PM every night. Given the proximity of

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nearby neighborhoods, we believe this late night use of the playing fields should be limited to 10PM on Sunday through Thursday evenings to avoid noise before work and school days.

Similarly, even with the moving of the off-leash dog area to the middle of the park, we believe that its use should be limited daily to 8AM-10PM daily. The dog park should be locked otherwise to prevent its use in the very early or late hours.

7. Add even more trails in the park through the natural areas.

In particular, the community believes a circumferential trail around the park edge and a trail linkage to the North Point area are essential. A link to the Adrin ES parking lot would also be useful and facilitate curtailing the number of parking spaces in the park.

8. A large dog park should be built at Lake Fairfax Park in the near term.

The dog park at Baron Cameron Park is overused, some of whom are not from the planning district, much less Reston. An additional dog park, as called for in the Lake Fairfax Park master plan, would help alleviate the stress on Baron Cameron Park and its related noise pollution. It needs to be at least an acre in size, much larger than the $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in the park plan.

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Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities, Open Space

Affiliation: Newport Shores Cluster Association

Comment: First of all, we appreciate the effort that FCPS has put in to this process and the willingness of both Jay Rauschenbach and Sandy Stallman to answer questions and explain the steps involved. It is clear that FCPS is trying to balance many competing needs and views on how best to make use of the park and has been open to input. We applaud that and encourage a continued openness to all comments and questions.

Our main objective as a community has been to ensure that any changes to the park included in the master plan be such that they do NOT have a negative impact on the quality of life of the residents in Newport Shores, the closest community to the Park. We believe that the easiest way to ensure that any changes avoid this kind of impact is to strictly maintain the current tree line on the West side of the park, to minimize opportunities to transit the park inside the tree line, and to mitigate the impact of lighting that is being moved closer to the tree line on the western border of the park.

1. We believe some language should be specifically added to ensure that the Western trees are to remain in place throughout the life of the Park so as to provide a buffer for our community.
2. We are also concerned over the proposed plan to add a trail in the Western trees. We do not see the reasoning behind the proposed trail since it would only be used by those interested in access to the proposed lighted ball field at the north-western edge of the park. It's use would create pressure for more infrastructure to support its users (mountain bikers and such) and the nature of the users could cause erosion and other negative impacts within the western tree line. We encourage FCPS to remove the trail from the plan, or at least keep that trail either on the eastern edge of the current tree line (so, along the top edge of the hill next to the Western Trees) or at least at the very eastern edge of the current Western tree stand if it must go in the trees for some reason. This would serve the dual purpose of minimizing the impact on the trees and subsequent trail activity on our neighborhood.
3. We are also opposed to the connecting path planned between the park and the current Brown's Chapel ball fields. The only purpose for this trail is to encourage traffic either from the park to the ball fields, or from the ball fields to the park. We see no need for this trail and can see it as nothing more than an attractive nuisance designed to facilitate people parking at Brown's Chapel and moving to the park. Because it can be done is not a compelling reason to do it. Furthermore, there is already a path in place that connects Browns Chapel Park to Baron Cameron (along the north side of Baron Cameron Ave.) that supports appropriate egress/ingress adequately without encouraging parking in one park to go to the other.
4. There were some comments made at the Public meeting regarding a desire to make sure the Park is accessible from a Path connection near the entrance of our neighborhood off the "circle." This addition to the plan, if made, would be a major concern for our neighborhood, as we would see it as encouraging parking in the "circle" by those interested in accessing the northwestern most fields. Please do not alter the plan for this purpose.
5. As it is, on some weekend mornings users of the soccer fields nearest the western tree line have come with loud speakers, providing both a running commentary for the games, but also playing music with a deep bass rhythm section. While the players cannot see our homes through the tree line, the

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noise is penetrating and deeply disturbing, particularly early on weekend mornings. We are used to the cheering associated with normal play, but consider this an intrusive addition.

The current plan envisions that the fields near the tree line will be lit for evening use. These lights have the potential of being a further intrusive addition, adding both light pollution and facilitating the importation of game related noises into the evening hours. We see nothing in the plan to mitigate the impacts of these lights and believe that the Park Authority should follow the lead of the Reston Association in requiring an evaluation of the impact before finalizing the plan.

6. A secondary objective for our neighborhood is to have FCPS avoid the placement of a large indoor recreation center in the Park as we firmly believe this will also have a negative impact on our quality of life. This kind of development in a residential neighborhood such as this area of North Reston brings noise and traffic that is not in line with the objectives of the majority of Restonians in terms of maintenance of green space as shown clearly in studies of Reston residents.

While this is not a Park Authority consideration, we believe it also does not make sense for Reston to pay via their Small Tax District status for this kind of development when that is not at all the process used to fund the other large District Rec. Centers throughout the County. While it is true that firmly maintaining the existing Western tree stand AND placing a potential recreation center at the very South end of the Park as specified in the Draft Master Plan would minimize the impact to our Community, it is our opinion that it is still an overall negative impact to our residents put the proposed Rec. Center at Baron Cameron Park. The bottom line is that there are both other sites available that are more appropriate such as the Reston Town Center North area, and that the funding method being discussed via STD 5 is an inappropriate use of our money and should not be considered.

Thank you for your efforts to date and for your consideration of these comments in your response

Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I am opposed to an indoor recreational facility being built at Baron Cameron Park. While I note that Robert Simon feels this is the time to be building facilities with a look to the future, I do not think that progress is putting a building on every square inch of Reston. I moved to Reston for the greenery, open spaces, and walking paths, not indoor rec facilities and high-rise buildings. To me, Tyson's Corner is an eyesore, and I don't want Reston to emulate Tyson's. If swimmers think that the Hunter Woods swim facility is out of date and lacking in certain respects, then modernize the Hunter Woods facility. A number of comments mention the additional traffic that would be generated by building more facilities at Baron Cameron Park. I share that concern. We already have a lot of traffic in Reston, particularly around the intersection of Baron Cameron and Wiehle, so why aggravate the situation? A further comment on R. Simon's comment about the indoor facility only taking up 5 acres of a 60-acre area--you cannot possibly put an indoor recreational facility and the necessary parking for the facility on 5 acres. With all of the plans for high-rise buildings to be built in the Reston area, let's preserve some of our open spaces. It's good for our environment and our well-being.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Off-Leash Dog Area, Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: A few comments for you on the proposed changes to Baron Cameron Park.

Dog Park:

Before you move this facility to the interior of the park, consider that it is used year round quite extensively when many other park facilities are not be in use due to climate or weather conditions. The alternative draft plan places this facility quite far from parking areas, which could make access to it difficult, particularly if there is uncleared snowfall. This facility is probably host to the park's most frequent visitors, some of which visit the park more than 200 days each year to exercise & socialize their pets. Currently these visitors have close, convenient parking and that should not change given their frequency of use.

Rec Center:

The plan does not make clear whether the county will maintain control of this facility or if Reston Association will be given any level of control or access to revenues generated by this facility. It seems best for the county to maintain full control in my opinion, as the goals of RA may not always align with those of the county.

Another consideration for this facility, with regard to traffic & parking is whether capacity is sufficient for the level of use during events, such as swim meets. I know this is a huge challenge at other Rec Centers in the county (Oak Marr). Adding additional traffic controls in the area to handle increased volume is likely best included in the scope of this project to improve roadway safety around the park. The addition of another light near the park may also serve as some deterrence to the through traffic we get from points north and west.

Thank you for taking the time to solicit and consider my opinions on the expansion of the facilities at this park.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: We favor the plan without the Indoor Recreational Center. We use the YMCA for exercise and swimming. We feel the plan is too expensive and will clutter the area as well as raise taxes and/or RA fees.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area**

Affiliation:

Comment: My first reaction is that a proposed rec center would meet the needs of some in our community, but at a cost that only a few would bear. And expanding the use of that area would cause a great number of problems that would overshadow the benefits. Although there is clearly a need for more indoor pools, that serves a specific population that the special tax district would have to pay for. Not very fair. Second, the location of such a center should not be on one of the busiest intersections in Reston, made especially busy with the opening of the Wiehle Metro station. Wiehle Rd. is already backed up terribly in the mornings and evenings. Adding a rec center where people have classes and practice times before and after work would add a tremendous amount of traffic to a road already full.

Overall I'm in agreement with some of the proposed redesign. I think there are a few flaws, however. One glaring problem is locating the OLDA far from parking. Just imagine having all those dogs, people, kids, etc. having to walk back and forth. It's a set up for problems. I would strongly encourage having parking immediately adjacent to the dog park to avoid potential confrontations. I would also suggest that decreasing the size of the OLDA is inappropriate. The current park is already at its limit too often. It's not healthy and causes problems when the park is overcrowded. Furthermore, the park should not be square. It's important for dogs to be able to run in straight lines chasing balls, etc. Forcing them to run in circles creates problems for everyone. The current park has a better layout because of its dimensions. I would also add strategically placed trees to provide shade and wind blockage.

Overall I don't really think the proposal is the smartest use of the land. I think that using a lot of this land just to provide a large pool is inappropriate. The number of people served doesn't justify the expense, especially the loss of green space and the increase in traffic.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Recreational Facilities

Affiliation:

Comment: We live on Longwood Grove Drive, the residential street that intersects Wiehle Avenue across from Barron Cameron Park. The proposed changes to the park pose a serious safety and nuisance hazard for the community. The specific concerns we have associated with the proposed park alterations are:

Traffic

It is already difficult to turn onto Wiehle Avenue from our neighborhood. The traffic from the existing park facilities creates dangerous conditions for people exiting our neighborhood, for children walking in the neighborhood to and from the adjacent elementary school, and for people using the Reston trail system. We believe the additional traffic places pedestrians and drivers in the community at much greater risk. The addition of another entrance/exit from the park along Wiehle will only exacerbate the issues. Another entrance will still only allow safe right turns from all three exits. Left turns from the park and our neighborhood are difficult now, and will be nearly impossible if a larger park development was in use. A detailed formal Traffic Study should be done before any changes to the park are finalized. We request that a detailed Traffic Study be conducted by an independent consulting firm with qualified Traffic Engineer. The traffic study should include, but not be limited to:

- The existing traffic throughout the day, including morning and evening rush hours (make sure they include the school busses in the neighborhood);
- The existing traffic during a soccer tournament;
- The existing traffic associated with the dog park;
- The neighborhood traffic difficulties turning left from Longwood Grove, especially with the limited sight distance along Wiehle Avenue;
- The proposed additional traffic associated with the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station;
- The proposed additional traffic associated with the proposed fields;
- The proposed additional traffic associated with the aquatic center; and
- The proposed additional traffic associated with the parking lots used for commuting.

Noise

The existing dog park is a nuisance. The dogs have barked and growled as people walk and run through the park. The addition of traffic, ball fields and an aquatic center could increase the noise levels in our community. We request that a detailed noise survey be conducted. The noise survey should include the current noise levels at the closest residences to the park under current conditions and as projected during the proposed developments in the park.

Lighting

The proposed lighting will increase the intrusion in the neighborhood, extend the hours that traffic will be a problem, and add to the duration noise is affecting the neighborhood. A Visibility/Viewshed analysis should be conducted to ensure the proposed lighting does not intrude into the neighborhood and the lighting is not oriented in a manner that it illuminates bedrooms in the neighborhood.

We believe the proposed changes to Barron Cameron Park pose a serious risk to the community. With the appropriate studies, we believe the park can be improved in a manner that does not place the residents at risk.

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Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: In 1985 my husband and I chose to move to Reston so we could raise our children in a healthy, open environment with good schools and responsible leadership. In 1987 we purchased a home in the Longwood Grove community in large part because of Baron Cameron Park. Over the years we have enjoyed youth and adult league sporting events, summer camps, gardening, walking our dogs, and playing on the playground in the park. We expected and supported the planned extension of our neighborhood and Wiehle Avenue, the building of Aldrin Elementary School, and other construction. We never expected and do not support the destruction of open park space, paved over for commuter parking, and the construction of a huge recreation center paid for with our taxes.

The proposed revision to the master plan for Baron Cameron Park is not consistent with the expressed values of Reston or the county's Comprehensive Plan provisions to "...mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods, as well as provide best practices for walkable communities, pedestrian and bicycles planning, quality of life, and ecological preservation." If implemented, the traffic noise, pollution, and congestion, the excessive noise of barking dogs at the Off Leash Dog Park, the loss of open space for unaffordable, unnecessary construction and parking lots will all adversely impact many residents and neighborhoods.

Traffic on Wiehle and Baron Cameron Avenues has steadily increased.

The opening of the Silver Line will add significantly to the congestion, noise, and pollution. Adding a third entrance to the park on Wiehle Avenue will only exacerbate the problems. Taking valuable, endangered open space for a parking lot is egregious and inconsistent with the founding philosophy of "living, working, and playing in Reston." A mere 701 parking spaces will not be sufficient for the residents outside of Reston to leave their vehicles while they live and work elsewhere. Further, the lighting for extended hours of use will further pollute and adversely impact public health and well being.

Noise will increase with the longer hours the park will be open (7 AM to 11 PM). Coincidentally, the proposed Excessive Noise Ordinance will effectively exempt the sources of noise from the park, leaving tax payers with no protection or recourse in dealing with excessive noise. For example, dogs barking from before dawn until after dusk at the off leash dog park is already a nuisance. Additional noise from increased traffic, music, loudspeakers, megaphones, bands, and events will only add insult to injury.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to listen to citizen input on the master plan that is required by law. Further, I urge them to honor their commitment to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life by modifying the proposed master plan for Baron Cameron Park to mitigate adverse impacts of pollution from traffic, noise, and lights, and the destruction of open, green space in Reston.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area**

Affiliation:

Comment: We are and have been residents of the Small Tax District #5 for approximately 12 years and live at 11260 Center Harbor, two blocks from the Baron Cameron Park (the "Park.") We are providing our comments on the draft Master Plan and the Alternative Master Plan for the Park as follows:

1.Recreation Center: We concur with comments from others at the March 27 meeting that Reston Town Center is a more suitable location for the Indoor Recreation Center proposed as people can walk to it. We are very concerned about the additional traffic such facility would generate in our neighborhood.

As a former swimmer and the daughter of a swimming coach, in my experience, a good swimmer does not need an Olympic swimming pool to train. With 15 pools in the area and the enormous Lake Fairfax pool, our swimmers have ample opportunities to train at tax payer expense.

2. Dog Park: We support keeping the dog park in its present location and size.

3. Wiehle Additional Entrance: The addition of another entry to the Park at Wiehle is a real concern as our neighborhood dead ends on Center Harbor and our only exit (Center Harbor and Wiehle) is through Wiehle. The concern is on several counts: the increased traffic on Wiehle (school, Silver Line and the Lake Anne construction), the need for prompt access to our neighborhood by emergency services, the proximity to the school and so forth.

4. Funding: The Master Plan and Alternative Master Plan are silent on the source of funding. We concur with those speakers at the March 27 meeting that expressed a concern that Small Tax District #5 is not a general county funding source.

5. Stewardship of our Environment: Over the last few years we have seen how fragile our environment really is, please reconsider whether creating more impermeable surface and more drainage issues in the Park are a good stewardship of our environment. As members of this community, taxpayers and voters, our preference is to preserve what we still have- a spacious park where we can see clearly across, people enjoy activities or just enjoy quiet contemplation. Please use the considerable resources a Recreation Center would require to preserve the rich resources the Park still has.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Draft Master Plan**

Affiliation: **Longwood Grove Neighborhood**

Comment: We recommend modifications to the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan proposal to make it more consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan provisions to ... "mitigate adverse impacts from park activities on surrounding neighborhoods ... and design transportation ... to mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods, as well as provide best practices for walkable communities, pedestrian and bicycle planning, quality of life and ecological preservation."

The scale of what is proposed is not appropriate for this quiet neighborhood that is completely surrounded by residential neighborhoods, Reston parkland, and an elementary school. If adopted, the proposal would most detrimentally impact the Longwood Grove residential neighborhood where some homeowners head to work starting at 5:30 AM and the first school bus begins arriving at 6:30 AM.

Parking: Increasing paved parking from 237 spaces to 701 is the equivalent of adding a commercial shopping center parking lot the size of North Point in the middle of this residential area, displacing highly valued existing greenspace. The new eight-row wide parking lot visible from houses in the Longwood Grove neighborhood is inconsistent with the historic and current Reston plan for residential neighborhoods.

Lighting: The added field lighting would generate an unacceptably dramatic level of light pollution in what was designed for Reston as a quiet residential neighborhood devoid of street lighting - converting a park that currently has one baseball diamond lighted only in the summertime into one of the most intensive park developments in the County. The proposal for eight soccer fields and several other sports fields lighted year round will change the surrounding area from the current character that attracted existing homeowners, and adversely affects our quality of life. In addition, the proposal needs to clarify the hours that the lights can be used at night to minimize disruption of neighbors.

Traffic: Adding a third entrance across from the Longwood Grove Drive is the most damaging aspect, removing the buffer between the park and Longwood Grove homes. The proposed location of that new entrance and additional park usage will redirect traffic flow thru the neighborhood to access Wiehle and inevitably require traffic signals to provide safe flow in and out of the park and the neighborhood, which will cause even more objectionable light pollution in the Longwood Grove residential neighborhood and more disruption for those using Wiehle to commute to work and school. Residents already have difficulty getting out to the neighborhood during busy commuting times in the morning. Having an additional entrance to the Park between Center Harbor and Barron Cameron will make it more difficult.

Noise: Reasonable nighttime use of lighting is important to limit concerns about future noise levels from the park redevelopment. This redesign provides the perfect opportunity to eliminate the noise from the dog park in homes along Wiehle Avenue.

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Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: It is our belief that what is proposed in the Draft Master Plan for Baron Cameron Park is inconsistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan to... "mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods." We feel that the plan was developed to best serve the strained financial state the county is in and future residential growth, and does not create a lovely destination park that takes into consideration that Baron Cameron Park is, in addition to a district park, a neighborhood park.

Park Amenities: Given the county's budget issues, now and in the foreseeable future, we feel the best course of action is to improve what currently exists. This may enable the park to see improvements much quicker...which it desperately needs.

We support the addition of:

Restroom facilities

Picnic areas

Benches and gazebos

More shade trees and scattered landscaped areas

Enlarging & improving the playground: making it a user-friendlier feature through seating, shade, and equipment upgrades

More garden plots

Connecting trails

We do not support:

A Rec center

A total overhaul of all fields to lighted artificial turf

The proposed noise ordinance absolving the county of any responsibility to select citizens 7am to 11pm daily

A second park entrance off Wiehle Avenue

Expansive views of asphalt for parking

Any expansion of, or addition to, the dog park within Baron Cameron Park

Dog Park: Our position remains clear. Baron Cameron Park was never, and is not now, a good location for this amenity. No consideration was given to the concerns of the Longwood Grove neighborhood before its installation, no care was given to ensure proper oversight, and no experts were consulted to "mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods."

This dog park is not a Reston dog park (as it was sold), but a destination dog park for the county (and perhaps beyond). With estimates of 8,000 to 10,000 visits a month this is a burden too big to ask anyone to bear.

The Draft Master Plan states that... "if the facility can not be operationally sustained in its current location configuration and design" an alternate location will be considered. What does this mean? Who determines this? What factors determine this? And, if operationally unsustainable in its current location why would moving it 600 feet make any difference? Regardless, there is no question that the dog park impacts our neighborhood and for this reasons it must be closed, or at the very least moved.

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At the March 27, 2014 Master plan meeting presented by the park authority, a dog park user spoke and said that the park was 1. dangerous on weekends, and 2. essentially toxic and now unusable for any future purpose. These are very disconcerting comments.

As you are well aware, from the packet (which included an audio disc) we sent to 18 state, county, and Reston Association representatives (8/14/13), our neighborhood has suffered severely as a result of the dog park noise. We request that this feature be moved so that no citizen is forced to give up his or her quality of life so a dog can bark uncontrollably.

Moving the dog park to Lake Fairfax is a win for all involved...county, dog park users, and surrounding neighbors.

Rec Center: Baron Cameron Park is not an acceptable location for a rec center and should be eliminated from the plan. Again, the County Comprehensive Plan states that the county should..."locate new facilities to provide convenient service to the greatest number of people or service consumer users" and that they should be... "located to maximize accessibility while minimizing neighborhood impact." Baron Cameron Park does neither. Furthermore, it makes no sense to pave over more of what precious little green space we have left. We do not believe the Reston Community Center has presented a convincing case as to need nor do we believe that Reston should be self-funding a county facility. Providing recreation is the obligation of the county.

Hours of Operation (NOISE!): Again, the park authority is conveniently forgetting that Baron Cameron Park sits amongst neighborhoods. The current arbitrary and subjective dawn to dusk hours is inappropriate as will be 7am to 11pm. Consideration for working individuals and children has been ignored; as has the negative impact long-term that exposure to daily noise and late evenings will have on our neighborhood.

Traffic Concerns (SAFETY): Wiehle and Baron Cameron Avenues are heavily traveled and about to become even more of a safety concern for the residents who live along Wiehle due to the Silver Line. The proposed changes to BCP will ensure added difficulty for residents trying to exit the neighborhood, which already has limited vision due to poor grading. Not to mention the intrusion of potentially hundreds of cars streaming out of the park at 11pm.

We ask that our input, and the welfare of our neighborhood, be given priority consideration and alterations made to the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan to reflect that this park is a neighborhood park and not just an opportunity to exploit for the use of the district.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: Draft Master Plan

Affiliation: Reston Association

Comment: On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Reston Association (RA), I am writing to offer the Association's desired outcomes regarding the Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPA) Master Plan revision process for Baron Cameron Park (BCP).

In your re-visioning process, the RA respectfully requests that the FCPA take into consideration the following "Essential Elements" of Reston's design and planning foundation principles: Environmental Stewardship, Commitment to the Arts; Accessibility; Planning & Design Excellence; and, Recreational Amenities.

The recommended position statements to be considered with regard to these Essential Element areas are delineated below.

1. Environmental Stewardship: Reston is a place where nature is valued and protected. Our trees are abundant and our natural areas are right next door, no matter where in Reston we live. It is RA's goal to preserve, protect, and enhance our natural and built environment for current and future residents. This includes, but is not limited to, streams, trails, community pavilions, outdoor plazas, and open space areas, whether natural or developed. Open space is more than just the natural areas, outdoor community gathering pavilions, and our beautiful trees – open space is the aesthetic and valued quality of nature so prevalent in our community and throughout our neighborhoods. Open space is also close to virtually all residences and within walking distance of commercial businesses. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. The FCPA take into consideration the site's existing and surrounding natural flora, fauna, and water resources; with the goal of preserving undisturbed natural areas to the greatest extent possible.
- b. All current state and county stormwater management regulations must be adhered to and enforced.
- c. To maintain continuity with the surrounding community, redevelopment of BCP must continue to include green space, trees, and to the extent possible, undisturbed natural areas.
- d. Redevelopment of BCP must be environmentally sensitive, compatible with, and considerate of, the surrounding area; including consideration of building heights and placement.

2. Commitment to the Arts: Reston is known for its eclectic style and appreciation for the arts. It is apparent in the architecture of the homes, the village centers, and even in surrounding commercial buildings. RA continually works to promote and encourage art, cultural diversity, and education for all levels. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. Public art must be integrated in any redevelopment of BCP and should be consistent with the guidance in the Initiative for Public Art (IPAR) as found in the Public Art Master Plan for Reston.

3. Accessibility: Reston is a connected, "walkable" community. The trails and pathways make it easy for residents, including those with disabilities, to get from their neighborhoods to places of employment, recreation areas, and retail centers. In addition, access to Reston transportation infrastructure – pedestrian, bicycling, metro rail, bus and motorized vehicles – is a key element to moving the community forward. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. Resources for sufficient transportation infrastructure systems – pedestrian, bicycling, bus and other

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motorized vehicles - must be allocated for in the park's redevelopment.

b. Studies must be conducted to determine how best to mitigate current and future traffic flow into and out of the park.

4. Planning and Design Excellence: Essential to Reston is the goal of excellence and innovation in all things – from architecture to pathway maintenance to aquatic facilities. The procedures in place to maintain the overall quality of life in Reston are essential to this community – from the Design Review Board (DRB), Reston Planning & Zoning Committee to the community advisory committees. These processes and procedures must be honored. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

a. During the re-visioning process, it is important that enhancements to current facilities as well as new elements to BCP achieve excellence and innovation including site design, architecture, accessibility, and performance.

5. Recreational Amenities: Reston is known for its abundance of quality and well-maintained active and passive recreational facilities, which are open and available to all Reston Association Members and even those who work in Reston, whether or not they live here. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

a. Any new facility contemplated at BCP should strive for no net loss net loss of capacity for existing facilities. Alternately, existing recreational facilities – dog park, soccer fields, garden plot, playground – must be enhanced to meet the need for increased capacity by current user groups.

b. Recreational amenities that have been prioritized by the community, such as indoor tennis, health and fitness programs for the elderly and youth, as well the integration of prevention, wellness, and health education be considered for inclusion at the site as they are some of the key needed recreational elements as referenced in the attached Core Needs matrix compiled and included in a joint report drafted by RA, FCPA and Reston Community Center..

On behalf of RA, I want to thank you, in advance, for taking into consideration RA's desired outcomes regarding the FCPA Master Plan revision process of Baron Cameron Park.

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Pertains To: Draft Master Plan

Affiliation:

Comment: We recommend modifications to the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan proposal to make it more consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan provisions to ... "mitigate adverse impacts from park activities on surrounding neighborhoods ... and design transportation ... to mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods, as well as provide best practices for walkable communities, pedestrian and bicycle planning, quality of life and ecological preservation."

The scale of what is proposed is not appropriate for this quiet neighborhood that is completely surrounded by residential neighborhoods, Reston parkland, and an elementary school. If adopted, the proposal would most detrimentally impact the Longwood Grove residential neighborhood where some homeowners head to work starting at 5:30 AM and the first school bus begins arriving at 6:30 AM.

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Traffic: Adding a third entrance across from the Longwood Grove Drive is the most damaging aspect, removing the buffer between the park and Longwood Grove homes. The proposed location of that new entrance and additional park usage will redirect traffic flow thru the neighborhood to access Wiehle and inevitably require traffic signals to provide safe flow in and out of the park and the neighborhood, which will cause even more objectionable light pollution in the Longwood Grove residential neighborhood and more disruption for those using Wiehle to commute to work and school. Residents already have difficulty getting out to the neighborhood during busy commuting times in the morning. Having an additional entrance to the Park between Center Harbor and Barron Cameron will make it more difficult.

Noise: Reasonable nighttime use of lighting is important to limit concerns about future noise levels from the park redevelopment. This redesign provides the perfect opportunity to eliminate the noise from the dog park in homes along Wiehle Avenue.

In addition, there is limited safe access to the park for Longwood Grove residents. There nearest crossing at Baron Cameron and Wiehle Avenues is not safe due to (1) the speed limit (still at 40 MPH – the highest speed limit on Wiehle, limiting safe access to the park for the residents on this side of Wiehle Avenue. In Vienna, the speed limit around parks is 25 MPH and is heavily ticketed to keep pedestrians safe); and (2) due to the fact that at all entrances to the park, drivers can go right on red,

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jeopardizing the safety of pedestrians, and bike riders. Why off the Toll Road at Wiehle can drivers not go right on red, but at a major residential intersection, right on red is permitted of Wiehle – combined with the speed, no crossing, makes getting to the park, bus stop, fields, extremely dangerous. Adding traffic and the recreation center will exacerbate this issue.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Area, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: The Fairfax County Park Authority has presented a plan for Baron Cameron Park which takes into consideration the concerns of the residents who live in close proximity to the park and also the concerns of the greater Reston community. Concurrently, it presents a development plan which has the potential to enhance the quality of life of community residents.

Concerns which have been expressed at previous meetings included the following: The dog park; the community gardens; the availability of sports playing fields; the visual impact of any development on surrounding housing communities; and the traffic impact. It would appear that all of these issues were fully taken into consideration in preparation of the draft master plan, as follows:

Dog Park: It will continue to be available to residents and may be relocated to another accessible location in the park.

Community Gardens: The current garden plots will remain and additional ones will be made available to help meet the demand.

Sports Playing Fields: With enhancement of the playing surface and the addition of lighting, total playing time available will be increased. In addition, a roof-top playing surface may be part of the proposed community recreation center plan. Convenient availability of fitness facilities in the center will be an added advantage to athletes who use the playing fields

Visual Impact: Nearby residential areas in the park vicinity will be well-shielded from the proposed recreation center. The distance of these residences from the park plus the existing trees on both sides of Wiehle Avenue make this basically a non-issue. An anticipated attractive architectural design for the center will be another plus. Finally, the building of a recreation center should enhance home values given the ready availability of a year-around health center.

Traffic Impact: The draft master plan has concluded that the impact on traffic of the proposed revisions in Baron Cameron Park would be minimal.

A recreation center would represent a significant enhancement of our Reston community and provide a physical recreation need which has not yet been adequately met. As currently envisioned, it would include a 50 meter pool –one easily divided for multiple uses; water slides for children; 6,500 square feet of fitness facilities with weights and a variety of machines for cross training and general health; an indoor track for walking and jogging; and a gymnasium for basketball, indoor soccer volleyball and other sports.

It is noteworthy that the founder of Reston, Bob Simon, supports the construction of an indoor recreation center. Such a facility would promote his concept of community which has so uniquely been an integral part of the development of Reston. A recreation center would provide a wide range of programs for all who live or work in Reston. It would serve our children, our seniors, our working population and all income levels. It would promote good health. It would enhance home values. It would complement private fitness offerings. It would be available to the occasional user, to our young swimmers looking for a location to train, for seniors desiring the chance for therapeutic workouts, for

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cross trainers trying to stay fit and for all our citizens looking for a healthy alternative.

The Baron Cameron site is ideal. That the Park Authority would provide the site free of charge is a gift which should not be ignored. Funding can be expeditiously arranged and the possibility exists for proffers and county support. The added advantage of Baron Cameron is that it is now available. To await the nebulous possibility of a recreation center to be included in the north Town Center development site would involve a very substantial passage of time and the strong possibility that it could never be arranged. If we are to continue to build on the dream of community in Reston, now is the time to act.

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Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Park, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: **1. Ambitious and Expensive.**

The Master Plan appears too ambitious and too expensive to maintain, considering the County is experiencing difficulty with the maintenance and upkeep of its turf fields.

I don't understand why this park can't remain much of what is now, with some slight improvements minus the dog park? I am a lover of Central Park in NYC, gardens and parks in general. I would love for Baron Cameron Park to be Reston's Central Park. Keep it open and lush like NYC's Central Park's Sheep Meadow.

2. Local Park I believe Baron Cameron should be classified as a local park. Fairfax County Park Authority guidelines state that "some local parks are as large as 75 acres." The fact that this park is heavily used by those living in the surrounding residential neighborhoods, is adjacent to an elementary school, and it serves Great Falls and Reston soccer players (who live within three miles of this park) indicates it would be better classified as a local park.

3. Amenities.

Picnic Pavilion and Toilets. Thank you for including toilets and a picnic pavilion. I am happy to see a bike/jogging path around the park in the Draft Master Plan. It would be nice if you placed bike racks in the park.

Basketball Courts and Baseball Diamonds. I do not feel the park needs basketball courts or more baseball diamonds. Brown's Chapel and Buzz Aldrin Elementary have both. I have never seen either used at Buzz Aldrin.

Playground. I think the playground should be situated to include more trees and shade cover. It would be nice to have more equipment (more swings and equipment for various ages, maybe even a sand area). In my opinion the best parks in this area come summer are Great Falls Grange Park and Algonkian Park in Sterling because they provide the most shade and cater to children of all ages and abilities. My children enjoy Clemyjontri, but it is not shaded enough in the hot summer sun.

Soccer fields. I think it is really unfortunate that the Master Plan reduces the number of soccer fields. I am not convinced of the value of turf fields, financially or environmentally.

4. Impermeable Surface

This proposal covers much of the park's green spaces with impermeable surfaces (concrete parking lots and turf fields). I'm concerned with the environmental impact of this plan.

5. Trees.

It would be nice if more trees could be added throughout the park. Many people who attend soccer games appreciate a nice tree to park themselves under.

6. Light Pollution

The existing baseball diamond lights are problematic for those living on Bradbury Lane and perhaps for

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others in this neighborhood as the lights are taller than the surrounding trees. Some living on that street have expressed concerns about light pollution to me and I hope to you as well. I do draw my blinds when the baseball field is lit. The proximity to surrounding neighborhoods, the elevation of the fields, the height of the surrounding trees and the type/height of lights need serious consideration.

7. Noise Ordinance –Park Activity Exemption

Given the proximity of to this neighborhood and considering many have young children I am concerned about what park activities will be permitted from 7:00 a.m. until 11 p.m. Even 10:00 p.m. is quite late. Most young children do not stay up that late even in the summer months, including my own. In addition, 7:00 a.m. is too early for this family!

8. Traffic.

As has been stated by many in this neighborhood, traffic and safety is of great concern. I have not seen any impact studies as has been requested by this community. The 40mph speed limit on Wiehle is frequently exceeded, and this coupled with those trying to make a left out of Longwood Grove across from the only park exit/entrance with traffic flow from both directions creates a dangerous situation. Please see the attached document which mentions Wiehle may have been built improperly. (see attached)

Could the entrance on Baron Cameron be moved farther West to include an entrance and exit from both directions on Baron Cameron? This might alleviate the burden and back up on Wiehle. I have already submitted photos to you of the morning traffic that at times is backed up from the light at Baron Cameron and extends all the way down Wiehle to, and sometimes past, the park entrance. Considering the Metro has not opened I worry about an increase in traffic.

9. Dog park.

This Master Planning process is the perfect time for FCPA to present a Master Plan void of a dog park.

The current dog park location in the Master Plan does not meet FCPA Guidelines and is not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed "Alternative Plan" for the dog park also does not meet the Park Authority's Guidelines by offering a preferred space of 27,780 sf, nor does it offer any access to the facility by way of a path. Has this location been reviewed by an acoustic engineer to ensure it would conform to FCPA Guidelines and the Comprehensive Plan and not seriously impact nearby residences?

The Draft Master Plan states the alternative location of the dog park will be considered "if the facility cannot be operationally sustained in its current location configuration and design." (p. 29) How does FCPA define "operationally sustained" and who determines this? How is this measured?

As you know, noise from the dog park can be heard inside my home even with all of the windows and doors closed. Dog barking from the dog park disrupts my sleep and concentration and has awakened my children and my guests.

Considering all of the above and given the fact that:

- numerous Longwood Grove neighbors have complained of dog park noise;
- the County has exempted dog parks from the noise ordinance;
- the sponsoring group has no police powers; and

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- dog park patrons continue to allow their dogs to bark incessantly and have publicly posted on the internet their disregard for the negative impacts they create by their dog park use, I believe the dog park should be closed at this location.

I believe Lake Fairfax (which has a dog park in its Master Plan) is the ideal location for a larger, enhanced dog park that would meet the needs of all: the county, dog park patrons and property owners.

10. Recreation Center.

The recreation center should be removed from the plan. It does not meet the objectives of the Public Facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan, which seeks to "locate new facilities to provide convenient service to the greatest number of people or service consumer users." The Public Facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan states that new facilities should be "located to maximize accessibility while minimizing neighborhood impact." Considering this, Town Center North is a more suitable location for this facility. The Comprehensive Plan also states it is the goal of the Board of Supervisors to "reduce service overlap between like facilities." Throughout the Master Planning process it has been brought to County's attention that numerous recreational facilities (including those with swimming pools) already exist in Reston.

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Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Off-Leash Dog Area, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: We purchased our house in 1986 after literally just stumbling upon this place called Reston. We were convinced this was the best place to live because of the parks, the paths that were great for biking, and yes, the tennis courts. We loved the great outdoors and the idea Reston had everything. Our daughter enjoyed the wonderful summer camps, swimming lessons, pools and, yes, parties in the park. Most of all she enjoyed the soccer fields at Baron Cameron Park and the other parks in Reston. We live in a beautiful house, beautiful neighborhood, and enjoy the many amenities of Reston. Now, all that is jeopardized and the Reston we loved will be no more. Future generations will not be able to enjoy this Reston as we have; what a shame.

For this reason, I oppose any changes to the Baron Cameron Park, except I support the closing of the dog park. It counters the original intent of Reston. Yes, I would like to see Baron Cameron Park improve its soccer fields, and perhaps additional parking spaces for the soccer parents. As I listen to players cheer their teams on, I am encouraged by team leadership and participation. I do not want to see commercialization of this park. I think this is counter to the original intent of the Reston plans and I believe this will destroy Reston as it was intended. Is that what you want to do?

The proposed revision to the master plan will destroy this ideal concept of Reston. It will increase traffic from surrounding areas such as Herndon and Sterling. It will create added stress for the Reston neighborhoods, as well; it will create a financial burden for Reston homeowners, is that what you want? The model Reston, known across the country, will be no more a model.

Noise will increase by traffic from neighboring communities, it has already increased, and by increased use of the dog park. The dog park was placed in the middle of our community without any restriction, regulations, control, or approval by the neighbors. Homeowners have had to live with this incessant noise because of the irresponsibility of dog owners and of county leadership.

Since we are taxpaying citizens, I would appreciate the Board of Directors taking appropriate action to support the well being of its citizenship. Leave the park alone and relocate the dog park.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation: **Reston Soccer Association**

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of upgrading the existing athletic fields with synthetic turf and lights.

Method Received: **Public Comment Meeting (verbal summary)**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation:

Comment: Supports the park master plan inclusion of a proposed indoor recreation center with a 50m swimming pool.

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Method Received: **USPS**

Pertains To: Draft Master Plan

Affiliation:

Comment: We recommend modifications to the Baron Cameron Park Master Plan proposal to make it more consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan provisions to ... "mitigate adverse impacts from park activities on surrounding neighborhoods ... and design transportation ... to mitigate adverse impacts to residents and neighborhoods, as well as provide best practices for walkable communities, pedestrian and bicycle planning, quality of life and ecological preservation."

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Please don't take away green space.

Lighting: The added field lighting would generate an unacceptably dramatic level of light pollution in what was designed for Reston as a quiet residential neighborhood devoid of street lighting - converting a park that currently has one baseball diamond lighted only in the summertime into one of the most intensive park developments in the County. The proposal for eight soccer fields and several other sports fields lighted year round will change the surrounding area from the current character that attracted existing homeowners, and adversely affects our quality of life. In addition, the proposal needs to clarify the hours that the lights can be used at night to minimize disruption of neighbors.

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Does it make sense to take away the green space that so many residents enjoy. The park is used year round, especially by low income families from outside the Longwood Grove neighborhood.

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Park, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: 1. The playing fields at BCP are of paramount importance for the recreational needs of the NW part of the county. Increase the field capacity but certainly do not sacrifice same for more parking.

2. The existing facilities at BCP need to be augmented by:

- Addition of bathrooms/drinking fountains.
- Addition of shaded seating areas throughout park.
- Addition of enhanced playground facilities with seating.
- Addition of multi-use courts especially for basketball.
- Addition of paths to and from park and around circumference of park.

3. Complete relocation of the Off Leash Dog Area from BCP to Lake Fairfax Park where:

- a dog park area already exists in the LFP master plan.
- the OLDA can be enlarged and designed to accommodate the huge numbers of users from both Reston and outlying areas/counties.
- the location is removed from residential neighbors and shielded by dense vegetation so as not to negatively affect anyone.
- FCPA staff on-site in LFP for camp ground can also monitor the users of the OFDA, which is not now possible at BCP
- sufficient parking immediately adjacent to pen area of OLDA can be provided for safety of park patrons of all ages, users and dogs.

4. Under no circumstances should a Rec Center be considered for this location. Playing fields are at a premium and already in short supply BEFORE substantial Reston development which is planned to double the population of our community. A county-funded Hunter Mill Rec Center should be planned for the Town Center North area of Reston to be:

- centrally located,
- adjacent to population density and
- served by multi-model mass transit.

BCP is none of the above.

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Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Indoor Recreation Center

Affiliation:

Comment: I support the Plan and commend your efforts to include the public's voice in the process, to make Baron Cameron and other park and recreation facilities a valued and effective part of Fairfax County living. However, the plan is incomplete and needs to be strengthened by adding consideration of indoor tennis and collaboration with community interests including the Reston Association (RA), as discussed below.

1) The plan is missing a critical unmet need of our park and recreation facilities -- indoor tennis.

The revised Plan has added provisions to allow consideration of indoor recreation options in improving the Baron Cameron Park. I respectfully request that indoor tennis be added to the list of capabilities that could be incorporated into such a facility at this and other locations. The alternatives currently shown reflect input from the Reston Community Center (RCC) and do not reflect the full scope of recreation facilities, only those facilities under RCC's purview. The County and Reston risks arriving at a less than optimal solution because the Plan does not reflect the whole needs of the community, just the parts that RCC lays claim to. Indoor tennis has been discussed within the Reston community, either as a standalone facility or as part of a multi-sport facility to promote healthy activity for all of Reston residents. A common distinction between RCC and RA has been that RCC "does" indoor facilities and RA does outdoor facilities, however, when it comes to tennis, RCC has not incorporated an indoor component into their proposal. Our community needs to map out the various needs and work through the alternatives with all recreation activities on the table.

2) Public indoor tennis has many benefits for the health and fitness of our residents.

- Tennis is a life-time sport and benefits the physical and social development of our youth, from as early as age three through school-age and adulthood;

- Promotes year-round health and fitness of our residents;

- Consistent with Reston's vision as a place where residents can work and play and get involved in the community;

- Reston has 48 outdoor tennis courts, 26 lighted for night play, and offers one of the most extensive tennis programs in the Washington metropolitan area. The Program is incomplete without indoor courts to complement the outdoor facilities and allow for a year-round program;

- A good investment for the community, a public indoor facility allows more affordable and equitable access to tennis that would not be offered through private club ownership. Other area communities have incorporated indoor tennis into their park and recreation programs, including Montgomery County Parks, Bready Park Tennis complex in Herndon and Ashburn Village Sports Pavilion.

3) There is a need for more effective and complete collaboration in Fairfax County's park and recreation planning.

Reston's unique history and community structure makes it all the more critical that all the appropriate

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parties are working as a team with regard to park and recreation facilities. This collaboration must include the RCC and the RA working with the County. A first step would be to include both RCC and RA on project teams, for example, it does not appear that RA is represented on the Baron Cameron Project Team. Also, with respect to the tennis program, RA has staff and expertise to collaborate with County planners and community leaders on developing and operating an indoor facility.

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment during this critical time in Reston and Fairfax County's development. I request that these comments be considered for incorporation into all park and recreation plans, not just the Baron Cameron site. Effective planning of our park and recreation facilities is an investment in the health and well-being of our future generations.

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Method Received: Parkmail

Pertains To: Recreational Facilities

Affiliation: Reston Youth Association (RYA), Potomac River Running (PR), Reston Soccer Association (RSA), Northern Virginia Track Coaches Association (NVTC)

Comment: The following comments about the Baron Cameron Master Plan are the general opinions of not only the organizations listed above but are also felt throughout the entire running community of Reston and Herndon.

This organized voice came about as a result of an increased interest in youth track programs in the Reston/Herndon area and having extreme difficulty finding a place to practice. You should know that youth track programs in our community and other local communities, Chantilly, Centreville, Fairfax, have no track on which to train their youth athletes. Our programs are limited to practicing on the W&OD, Reston/Herndon pathways, and grass fields (where available). The local high schools South Lakes, Herndon, and Oakton are all unavailable for track programs during the week. Their availability is limited to a couple of hours on Sunday. It's obvious that youth athletes cannot be fully trained and prepared to compete at the Varsity/Junior Varsity level with such limited access to a track.

We want to send the message to the planning board that before ANY additional turf fields, swimming pool, recreation center, multi-use facility, or dog park is built that serious consideration be given to the sport of track/running in our community. In order for youth in our community to get access to 3-4 day a week track programs that have access to a track they must go to Prince George, Prince William or Loudoun County. Youth athletes from our community have competed successfully in track and field at the AAU Junior Olympics for other counties and have plans to compete in the USATF Junior Olympics this summer but because of a lack of training facility will be competing for other counties. These youth athletes need the support of our community which starts with recognizing the positive contributions that track and running make to all sports and by providing a first class facility where they will have a priority to train and compete and that will be profitable for the community.

We ask that the planning board will recognize this long oversight and shift their focus to providing a community use rubberized outdoor track and indoor track facility. Track, like soccer and basketball, is a year round sport and as such requires a year round facility to meet her needs. One does not have to drive far to see a soccer field or baseball field within a few miles of each other or a pool but the only tracks are at schools which are monopolized by school sports and other field sports which leaves no time for track programs to develop.

We happily make ourselves available to the planning committee throughout this decision making process. We certainly hope that this input will be valuable and worthy of further discussion within the committee. Please find contact information below or respond to all email addresses copied on this message.

BARON CAMERON PARK

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: As we sat listening to the informative park service presentation and to the Restonians making their opinions known at the public meeting, we realized how important all sports are to people in our town. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we didn't have to make choices for and against different sports needs but could cater to all and could make Reston a showcase for cooperation. Here are our suggestions.

We have three main suggestions that would, importantly, help all sports thrive in Reston. Think vertical for indoor sports, think horizontal for outdoor sports, and make many venues accessible.

In order to make venues accessible at Baron Cameron Park, we need to finish construction of a short link to the northwest section of the park. A large part of North Point cannot get to the park from a beautiful route near Lake Newport. There is a Reston focus on walkways. With a finished northwest connection, residents could walk through the park on a scenic route, end up at the dog park, walk to a playground, and walk to the FC gardens. Otherwise, they must drive and require additional parking that could be devoted to outdoor fields.

Accessibility is also a reason to put the indoor facilities at North Reston Town Center or near the Herndon station instead of at Baron Cameron Park. Development is planned in these areas. It makes sense to put the indoor tennis, pools, recreation center in these areas. In a highly populated area, many residents will be able to walk to these city facilities.

As to the recreation center, pools (note we say this in plural), indoor tennis, we have to "think vertical". What does this mean? It means, as new development evolves, we should put indoor sports facilities on the first two levels of new buildings. Give the developers perks in exchange (maybe the height they want). Make this a public-private partnership for funding. Land is too valuable for a one-use building on former fields. Using this method, build two pools. Build one at North Reston Town Center and one in a new building near the new metro area of Herndon Station. Polo Fields does not have a public or RA pool. North Town Center is the perfect location for a Rec Center and another pool. Put the tennis in one of these areas also. This is a win/win. No sports activities are pitted against others. Valuable fields are saved for outdoor sports.

For outdoor fields, "think horizontal". Put these fields at Baron Cameron. Like you suggest, make them work harder with special surfaces. Put in lights. Also, look for land outside Reston for extra field acreage. These fields don't need to be as accessible. People from other areas of the county drive there anyway. By the way, we were at a rainy lacrosse game at Herndon High and totally impressed by the fields and impressed by how safe they were. We digress, but think horizontal for fields.

In conclusion, we can satisfy many residents and satisfy sports needs by keeping in mind: Think vertical for indoor sports, think horizontal for outdoor sports, and make things accessible by putting indoor sports venues in growth areas and making Baron Cameron Park accessible to walkers and cyclists by finishing the short entrance path to the northwest section of the park.

BARON CAMERON PARK

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Off-Leash Dog Park, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: We have attended many of the meetings concerning the new Master Plan for Baron Cameron Park and appreciate all the work that went into providing some sensible options. Our general opinion is that the plan tries to fit too much into one park of modest size in the middle of a residential area. Six full-size soccer fields, or five full-size and two junior size fields, baseball/softball diamonds, garden areas, and a (preferably bigger) dog park fill this space, and one park cannot satisfy all the recreational needs of the larger Reston community.

We would like to see at least most of the athletic fields kept as natural turf, since the fields are used for many other recreational purposes aside from soccer, and the natural turf would likely improve the runoff situation. Keep in mind that many, if not most, residents of this part of Reston do not have yards and use the park for general recreation, and natural grass is ideal for this. The fields should be regraded and improved, though. Some lighted fields may be nice to increase availability, but we suspect that most people want to use the fields during the day for informal, recreational sporting events when lighting is not needed.

More parking is needed, but the plan (at least some of the options) seem to overwhelm the park with parking lots. One good idea we heard at a recent meeting was to include bike racks so that more local people could avail themselves of the trail system to reach the park, and perhaps mitigate some of the traffic/parking problems.

Bathroom facilities would be a great addition!

On the DOG PARK OPTION, we do not have an issue with relocating the dog park to the interior location but the existing park should remain open until the new location is operable. We're at the dog park almost every day throughout the year, and the dog park is easily the most heavily used amenity in Baron Cameron Park. Any new plans for the dog park should include its enlargement, as it is often overcrowded, and separate entry and exit gates would mitigate issues where excited, unfamiliar dogs come together on-leash in a confined area. Parking near a new dog park location would be helpful for handicapped dog owners and to avoid having to walk dogs past excited, curious children (and adults) in the other sections of the park.

On the REC CENTER OPTION, we do not support placing the center in Baron Cameron Park or having small tax district 5 fund the construction and maintenance of this facility. The rec center (mainly a competition pool and not a community center) would serve the entire county, not just Reston, and therefore it should be funded at the county level. Also, if such a facility is to be built it should be located in an area with ready access from major roadways, where it isn't replacing increasingly limited green space/athletic fields, and is not further disturbing a residential area that is already stressed by heavy traffic.

BARON CAMERON PARK

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: These are my personal comments on the Draft Baron Cameron Master Plan. Thank you for listening.- I reiterate Terry Maynard's conclusion from the Reston 2020 ResTown Hall Forum that the Park Authority's master plan is trying to do too much with too little space. Keep it simple; improve the basics of what's there.

- Improve and increase the athletic fields! Reston does not have its fair share. We apparently will not get any new ones (other than possibly 3 cited in the Reston Phase 1 master plan), so please do not take away any that are currently within our boundaries. I like turf fields, and agree with the lighting as long as they turn off at a time that is respectful of the surrounding neighborhoods.

- No Recreation Center. The space at Baron Cameron Park is too valuable for other purposes and open space should not be given up in this area for a building. Town Center North is where this belongs.

- The playground, picnic area and real restroom with running water should of course all be ADA accessible. I ask you to go beyond the letter of the law and look to the intent. Make this a wonderful area for all. Accessibility tends to require more space, and the need for accessible ball fields such as at Poplar Tree Park, as well as the playground/picnic area require extra space. I reiterate – there is no room for a recreation center here.

- I understand the need for lots of parking for tournaments – my oldest grandson plays for the Fairfax Police Youth Club “Fury” team. “Tournament” is their middle name! I do not believe that the solution is to give up athletic fields for parking spaces. Make an obvious pathway between the Park and Aldrin Elementary School and this will add the extra parking needed outside of school hours. This path should be lit the same as the ball fields, possibly for 10-15 minutes extra so that everyone can get safely to their cars.

- Please consider the suggestions from the Reston 2020 ResTown Hall Forum for adding seating in various places. This district park is enjoyed by many for its natural elements – from watching shooting stars during the Perseids Meteor Showers to sitting near an old oak tree and reading a book.

- Which brings me to my last comment: please consult with your County Urban Forest Management Division before making changes to any existing trees. Please do not make the public relations mistake of assuming that one area of urban forest has no more value than another. This is Reston, and we will be watching.

BARON CAMERON PARK

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center, Recreational Facilities**

Affiliation:

Comment: I do not support including an indoor rec center at Baron Cameron Park.

Baron Cameron Park is the wrong place for an indoor rec center; our open space in Reston is limited and needs to be preserved.

New rec center needs to be more centrally located, closer to the Reston Town Center. By locating any new rec center closer to the Reston Town Center:

- public transportation would be better accessed
- swim teams and their parents would be able to take advantage of dining and shopping
- new rec center would be closer to majority of patrons where density is concentrated
- financing could be accessed through developer proffers

I do not support any RCC involvement in the planning and operating of Baron Cameron Park. By operating with major annual losses, RCC has not demonstrated any financial responsibility or proficiency with their current facilities and programs. Any improvements to Baron Cameron Park, a Fairfax County entity, should be paid for and managed by Fairfax County—not the RCC-- like any other Fairfax County park.

I would very much like to have the paved trails improved and extended around and through Baron Cameron Park. The trails should be widened to safely accommodate walkers, runners, and bikers. The trails could be shifted slightly inward, away from Wiehle and Baron Cameron roads to allow for more landscaping and buffering from the busy and noisy roads.

BARON CAMERON PARK

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

Method Received: **Parkmail**

Pertains To: **Indoor Recreation Center**

Affiliation: **Reston Swim Team Association**

Comment: **Resolution in Support of a New Indoor Aquatic & Recreation Facility in Reston**

Whereas swimmers of all ages develop valuable traits in and out of the water that help them throughout life, including strong organization and time management skills, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and mutual respect, and

Whereas RCC's current indoor pool, at Hunters Woods Village Center, is 35 years old and in need of modernization, and is not adequate for hosting competitive swim meets, and

Whereas Reston Association's outdoor pools are open less than 20 weeks out of the year, and

Whereas Reston is the only district in Fairfax County that does not have a RECenter, and

Whereas there is not enough available pool time and space in the Reston area to meet current demand for aquatics programs, causing Reston to lose its young swimmers to other non-Reston competitive teams, and

Whereas Reston has an active community of adult athletes who value fitness and participate in triathlons, biathlons, and other competitive sport events that involve swimming, and

Whereas the South Lakes High School Swim and Dive Team does not have a home pool in which to adequately prepare for competitions or to host meets, and

Whereas the 990 RSTA swimmers and their families represent a significant portion of the Reston population, therefore

Be it resolved that the Reston Swim Team Association fully supports the construction of a new 50-meter indoor pool facility dedicated to year-round developmental and competitive swimming. A new RECenter facility would further enhance the "Live, Work, Play, and Get Involved" principle Reston was founded upon by enabling Reston to train swimmers and divers of all ages, attract and develop knowledgeable instructors, coaches, and officials, and boost the local economy by enabling Reston to host major swim meets.
