



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



BRADDOCK PARK MASTER PLAN REVISION

April 26, 2021 -- PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY

A virtual public comment meeting was held via www.publicinput.com on April 26, 2021, at 7:00 pm. The meeting offered an opportunity for members of the public to meet in a virtual setting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A recording of that meeting is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/GKPn6CduysE>.

The meeting was facilitated by Judy Pedersen, Park Authority Public Information Officer. Also in attendance were:

- Supervisor Pat Herrity, Springfield District
- Michael Perez, Springfield District Legislative Aide
- Mike Thompson, Park Authority Board, Springfield District Representative
- Sara Baldwin, Park Authority Acting Director
- Aimee Vosper, Park Authority Deputy Director
- Stephanie Leedom, Park Planning and Development Division Director
- Anna Bentley, Park Authority Planning Branch Manager
- Doug Tipsword, Park Authority Project Manager (Presenter)
- Other Park Authority planning staff and members of the master plan team

OPENING REMARKS

Supervisor Pat Herrity welcomed the meeting participants and thanked them for their involvement in the public comment process to date. He took the also thanked Mike Thompson and Fairfax County Park Authority staff for their efforts.

Mike Thompson emphasized the importance of discussion and public engagement. He asked that park users spread the word to each other about the master plan revision and the importance of providing input. It was clarified that this was not the end of the process but simply another milestone as we seek to acquire input and feedback to help meet the best vision of what Braddock Park can become.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Doug Tipsword, project manager for the Braddock Park master plan revision, provided a presentation that recapped the Park Authority's master planning process, summarized the public survey results conducted in October, and provided a glimpse at a design concept for the revised Braddock Park conceptual development plan. The presentation is available at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/plandev/braddock-park-mp-presentation-042621.pdf>

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Following the staff presentation, the virtual floor was opened for questions and comments. The public was invited to participate in writing through the meeting chat box and by phone call (although no comments were received via phone). The comments are summarized below.

WRITTEN COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

- COMMENT 1: Very responsive and well thought out plan. You should have 6 (or more) dedicated pickleball courts rather than 4. Also, space is available in the northwest part of the VEPCO easement for additional parking. Thank you for a job well done.
- COMMENT 2: Hi Judy, where did you say I can get the presentation at

PHONE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

- None provided

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 pm. Board member Mike Thompson took the opportunity to remind the audience that the master plan is a long-range plan that is conceptual in nature. He noted that “Even as we go through the process of finalizing the plan, it does not mean that everything will be built immediately. This process is used to determine how we can use the property and what we can use it for. It does not address the funding needs and resolutions for specific elements such as an additional softball diamond or pickleball courts. That is part of a separate process”.

Doug Tipsword encouraged and reminded those who could not attend and were watching the presentation recording about the 30-day open comment period for providing additional input to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Judy Pedersen thanked all those who participated and shared their input and concluded the meeting.