



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE HYBRID
JOINT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

February 22, 2023

The Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) convened its meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2023.

PRESENT (IN-PERSON)	Stacy Snyder, Chair Wells Harrell, Vice Chair Andy Greenwood Brian Harner Janet Kopenhaver Ben Malakoff Claire Noakes Steve Young
PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)	Diana Preston participated virtually from home (via Teams) due to a personal matter.
ABSENT	None
STAFF	Emily Garrett, Arlington County Elizabeth Hardy, Arlington County Matt Ladd, Arlington County Robert Ruiz, Arlington Public Schools

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SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS

Chair's Update

Chair Snyder announced that in lieu of the regular March JFAC meeting, JFAC will hold a joint meeting with the APS Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs on March 13. The meeting topic will be the Existing Facility Evaluation Framework Report for the Long-Range Plan to Renovate Existing School Facilities.

Liaison Update

Commissioner Young participated in a [Commission Briefing](#) on the proposed [VHC Health Rehabilitation and Behavioral Wellness Facility](#) at 601 Carlin Springs Road. He provided an overview of the briefing.

Public Comment

Terri Armao spoke on the Missing Middle Housing Study and its impacts on public facilities. Anne Bodine spoke on the Missing Middle Housing Study and impacts on the budget. Bill Roos spoke on JFAC's 2022

[research report](#) to the County and School Boards on the missing middle housing policies in other communities.

Update on Projections and Forecasts

Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner, APS Planning & Evaluation, presented [on APS's Fall 2022 10-Year Enrollment Projections](#). Elizabeth Hardy, Principal Planner, and Emily Garrett, Associate Planner, from Arlington County's Research and Strategic Initiatives Group, presented a [demographic update](#) on population estimates, births, and forecasts.

JFAC members asked questions on the relationship between the County's overall population growth and school enrollment, the geographic distribution of forecasted population growth, varying student generation rates by housing type, demographics by age, housing vacancy rates, in- and out-migration to and from Arlington, how pandemic trends affected school enrollment projections, the impact of birth rates on enrollment projections, how new land use policies and plans are factored into projections and forecasts, monitoring student generation from new housing types, and the relationship between student generation and housing costs.

Final Report on Research Question #2

Chair Snyder informed the Commission that former JFAC Chair Kathleen McSweeney had prepared a [report](#) on how other Virginia jurisdictions incorporate schools in public/private partnership agreements, which had been discussed at the January meeting. Commissioner Noakes moved approval of the report. Commissioner Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations on Updates to JFAC Charter

At the January JFAC meeting, the Commission discussed potential updates to its charter, [first adopted in 2016](#). Chair Snyder presented proposed revisions to the charter for consideration by the County and School Board. Commissioner Young moved that JFAC recommend these updates to the County and School Boards. Commissioner Noakes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- [Final Letter on Recommended Charter Updates](#)

Letter to County Board on the Missing Middle Housing Study

Chair Snyder presented a draft letter to the County Board on the Missing Middle Housing Study. The letter reiterates the recommendations from JFAC's [April 2022 letter](#):

- Use information learned from the Missing Middle Housing Study to inform (and to also be informed by) an expanded long-range vision of the future of Arlington as a whole, including considerations for transportation, diversity, equity, parks, environmental conservation, sustainability and schools and public facilities.
- Continue work to more fully incorporate schools and public facilities into long-range planning processes and the Comprehensive Plan so that there are codified ways to address school and public facility impacts of any future changes to housing policies and zoning. Carefully consider how best to anticipate and mitigate impacts on public facilities from any Missing Middle housing policies that the County may adopt.
- Maintain the close collaboration between the County and APS by sharing information on projected student enrollment, new housing developments, student generation factors, and projected capacity utilization of APS facilities—to ensure that APS can successfully anticipate

and plan to accommodate enrollment growth that might result from new missing middle housing.

Following discussion, a paragraph was added to the draft letter:

“We are not taking a position on whether you should or should not adopt the Expanded Housing Options proposal. However, we feel strongly that broad and long-range planning and visioning for the future in light of these potential changes is an essential implementation.”

Commissioner Noakes moved to approve the letter substantially in the form that it has been modified and to send it to the County Board. Vice Chair Harrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- [Final Letter on the Missing Middle Housing Study](#)

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.