



# MEETING MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL JOINT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

May 29, 2024

The Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) convened its meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 29, 2024.

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY) Stacy Snyder, Chair

Wells Harrell, Vice Chair

Andy Greenwood Brian Harner

Claire Noakes (Phone)

Diana Preston Steve Young

**ABSENT** Star Hy

Natalie Roy

**STAFF** Emily Garrett, Arlington County

Robert Ruiz, Arlington Public Schools

<u>Link to Teams Recording</u>

#### **SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS**

## Chair's Update

Chair Snyder gave an update on the timeline for providing input to the School Board and the County Board on their proposed CIPs. She will be attending work sessions for the School Board on June 4, 2024 and the County Board on June 11, 2024.

#### **Public Comment**

Catrina Tangchittsumran, band director and former student at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, spoke to the condition and needs of the school.

## Discussion on APS and County CIPs

County Manager Mark Schwartz presented his <u>proposed FY2025-2034 CIP</u> to the County Board on May 28, 2024. Chair Snyder shared a document outlining her main takeaways.

Chair Snyder and Vice Chair Harrell shared draft potential recommendations they developed in advance of the meeting. Commissioners did not object to any of the following recommendations:

- Maintaining existing assets should be a priority.
- Bolstering financial sustainability, maintaining flexibility in rapidly changing circumstances, and taking a measured approach being mindful of impacts of debt service on operation budget and uncertain external pressures (e.g. inflation/interest rates)
- Environmental resiliency and climate regarding government facilities
- Broad context collaborative planning CIP decisions should not be made without understanding and acknowledging forthcoming information and new needs

Commissioners discussed existing assets, turf fields, public-private partnerships, operating funds, project timelines, deep dive studies, surplus of seats county-wide, boundary changes, co-location of programs, biophilia/biophilic design, and long-range planning for the Quincy Site, 601 S. Carlin Springs, and the Trades Center.

### **Public Comment**

Michael Bruno, Montessori Public School of Arlington (MSPA) representative, spoke to the future for MPSA depending on JFAC's recommendation and Board decision. Cynthia Hilton, acting chair of FAC, spoke to disparities among neighborhoods, operating costs, and the Patrick Henry Building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.