

Written comments received at pop-up events or the Open House.

- Have a public map of existing historic properties; have tours (contract? parade?) of existing properties to let people be aware of what we have; I've lived here in Arlington for 30 years and don't know what is being preserved or why.
- No demolition - at what point do we lose historic district designation because of demolition - plays into the issue of equity
- Improve setback requirements - Cherrydale resident
- Tribal history - do we include that?
- Resident of Maywood - not require me to replace windows etc. with exact material vs. looks like. Current rules are environmentally not sustainable.
- Get County Board out of developers pockets and preserve our history!
- Missing Middle - Didn't consider those of us who are middle class already living here!
- Wants residents to have a say in what's being preserved; wants residents to have more direct influence on decision makers; should be more democratic and transparent
- Educating youth about self. Building character in oneself.
- Go to schools and take classes on field trips to different historic sites - have the students write a report about it afterwards.
- Legacy housing: Explore ways in which the County can assist/incentivize those who have legacy housing in order to keep their property in their family. Legacy housing meaning generational housing - children of parents often sell the house because they can't afford it, etc. This leads to more gentrification.
- Medallions on buildings about history like Alexandria
- We love dinosaurs! Can Arlington hire an archaeologist so we can find out if there are dinosaur bones here? - Cary, age 4
- Provide more opportunities to learn English as a second language for free.
- Ghost tour! Haunted house on S. Walter Reed Drive. - on 1st Street by Drew House.
- Ray Anderson oral history - HB teacher then administrator

Historic and Cultural Resources Plan

Comments from a Biophilic Cities and Urban Nature Perspective

David Howell
June 20, 2023

This is an updated version of comments on May 1, after our virtual meeting. For convenience, most of the original comments remain. The Assorted Comment section builds on the original points and adds suggestions for editorial revision and additional content. That portion is by page number in the draft.

General Comments

- This draft plan is well written and organized. The shift from a “conservation” plan to the “historic and cultural resources” plan makes it a much more dynamic document about continuity and change, and offers many more opportunities for relevance of the past as well as for the future. It emphasizes the experiences and dynamics of life and place that adds meaning to the classical orientation of place.
- The context section is excellent. It is substantial and appropriate for a plan about historical value and recognition for the future.
- The main comments here should be highlighted as well in the Executive Summary.
- Include a recommendation (if needed, or consider, if not needed in the plan) to explore changing the name of the Historical Preservation Program to better fit the new scope of mission as expressed in the plan.
- Throughout, include photos of transportation facilities/corridors, parks, public spaces, schools and other places where the landscape or physical space context is depicted. Almost all photos are “portraits” of built structures, which may represent the supply of images but doesn’t represent the new plan title nor the full range of content that it is trying to incorporate in this new way of thinking about the relevance of history and culture.

Biophilia as Thematic Content

- The concept of biophilia has connections to the content of this draft plan throughout the document. One primary connection is with the character of place, and the experience with place both past and present.
- The Biophilic Cities Resolution, adopted in December 2019 by unanimous County Board vote, is silently embedded in this plan as well. But unfortunately the term and concept are not explicitly discussed. The Resolution includes, in the Whereas statements, discussion of Arlington’s early recognition of the importance of natural spaces, its importance to health and well-being, its strong and integrating connections with sustainability, energy, ecology, environment, and many other key concerns represented in the Comprehensive Plan.
- The first indicator of performance under this resolution is to track “Expanded biophilic planning and design principles throughout existing policies and processes, such as comprehensive plan elements, sector plans, site plans, park master plans, and multimodal transportation plans and projects;...” This of course calls for citing the resolution in the HCRP, and referring to it and Arlington’s natural character throughout history.
- The second indicator, also highly germane to the historical and cultural resource discussion, is: “Educational opportunities for the community, including residents and development stakeholders, about the benefits of biophilic principles to further the presence of nature in our buildings, facilities, homes and public spaces;...” Historically, residents had more access to natural surroundings because density and infrastructure in our space was much less than today. Now we are recognizing and committing to integrating nature into our built environment as well as caring for our parks and natural spaces. Those include historic sites and places that are to be appreciated by all.
- The 5th indicator is also highly relevant to this plan, given that the draft is significantly about cultural history and equity. That indicator is: “Equitable access to green spaces, parks and

other natural elements.” Whether an historic structure with specific role in history, or an area closely tied to the cultural experience of residents, the benefits of biophilic approaches to built spaces, landscaping and the broader site context (including natural corridors) enhances the appreciation of those historic features and the viewing and learning experience of those who visit them.

- The Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) is already designated as the 12th element in the Comp Plan, and it is in the same stage of development as the HCRP. Its approach is in many ways analogous to this Plan’s history and cultural resources goals, in that it speaks to conservation of what should be valued, stewardship to continue the sustainability and future relevance in the life of the community, education to promote recognition and appreciation, and public engagement to promote involvement and connection to the plan’s mission. In addition, both are now in a development process as Comp Plan components for the subject matter they represent, expanding, redefining, and taking a holistic approach. Finally, they both call for expanded means incorporation into County decision-making, including modification of policies, plans and processes to appropriately value—as a county commitment—the resources they represent. Our history and culture are important to a full recognition of who we are as a community. Our quality of space and relationship to that space are important to our recognition of the value of nature for the community and the well-being of all individuals.
- The plan includes a background section on equity and inclusion. The Equity Resolution was adopted 3 months before the Biophilic Cities Resolution. It is a very important anchor for so much of the plan, and is well presented. The plan would be much improved and more complete if a similar background description of Arlington’s urban nature and biophilia commitment were also highlighted in this way. The PAMP, CEP, Green Building Incentive Policy, Pentagon City Sector Plan and the Clarendon Sector Plan all have various references to nature and biophilic planning and design.
- In Arlington historically, even into the war-driven mid-century growth, natural spaces were widely distributed and indoor/outdoor time and experience were distributed differently from later years in the 20th century. The 21st century paradigm is to respect, steward and benefit from nature. Housing, commercial buildings, and transportation modes from the 1890s, 1920s, 1940, or even 1960s are historically and culturally relevant. Each of those periods existed with a different range of features in unbuilt space, and the relationship between developed areas. Creating value for the past and for the future involve parallel awareness of the character and use of those spaces. This is particularly notable in the history of housing developments, including garden apartments. It is also notable in the history of transportation corridors.
- Sustainability is an important perspective for future policy and practice to minimize negative consequences of development and a range of policy choices. It is also applicable to historic recognition because we want the legacy of past experience to be conveyed with integrity of context as well as provide a positive presentation for the future. The site matters and the natural character is relevant as both message and medium.
- Contemporary residents have awareness of climate change and related topics because it is in the news. The US joined 150 other nations in signing recent agreements on Climate Change and, separately, on Biodiversity. These are interdependent. But as a matter of daily experience, the contemporary population has very uneven, and often very diminished, experience with nature because for the past few generations nature has itself been pushed out, paved over, or chemically neutralized. Our county plans are an educational mechanism as well as a policy and prioritization guideline. So as part of the mission to retain and enhance recognition of historic places and cultural experiences, the role and presence of natural features is key to understanding daily life over time.

Assorted Observations and Comments

- Throughout the plan there are many references to environment and energy and other “place-oriented” topics associated with Comp Plan elements. In many places these contexts could

and should make reference to biophilic experience as a connecting, enhancing and integrating theme that bring people and place together in a positive way, both as historical interpretation and for the future work under this plan. Likewise, natural spaces and features connect the earliest history to the future of the County, as we attempt to conserve what nature we have for our health and well-being.

- Page 5, middle column-remove “EI” from in front of Salvadorean.
- Page 6-The idea of removing “master” from the title is a good one in several ways, especially considering what the HCRP represents. But it is also a practical change that should become the precedent for all Comp Plan elements. I recommended it for the FNRP.
- Page 13-The chapter intro description below the title erroneously refers to the 2006 plan with the current plan title. The 2006 plan was the Historic Preservation Master Plan.
- Page 13-First column, line 5-Change “is” to “involves”.
- Page 13-First column-line 9, add “natural” before “landscapes” and add “sites and notable places”.
- Page 13-First column, line 10-change “adjust to the shifts required by” to “understand the nature of change from” ...trends in....
- Page 13-Middle column, as new 3rd bullet, add-The value of nature to our local predecessors and to contemporary residents, as reflected in the historically changing relationship residents have with natural spaces and features.
- Page 13-Column 3, final bullet-Change “impacts” to another word, perhaps “benefits”?
- Page 17, 3rd column, end of top paragraph-add “urban nature” before “sustainability”.
- Page 18, column 1, 1st sentence-add “spaces” before “places”.
- Page 18, column 2, 2nd paragraph: add reference to forestry and natural resource goals and biophilia (experience in nature) as areas for common interest and collaboration among partners in conserving places and spaces. See comments on page 1 and 2.
- Page 19, middle column, end of paragraph-update reference to PSMP. The Public Art Master Plan was approved last year as a free-standing plan. The Natural Resources and Urban Forest sub-plans are consolidated in the new FNRP, to be approved in late 2023.
- Page 20, column 2, last bullet-update the references to PSMP. This may need to be expanded with respect to forestry and natural resources.
- Page 20, column 2, last sentence: add “natural spaces” or “urban nature” or something that conveys the role of the physical environment in which everything else happens.
- Relevant to page 18 discussion: Energy and environment are important. Most “historic” buildings and places existed before intensified development, massive infrastructure, high-volume transportation networks, pollution, tall buildings and extensive hardscape and the increasing use of glass as exterior building material. People walked, rode or took public modes through corridors that had shade, aromas and sounds of nature (biophilic sensory experience). As noted in the Resolution, we wisely began saving some of these corridors, especially rail, early on, and those are a large part of the 4% natural space today. Recognition of the historic experience with nature should be noted throughout, including in some equity discussion, where racial disparity has diminished access to nature and therefore quality of life for some portions of the population.
- Related to page 20: the discussion of the Public Spaces Master Plan is important. However, this should be extended to describe the purpose and content of the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan. The draft FNRP will include updated content from both of the sub plans noted for PSMP, plus much additional content, to provide an overarching policy guide for all physical space, urban ecology and biodiversity, including issues relating to development. This plan will become the 12th component in the county Comp Plan when it is approved in the fall.
- Page 22, column 1-It could be noted here, or elsewhere should be noted, that the historical context being described is very much what the Chesapeake Bay Protection Plan and the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan are about. Conserving and restoring our natural resources, our biodiversity, and our experience in nature is an act of historic and cultural preservation because it is beneficial to contemporaries to have an awareness of the historical

character of Arlington, and some of the physical and cultural changes that residents experienced through history.

- Page 24, middle column, paragraph 2-it should be noted that the Civil War not only affected the agricultural economy; it radically changed the surface landscape, including our biodiversity and forest ecotype.
- Page 26, column 3, bottom paragraph-"healthy and bucolic" is precisely a biophilic assessment of Arlington at the time.
- Page 28, middle column, top-"garden city principles" are development concepts for providing nature in higher density projects. Again, this is the idea, if not the term, of desirable biophilic experience on an everyday basis.
- Page 29, middle column-The FNRP speaks to the results of these discriminatory practices. Arlington already has a Tree Equity Program, administered by EcoAction Arlington, and the new plan has more extensive attention to equity in access to nature for multiple reasons, including biophilic deprivation and vulnerability to climate change impacts.
- Page 34, column 3-add references and content example from the Pentagon City Sector Plan, which has extensive and forward-thinking views of the urban corridors in Arlington, including guiding principles of "places for people" and "places for nature" as well as a robust discussion of biophilic principles.
- Page 36, middle column, bottom paragraph-add "and natural" after "pressure on historical..."
- Relevant to page 38: Incentives could be integral to the newly adopted Stormwater Utility Fee structure, our Tree Canopy Programs, and invasive plant removal programs.
- Relevant to page 39 and 55, as example of connections with biophilic goals, sustainability and other Comp Plan goals.
- Page 44-this goal is important as a foundation for the remaining goals. If this isn't at the core, then the others have less significance or urgency. That said, I see two important and easy opportunities for additional content in the background here, and probably also in the section about Significance at the beginning of the plan.
- One opportunity is to enhance the references to native Americans. The acknowledgement is fine, but that is by necessity somewhat abstract and in the older parts of history. However, the old "Henry Clay" park is now Zitkala-Sa Park, honoring a Lakota Sioux woman who lived in Lyon Park, was a renaissance talent, and led the national campaign for rights for indigenous populations. So, point 1 is to make sure this goal about building understanding doesn't exclude particular populations because they are not overtly active in Arlington politics or engagement. There are many ethnicities represented among Arlingtonians. The page 5 call out of Vietnamese and Salvadoreans ignores several other cultural groups that have significant numbers. They don't need to be mentioned there, but to be "inclusive" there should be a broader discussion of our diversity than is currently in the plan. This is about people and their history. For example, the Ethiopian Community Center has been in operation for over 30 years.
- Related to this point, there are mentions of partnership with DPR on some sites. However, this undershoots our public recognition of the history of leaders. The plan should discuss, here or in other background, the fact that many of our parks and named buildings, facilities and streets provide this broad acknowledgement. There are extensive tables in the plan referring to buildings with various designations. But I could find no tables with lists of public parks named through a process that involved the Park and Recreation Commission, HALRB, and the Board. Serena Gray Park, Zitkala-Sa Park, Arlington Junction Park, Langston Blvd—these are examples of our historic/cultural awareness. A full inventory will help readers develop a sense that these acknowledgements are part of our recognition of the very things this plan values. It also supports goal 2 on engagement, in normalizing these actions as ongoing, legitimate, and part of what we value, and goal 4 on Partnerships.
- Goal on Partnerships-there are multiple opportunities to cite the common ground interests of conservation and stewardship of places and spaces. That includes built structures, hardscape, landscape, and overall site conditions. For integrity, historic sites should involve

not only structure replication/conservation, but also site replication/conservation. The same holds true for places where historic events have taken place.

- On the Regulations goal, my belief is that Arlington needs a process up updating all of its plans and land use documents, and that those need to align around a holistic perspective that acknowledges that natural landscapes, energy-efficient restoration and building, recognition of cultural diversity, and vision of a future state of affairs that is based on awareness that you can have change and continuity of values at the same time, and that is a valuable story in its own right.
- Please have staff crosswalk the partner and regulation goals with the content of the draft FNRP. There are many commonalities. This is worthy of a conversation between staff, for the potential benefit of both plans and the county.
- Re the Archaeology recommendation: Excellent. An inventory of what material culture is held, where, in DC, Arlington and Alexandria would help with a good baseline. Collaboration with DPR staff could be of value.

From: david howell <drdrhowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:51 PM
To: Cynthia Liccese-Torres
Subject: Re: HP and biophilic planning and design

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Thanks!

On Apr 19, 2023, at 4:34 PM, Cynthia Liccese-Torres <Cliccese@arlingtonva.us> wrote:

David - please forward this invite as needed.

Our draft plan and accompanying materials went live today! All the details are here:
<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Historic-Preservation>

Talk soon.

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Thanks, Cynthia. I will be happy to provide some examples.

Here are two other questions for you—or Lorin if you can reply before Thursday when Cynthia returns:

1. Were the notes/comments I sent after the meeting useful? Did they seem to make sense based on our conversation?
2. The Forestry and Natural Resources Plan draft for public engagement was released today. I intend to suggest a few places where that plan can note the HCRP and identify a few areas of mutual purpose and benefit. Likewise I already noted in comments the reverse. So, I will forward the plan link so you can take a look as that document begins to generate discussion as well.

David

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Cynthia,

I am sending tonight—inside the official deadline for engagement—my written comments on the draft plan. I used the previous comment document as a starting point so you only have one set to look at. The current version embellishes some of those original points and provides examples or references where I thought that would be useful. There are also some suggestions for editing the way some of the content is worded (for some reason, that pertains to the beginning of the Plan in Context section, where I thought the word use/characterizations were odd in some places) as well as additional phrasing or enhancement of existing text.

As mentioned, this is a very good draft and it will be a great asset. My purposes here are to help reinforce that with clarity, additional context in the form of physical space history, cultural context, official county policy, and alignment of county goals and resources. The comments are attached.

Please let me know if you would like clarification on any of this, or references. Because of the cross-over with the FNRP, I plan to forward this to staff working on that plan as well.

Best,

David

PS: As an anthropologist by training, I'm excited to see the archaeology recommendations included in the plan.

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Ms. Liccese-Torres,

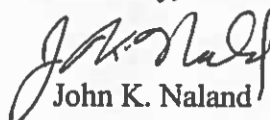
This is from John Naland, historian of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association (AFCA). You and I exchanged numerous emails in 2015 when I was updating the history of Arlington Forest. I sent you an email on May 3 but did not hear back. Below is input on the draft Historic and Cultural Resources Plan that I submit on behalf of AFCA:

-- Page 77 of the draft Historic and Cultural Resources Plan includes a list of "Single-Family Residential Resources" i.e., oldest surviving homes. That list neglects to include Arlington Forest's three pre-Civil War houses that are older than all but one of the houses on the plan's list:
Mary Carlin House, ca. 1800, 5512 North Carlin Springs Road
Charles E. Mix House, ca. 1820-40, 205 North Galveston Street
Ann Carlin Cottage, ca 1850, 117 North Galveston Street

Those properties are documented in the County's 2005 nomination of Arlington Forest to go on the National Register of Historic Places which you wrote.

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Sincerely,


John K. Naland

From: Hutch Brown <hutchbrown41@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:55 PM
To: John and Barbara Naland
Cc: Cynthia Liccese-Torres; Liz Kauffman; Esther Bowring
Subject: Re: Historic Preservation Open House on 5/6

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Thanks, John! I appreciate your pointing all this out!

Hutch

On Wed, May 3, 2023 at 2:13 PM John and Barbara Naland <nalandfamily@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Cynthia,

This is from John Naland, historian of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association (AFCA). You and I exchanged numerous emails in 2015 when I was updating the history of Arlington Forest. I am glad to see you still hard at work on historical preservation eight years later.

I will not be able to attend the Historic Preservation Open House on Saturday, but I hope you will accept two comments from me on behalf of AFCA:

-- Page 77 of the draft Historic and Cultural Resources Plan includes a list of "Single-Family Residential Resources" i.e., oldest surviving homes in Arlington. That list neglects to include Arlington Forest's three pre-Civil War houses that are older than all but one of the houses on the plan's list:

Mary Carlin House, ca. 1800, 5512 North Carlin Springs Road
Charles E. Mix House, ca. 1820-40, 205 North Galveston Street
Ann Carlin Cottage, ca 1850, 117 North Galveston Street

Those properties are documented in the successful 2005 nomination that you wrote to place Arlington Forest on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Regards,
John

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Laura Simpson" <lsimpson@arlingtonva.us>

To:

Sent: Tue, May 2, 2023 at 1:16 PM

Subject: FW: YOU ARE INVITED: Historic Preservation Open House on 5/6

Hello everyone,

Please see below for an invitation from the Historic Preservation team.

Laura Simpson

Acting Section Supervisor

Arlington Neighborhoods Program

(formerly the Neighborhood Conservation Program)

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Good morning,

On behalf of Arlington County's Historic Preservation Program (HPP), you are invited to attend our open house event this **Saturday, May 6 from 12 – 3 PM at Central Library's auditorium (1015 N. Quincy Street)**. At this event, you will have the chance to:

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This event is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. We would love to see you there! If there are others you think would be interested in this event, please share this email or the flyer attached.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Liccese-Torres

From: Ralph Johnson <ralphwjohanson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 12:49 PM
To: Cynthia Liccese-Torres; Lorin Farris; Nathan Burlingame
Subject: HRLB

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Hi Cynthia and Lorin: I finished your survey today and this reminded me that I have long promised Cynthia a meeting where I would bore her with some of my thoughts regarding HRLB. Your organization has recognized and preserved many buildings in Arlington including Courthouse Manor and Wakefield Manor. The buildings that you have preserved are the very best that Arlington has to offer and it is imperative that they survive the inevitable ravages of time. In our buildings the pipes are rotting away and replacement comes at a tremendous cost. Like these buildings, I am old and deteriorating rapidly. Will the inheriting generations that follow be as willing as I am to spend the money to fix the inexorable decay?

The fun part of your organization is selecting buildings to preserve and the stories that justify preservation but how do you keep these old gems functioning? HRLB must provide a funding source to keep these buildings alive - this is just as important as selecting and preserving them. And, the deteriorating pipes are but the tip of the iceberg. Inevitably, the wiring and circuits will need replacing. HRLB must establish a funding source for owners of old preserved buildings - some funding program that the future generations of owners cannot ignore. Let's talk about this. Thank you. Ralph

From: [dick woodruff](#)
To: [Mical Tawney](#); [Cynthia Liccese-Torres](#)
Subject: Re: Final Call for Feedback on HCRP
Date: Friday, June 16, 2023 7:04:39 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Mical

I completed the survey. All in all, I think the plan is good, particularly the regulatory piece that recommends clarifying the county's authority in a Febrey-Lothrop like situation to delay or deny a demolition permit. I also support updating HRI. Essential buildings must be given blanket protection. Top third Important buildings need to be given some additional protection. I also agree that there needs to be better HP coordination within the departments that have jurisdiction over development. Anyway, I think the draft and its focus on diversity and cultural recognition and protection is really good.

Best,
Dick

On Fri, 16 Jun 2023 at 11:17, Mical Tawney <mtawney@arlingtonva.us> wrote:

Happy Friday everyone!

It is hard to believe, but our first period of engagement for the draft Historic and Cultural Resources plan is coming to a close. It is with that in mind that I am reaching out today to send a friendly reminder to fill out the feedback form for the plan. ***The [feedback form](#) closes at 11:59 PM on Tuesday, June 20.***

Thank you very much to those of you who have sent us your thoughts and have already filled out the form – your feedback and participation is much appreciated! As the community members who actively work in preservation-related fields and who help shape how preservation is both approached and executed in the County, it is critical that we hear your feedback on the plan. We would love to be able to claim we had 100% feedback form participation from the HALRB. As we've mentioned before, you do not have to have read the plan front-to-back or feel that you support it in all aspects in order to answer the questions. We would love to hear all thoughts, both critical and positive, on the plan.

Please consider, if you have not already, taking a few minutes before June 20 to [fill out the form](#). And if any of you plan on coming to the Columbia Pike Blues Festival this weekend, pop by our booth to say hi! We'll be there all day getting feedback and sharing more information.

Thank you all very much and have a lovely weekend!

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From: [Thomas Jensen](#)
To: [Mical Tawney](#)
Subject: Re: HPP Open House Event Invitation, May 6
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 2:26:25 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Mical - I hope all is well with you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the invitation. I'm going to be flying home from Phoenix on Saturday and will miss the event, unfortunately. If I were there, I would (1) make a gentle pitch to move forward with signage for this place and (2) suggest a bit more coordination with the county department that handles roads, curbs, gutters, and storm water to see how their work could be adjusted to enhance/protect Arlington historic properties.

Thank you for the invitation.

With best regards,

Tom

Thomas C. Jensen

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On May 2, 2023, at 2:04 PM, Mical Tawney <mtawney@arlingtonva.us> wrote:

Good afternoon, Tom,

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From: [Kaydee Myers](#)
To: [Serena Bolliger](#); [Cynthia Liccese-Torres](#); [Lorin Farris](#); [Mical Tawney](#)
Cc: [Omari Davis](#); [Richard Woodruff](#)
Subject: Re: May 17 HALRB Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:32:52 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi All:

I mentioned the strength of Denver's Landmark Preservation Ordinance at our review meeting for the new plan.

Here is a link if you'd like to take a look:

https://library.municode.com/co/denver/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITIREMUCO_CH30LAPR

Section 30-6 is the part that details demolition delay.

Colorado is a home rule state, and I know that Virginia is not, but I think demolition delay and pre-demolition review is historic preservation's best tool. At the very least, exploring options to get it should be a part of the new Historic and Cultural Resources Plan. You can really go down a rabbit hole in reading about home rule and Dillion states (and ones that have both!), but I would encourage all to look at the powers Arlington County does have to see if historic preservation review could be incorporated into those. For example, the County has the power to grant demolition permits upon certain conditions - why can't historic preservation review be added to those conditions? When someone says Arlington County can't do something because of the Dillion rule, I'd encourage everyone to look a little further to see if that is just an excuse or an actual impediment.

Please add this email to the comments to the plan! I've submitted the feedback form as well.

Thanks,
Kaydee Myers

On Thu, May 11, 2023 at 6:25 PM Serena Bolliger <sbolliger@arlingtonva.us> wrote:

Good afternoon all,

We have another fun agenda coming up- in great news, only two CoAs and they're on consent! Let me know if you'll be able to attend so I can confirm quorum! All documents here as usual <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Historical-Affairs-Landmark-Review-Board>

- Consent Agenda
 - An amendment for a previously approved security camera project behind/around the Cambridge Courts garden apartment complex.
 - The renovation of a 1985 rear addition to the Hermitage log cabin in north Arlington. The applicant is proposing to replace all the windows in the central gable section in the rear, add some new windows to make a bathroom and closet more usable, and raise a small portion of a hyphen roof by 1' to make a closet

head-height.

- Park Naming: DPR and the High View Park community are proposing to rename a baseball field in High View Park after late community member Alfred Forman.
- Informational Item: Barcroft Apartments is submitting concept drawings for the renovation of Section 3 of their garden apartment complex. The Barcroft staff report is on its way and Lorin will be sending it to you directly.
- Marker Review: Mical has developed a marker for Arlington real estate entrepreneurs Margarite and William Syphax.

Many thanks to Kaydee, Omari and Joan for coming out on Saturday to our Historic and Cultural Resources Plan Open House! Don't forget to share the plan far and wide and give us YOUR feedback too! The Plan's [landing page](#) has a link to the [draft](#), a [summary](#) with all the hot takes, Mical illuminating us in a [narrated intro video](#), and the [feedback form itself](#) (as well as all the memos we created along the way). We want to show the County that we are connecting with people and getting engagement- give us feedback! You don't need to have paragraph-by-paragraph notes to provide feedback- the more people who engage with us, voice their support for preservation, comment on the plan, comment on our work, the clearer the impact of HP will be to the administration. Also, if you see the fab yard signs that Mical developed and are all over the County- let us know! We're getting the plan out to the people!

Let us know if you have any questions,

Best,

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