

**ACCF June Meeting
Affordable Housing Discussion
Proposed Amendment to the Housing Committee Resolution
Submitted by the Parks Committee**

Add the following to the end of the main motion:

... and all other county services, including parks, recreation, fire, police, and social services; and that section 3.5.2 is removed; and that the 17.7% target is removed.

Add the following material as a final section of the main motion:

Rationale for “and other county services”:

The draft Affordable Housing Master Plan calls for the construction of 15,800 net new committed affordable housing units by 2040. This much new housing will have a significant impact on already-overburdened county services, including parks, recreation, fire, police, and social services.

Rationale for “and that section 3.5.2 is removed”:

Section 3.5.2 says, “Consider affordable housing needs and goals when planning for major capital investment in new or redeveloping existing major community facilities, taking into account the neighborhood context. The County Board does not support the placement of stand-alone affordable housing in officially designated parks or existing natural areas.” The word “stand-alone” does not prohibit collocated affordable housing in parks, which Arlington County Board has repeatedly endorsed. Section 3.5.2 is a reprise of “Public Land for Public Good.” After last year’s PLPG imbroglio, the Community Facilities Study was launched as a broad-based, year-long community planning effort designed to build a public consensus regarding the community’s future funding and facility needs. Adopting section 3.5.2 as policy in the Affordable Housing Component of the Master Plan would preempt the community process put in place by the County Board—with support of Civic Federation—to consider the very issue addressed by that paragraph.

Rationale for “and that the 17.7% target is removed”:

The draft Affordable Housing Master Plan projects that 30,500 new housing units will be built in Arlington between now and 2040 and sets as a target that 17.7% of all housing in the county should be affordable. The draft says that 15,800 new committed affordable housing units (CAFs) would be required by 2040 to meet the 17.7% goal (DRAFT-AHMP-3.0, page 18). This means that MORE THAN HALF of all the new housing units that will be built between now and 2040 would be CAFs. The draft Affordable Housing Master Plan does not address the location of the additional housing, and this lack of specificity will inevitably cause pressure to allow construction of housing in parks.