

Arlington Joint Facilities Advisory Commission Update

Civic Federation

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JFAC Has Launched!

2015: Recommended by Community Facilities Study

2016: Charter approved by Arlington County and Arlington Public School Boards

2017: 21 commissioners approved by both boards

Three Commission meetings so far

Launched two subcommittees:

- Carlin Springs (Virginia Hospital Center Sites)
- Buck

Buck Subcommittee

- **6.08 acres** located on North Quincy Street
- County option to purchase Buck site for **\$30 million.**
 - Paid \$3M for option to purchase site
 - Option must be exercised by November 20, 2017
 - Closing must occur by November 30, 2017
- County Manager reviewing proposal to swap 2.3 acres of Buck for 3.53 acres along Shirlington Rd.
- JFAC tasked with **recommending potential uses** at Buck site with and without land swap.

Carlin Springs (VHC) Subcommittee

- County approved Option Agreement with VHC which gives VHC option to acquire Edison site.
- County can **elect to receive VHC properties, cash or a combination of the two**, as compensation for the 5.5 acre Edison site.
 - Carlin Springs site (total 11.57 acres)
 - Lee Highway (4 commercial sites, total 2.39 acres, 1.07 acres north side, 1.31 acres south side)
 - 16th Street North (two residential sites, total .55 acres)
- JFAC tasked with **recommending**:
 - Whether to take cash, or the Carlin Springs site by June/July.
 - Potential uses for the VHC properties

Long Term Focus

- JFAC goal remains to have a long term focus on community needs
- Arlington population expected to grow to 247,000 by 2026
- Arlington students expected to grow to 32,382 students in the 2026-27 school year

Long Term Focus

- Continued growth will put pressure on our community facilities, including parks, schools, transportation and environmental services
- Need to increase the “pie” available for these services and use what we have more effectively.
- A 10-year-long view is too short term for this growth.

CFS Process Recommendations

- Both JFAC Subcommittees are using the CFS-recommended “Use Determination Process”
- First time for this process to be used – expect some learning and adjustments
- Hope is that JFAC will refine the process and facilitate its adoption for future site and use determinations

Long Term Opportunities

- Planning ahead will give us the time and the resources needed to make “out of the box” ideas a reality
- Interim uses can put facilities to work for us while we plan on longer-term solutions and marshal our resources
- Decking over Interstate 66 has been done before – to do this at Buck, we would need time to plan and fund this facility.
- Key question now is, “What would we do in the interim?”

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 - Facilitated by the Commission
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Community Engagement

- Refine community long term needs
- Leverage work of other commissions and stakeholder
- Public Spaces Master Plan is an example of this
- Determine gaps with current facilities
- Recommend efforts to close those long term gaps