

CivFed General Membership Meeting Minutes, May 10th, 2022

Agenda

Regular Business, pledge, approve minutes

Nominations Committee update

Arlington County School Board

Cultural Affairs: Plan Langston Blvd. Update

Multi-family Complex Directory

TiGER update - RCV

Old Business

New Business Resolution to extend the Missing Middle comment period

Adjournment

Regular Business, pledge, approve minutes

Minutes weren't voted on due to change Alistair did wrong

Nominations Committee update

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE

POSITION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	MEMBER ORGANIZATION
President	Alistair	Watson	Alternate	NORML
Vice-President				
Secretary				
Secretary	Allen	Norton	Delegate	Bluemont Civic Association
Treasurer				
Director At-Large	John	Ford	Delegate	Tara-Leeway Hgts Civic Association
Director At-Large	Mary	Glass	Delegate	Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG)
Director At-Large	Jacqueline	Snelling	Delegate	Lyon Village Civic Association
Director At-Large	Allan	Gajadhar	Delegate	Cherrydale Civic Association
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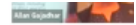
Arlington County School Board

The School Board discussed how the School Board works, what their goals are, and how the public can engage.

This can be found on the superintendents website. This dashboard prevents seeing a snapshot of data such as SOL scores from last year but instead judge which kids needs more help given a lot of data points.



APS Student Progress Dashboard



On Fri., March 25, APS launched a new online dashboard that shows student progress in English Language Arts and Mathematics, beginning with the 2019-20 school year.

- Compiles academic data from the three primary division-wide assessments:
 - **Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) (Grades K-5):** Literacy screener used to determine student progress on early literacy skills, such as phonics, comprehension, fluency and other reading indicators.
 - **Reading Inventory (Grades 6-9):** Classroom-based, adaptive assessment to evaluate students' reading performance.
 - **Math Inventory 3.1 (Grades 2-8):** Classroom-based, computer-adaptive progress monitoring tool that measures math growth from Kindergarten through Algebra II.
- Shows results by academic year, school, grade(s), and subgroups, including race and ethnicity, students with disabilities, English Learners (ELs), and ELs by proficiency.

Below is the list of standard School Board responsibilities which take up the majority of their work. Dr. Kanninen, who presented during this part, emphasized how the school board is not responsible for implementation, just governance.



Policy B-2 School Board



- The Arlington School Board represents the citizens of Arlington and acts as a body to ensure the provision of a high-quality public education to Arlington's children. In this capacity, the School Board shall:
- Adopt an annual budget for Arlington Public Schools
- Appoint the Superintendent
- Adopt a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan every two years
- Govern through clearly written School Board-adopted policies, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, which also account for federal, state, and local laws
- Establish and maintain connections and communication links with all Arlington parents and citizens on matters pertaining to public education in Arlington
- Monitor and evaluate the Superintendent with respect to implementation of the School Board's policies
- Collaborate with the Arlington County Board, the Arlington legislative delegation, and others to advance public education in Arlington and beyond

Dr. Kanninen discussed how the Board intends to do everything within the context of the Capital Improvement Plan.

The School Board has a responsibility to evaluate the Superintendent's performance in line with State Code, it's a confidential conversation.

Below is the description of the chair of the School Board:



Role of Chair of School Board

- Runs Board meetings – strives to be fair and efficient
- Organizes the work of the Board in collaboration with the superintendent and Board members
 - Develops Board calendar to move SB Priorities forward
 - Agenda setting based on SB Priorities and Strategic Plan
 - All monitoring items tied to strategic plan
- Strives to understand Board consensus – is not king or queen of anything
- Oversees correspondence
- Signs contracts and other documents on behalf of the Board
- Speaks at APS and community events on behalf of the Board
- Collaborate with County Board leadership
- Elected at SB Organizational meeting on July 1 for a one-year term

Dr. Kanninen highlighted that the revenue during the past 2 years have been reduced because of spending to help during the pandemic. However, FY23's revenue is where the School Board projected revenues would be before the pandemic.



FY23 Budget Investing in Our Priorities: Students

- Special education 1:1 assistants
- Special education behavior specialists
- Interlude therapists
- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters
- Change planning factor for PreK assistants
- Speech therapists
- English Learners counselors
- Student behavior specialist
- Resource adoptions – Social Studies, French
- Instructional and testing materials and software
- Virtual instructional learning services
- Math and SEL screeners

Total Invested:

\$8.7 million

72.0 FTE

Below is the budget for FY 2023



School Board's Proposed FY 2023 Budget

(\$ in millions)	Amount
Revenue in Superintendent's Revised Proposed Budget	\$748,494,118
Additional funds from Future Budget Years Reserve	\$701,660
Revised Revenue – School Board Proposed	\$749,195,778

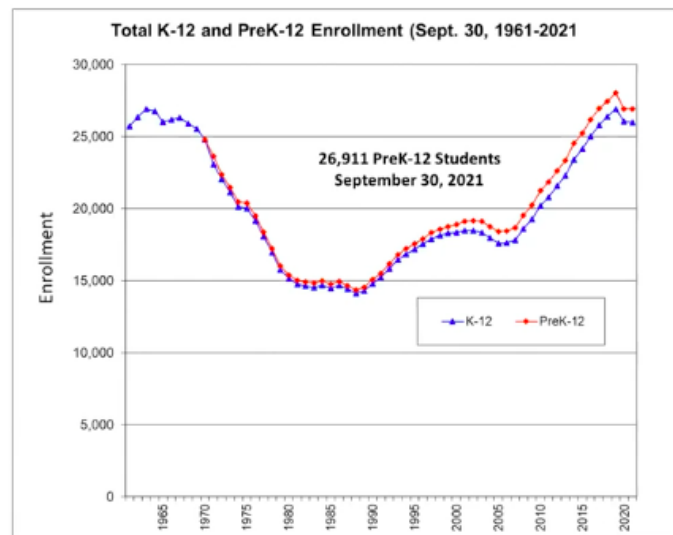
	Amount	Positions
Expenditures in Superintendent's Revised Proposed Budget	\$748,494,118	5,128.50
Psychologists and social workers	\$391,483	4.00
Trauma-informed professional learning	\$10,000	
National Board Certified Teacher program	\$20,000	
Partnership Coordinator (<i>FTE already in budget, not funded</i>)	\$128,556	
Math curriculum supervisor	\$151,621	1.0
Revised Expenditures – School Board Proposed	\$749,195,778	5,133.50

Note: Revenue changes are based on the best information available at this time.

About 5,000-6,000 seats have been added in the past few years



APS student enrollment over last 60 years





CIP Direction adopted October 2021 Continue Projects defined in FY22-24 CIP

Alan Sepulveda

The Superintendent's Proposed FY 2023-32 CIP will continue the funding for those projects outlined in the FY 2022-24 CIP including:

- Kitchen renovations
- Entrance renovations/security vestibules
- The Heights building Phase 2
- Synthetic turf field replacements

A 10 year CIP is in the works with an emphasis on updating lights, roofing, and other parts of schools.

Arlington Community High School, which is supported by Amazon, will also move forward in its full implementation. More about this school can be found here
<https://www.apsva.us/school-overviews/arlington-community-high-school/>



Career Center Concept Design Approved April 28

Alan Sepulveda

- Base and Alternative designs approved for upcoming 10-year CIP process
- Over 500 full-time students in multiple programs
- About 900 CTE students daily
- Final high school renovation project



View from Southeast Corner along S Walter Reed Dr.

Arlington Tech is one of the fastest growing Arlington schools even though it's capacity is quickly running out.



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- Office Phone **703-228-6015**
- Website: <https://www.apsva.us/contact-the-school-board/>

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Cultural Affairs: Plan Langston Blvd. Update

The Plan Langston Blvd plan to be discussed by the County Board is supported by the Langston Blvd Alliance however the topic of Building heights is still without resolution.

Jackie Snelling has organized 9 civic associations to provide community engagement regarding the Spout Run watershed.

The Earth Day event in April was a good success and the upcoming Bike to Work Day is expected to be a success as well.

The Langston Blvd Alliance is making sure to engage everyone about the Plan Langston Blvd plan

The Lee Arts Center is one of 3 community centers in the corridor. The Langston Blvd Alliance is going figuring out how to use the site effectively, The County hasn't expressed support for initiating the expensive renovation.

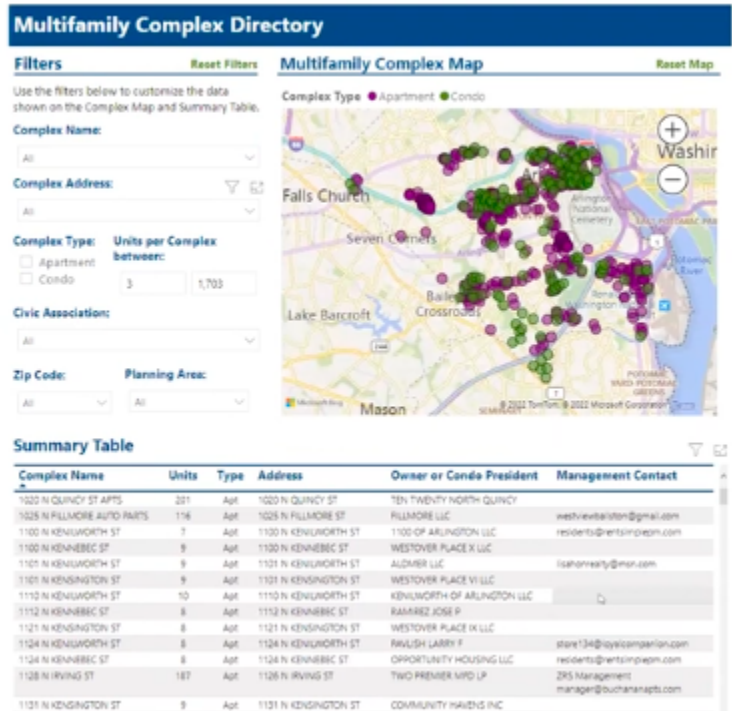
The Langston Blvd Alliance announced at this meeting their interest in land use, potentially having the center replaced by a public private building which will fill the desires of the corridor while maintaining the open space.

Multi-family Complex Directory

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Community/Multifamily-Complex-Directory>

You use this tool by applying the filters on the left and seeing the colored display on the map for different Multifamily Complexes.

The County wants to reach out and engage with Multifamily Complexes. If you see a building that isn't on the page then contact EngageArlington@arlingtonva.us to share updates.



TiGER update - RCV

Combined recommendations on elections and governance issues

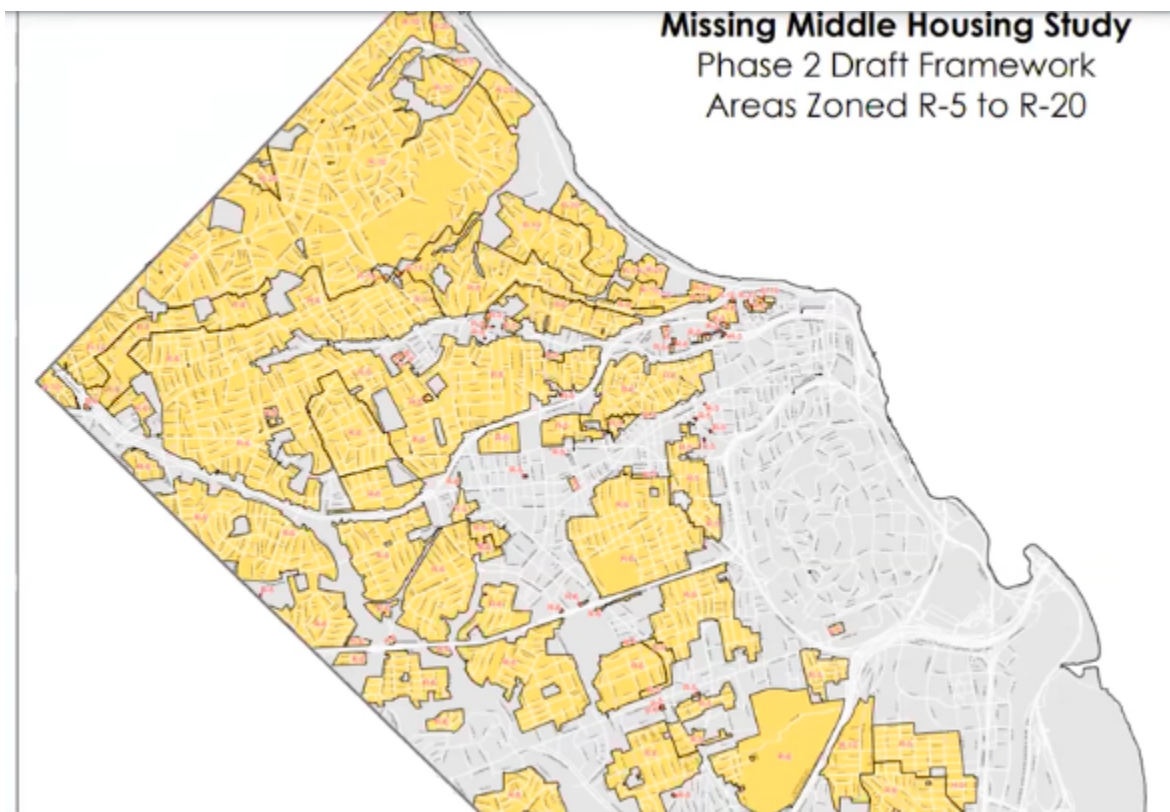
The recommendations were read and will be in the newsletter ahead of the next vote.

Missing Middle Housing

Jackie Snelling proposed an emergency resolution to request an extension feedback time

Request to extend time until Sept 30

- Promoting broad civic engagement on significant civic policy is a fundamental mission of the Civic Federation
- On April 28, the County released Phase 2 of the Missing Middle report with a comment deadline of May 27 – less than 30 days
- This is a complex topic and will have a significant impact on neighborhoods throughout Arlington
- Civic associations and organizations need more than a month to review, ask questions, and discuss, develop and approve responses.



Missing Middle Housing will alter several types of zoning which impact the highlighted areas in this map.

Joel Yudken spoke in favor of extending the feedback period and stated how an extension will allow more time to get better feedback from stakeholders.

Letter from Four Civic Associations

Joel Yudken, Arlington Forest Citizens Association

- MMHS is of great interest to our neighborhoods and we want to be able to respond. Staff urged us to wait for the Phase 2 study to learn the details before responding.
- Implementation will significantly and irrevocably impact Arlington residents.
- We will be unable to provide the level of study and response this topic deserves unless we have time after the summer to work and provide input in September
- Letter to the Board and Manager signed by Arlington Forest, Glencarlyn, Bluemont, Boulevard Manor

An amendment was added below, the words “to meet with and pose” were added

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) asks the Arlington County Board to immediately request that the County Manager extend the public review period for the Missing Middle Phase 2 concept plan to September 30, 2022—to make it possible for civic associations and other community organizations to have sufficient time to assist in disseminating Missing Middle Housing Framework materials to their own members, to meet with and pose questions to staff, to analyze and understand the potential impacts on their neighborhoods, and to provide meaningful feedback before the framework is finalized.

Votes 83%

Awards Committee

The slate is below

- John Ford, Delegate from Tara-Leeway Heights
- Todd Truitt, Delegate from Waverly Hills
- Chris Lewicki, Delegate from Ashton Heights
- Dave Schutz, Delegate from Ashton Heights
- Alistair Watson, Alternate from NORML

Votes 96%

New Business Resolution to extend the Missing Middle comment period

Stacy Meyer, zoning chair for Aurora Highlands explained a zoning change in the Aurora Highlands neighborhood which is under debate

Below is a guide to the GLUP amendment

GLUP Amendment- Quick Guide

- The General Land Use Plan (GLUP) guides Arlington's development. Land owners can request a change in zoning to "up-zone" as indicated on the GLUP. This is not a BZA process and adjacent neighbor approval is not required.
- An up-zoning could include a 6-story apartment building in single family neighborhood with no adjacent neighbor approval required.
- The process was approved in 2008 and from 2008 – 2019 was used as a one-off process (about one a year) in commercial areas.
- In 2019 Arlington County published a guide for landowners to request a GLUP Amendment – and coincidentally the number of GLUP Amendments has increased since 2019.
- There are 2 GLUP Amendments in Aurora Highlands (AKA Home of HQ2) testing the new process in locations at the edge of or in the middle of single family neighborhoods
- The affected civic association only has one rep to provide input to the Planning Commission and staff is giving no weight to the Civic Association position on the project. Approval is provided by the County Board.

Stacy proposed a resolution to improve public input for planning, GLUP, and zoning change processes. This amendment will be turned to committees for further discussion.