

Nick:

The Arlington County Board appreciates the Civic Federation's engagement on the Comprehensive Plan Update. We've shared your letter with staff and are discussing internally.

A few things have changed since the LRPC May 13 meeting, so I want to provide an update on the timeline and manage the expectations that may be associated with this ask.

Staff is currently reviewing public feedback to the draft guiding principles which closed recently in mid-June. Given the level of written and in-person feedback, the timeline has been shifted from July to September, at the earliest, for an RTA on a draft introduction to be brought to the Board.

I recognize the main ask here is to "close this phase" and repurpose those draft guiding principles for a new discussion—but we are going to remain on course for at least the RTA. We owe it to this multi-year process to complete this portion of this work and then, after public testimony and discussion on that item, decide next steps. Next steps may very well include additional time to hammer out some of these concerns—but I do not want to get ahead of the Board on that vote nor prior to receiving the draft language of the RTA.

Again, we deeply appreciate your continued engagement on these efforts. We look forward to the public hearings and discussion soon.

Sincerely,

Matt de Ferranti, Chair
Arlington County Board