

**Sports Commission Meeting
Thursday January 28, 2016
Courthouse Plaza, Azalea Room 103
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM**

AGENDA

- I. Approve Past Meeting Minutes**
- II. Web Update/Commission Information**
- III. Discussion/Vote on Skate Park Initiative (Appendix A)**
- IV. Field Allocation Update**
- V. Public Spaces Master Plan Update**
- VI. Long Bridge Park Advisory Group- Doug**
- VII. Projects and Themes for 2016**
- VIII. Ongoing county forums or other workgroups check-in**

Upcoming Meetings:

February 25, 2016 at 7pm at Courthouse Plaza, Azalea Room 103

Appendix A

November 18, 2015

Craig Esherick
Arlington Sports Commission Chair
3700 Four Mile Run Dr.
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Dear Mr. Esherick,

Thanks you for allowing me to present information on the proposed revitalization of the Arlington County skateboard park at the Commission's October meeting. The skateboard park, located at the Powhatan Springs facility on Wilson Boulevard was one of the first skateboard parks build in the area. After 10 years, the skate park is prematurely showing its age and is need of major repairs.

The county had engineers assess the park's concrete and found that the concrete was porous and improperly mixed for skateboarding activities. This has resulted in water seepage issues that has led to cracks and other damage including damage to the pool tiles found near the top of the two skateboard bowls.

Arlington county contracted with Team Pain for a set of skate park designs. They may be viewed at this link: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2013/12/Powhatan-Design-Concepts-1.pdf>. I am advocating, on behalf of the Friends of Arlington Skate Park and other Arlington skateboarders, to adopt and implement one of the new skate park designs. The improvements in skate park design, particularly in better concrete which is suited for our climate and will withstand the elements better than the current park, would be a tremendous improvement. I am sure that this will generate even more enthusiasm and use of the facility.

I would like to ask for the Sports commission's support and endorsement of this initiative. Please let me know if there is any further information I may provide that may help your decision making. Thanks you again for allowing me to present at your meeting. It was a pleasure to meet you all and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

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