

September 11, 2016

The Honorable Libby Garvey
Chair, Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chairperson Garvey,

I am writing to express the Arlington Sports Commission's opposition to proposed plans to temporarily relocate Fire Station 10 to the HB Woodlawn athletic field on the Wilson School site. The Commission supports the County Board's decision to fully explore alternate sites for the fire station and urges the Board to choose a location that won't restrict the already limited facilities for sports and recreational play in the County.

The new HB Woodlawn athletic field will be a lit, turf field that will not only be extensively used by HB Woodlawn students for physical education, sports, and recreational purposes; but will also be widely used by Arlington sports user groups for practices and games, and the nearby community for recreation. In addition, newly-renovated Rocky Run Park, which would be closed during the day to allow for HB Woodlawn physical education classes, is also heavily used by the local community for sports and recreational purposes. The HB Woodlawn field and Rocky Run Park are important facilities in a County with a critical shortage of sports and recreational facilities and should be preserved as such.

Thank you for your consideration of the Sports Commission's views as the County pursues the redevelopment of western Rosslyn that will bring important benefits to the County and its citizens. I would be happy to answer any questions you or other County Board members may have on this issue.

Sincerely,

Heather Coccozza
Chair, Arlington Sports Commission

Cc: The Honorable Jay Fissette, John Vihstadt, Katie Cristol and Christian Dorsey
Mark Schwartz, County Manager