

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has developed a draft Park Master Plan for a park informally called “South Park.” The park is referred to as “South Park” because it is the southernmost park in the Potomac Yards Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP# 346), County Board adopted in 2000. As part of the Park Master Plan process, staff solicited potential names for the park. A list of suggested names was presented to the Park and Recreation Commission, on September 19, and the Commission chose their 3 preferred names in the following order:

1. **South Park** – This name was chosen because it has been associated with the project for a long time and is familiar. This name was the second choice as voted by the public via an online questionnaire and email feedback (35 votes).
2. **Luna Park** – This name was the first choice as voted by the public via an online questionnaire and email feedback. The name also fits with the celestial naming theme for the area, for example, the Eclipse condominiums and Crescent Park in Alexandria.
3. **Short Bridge Park** – This name was the second choice as voted by the public via an online questionnaire and email feedback. The name was recommended by a citizen who has worked on Long Bridge Park for many years. The name is a nod to the former railroad bridge that will be a prominent feature of this park, once the other half is developed by the City of Alexandria. The park’s juxtaposition with a future City of Alexandria park will be shown and explained at the Commission meeting on October 18 (Wednesday).

DPR would like input from HALRB on these 3 potential names. Staff will then present HALRB’s input to the Park and Recreation Commission, on October 24 (Tuesday). The Park Master Plan and preferred park name will be presented to the County Board December 2017 or January 2018.

- For more information on the Park Master Plan and public process, please visit the project page: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/south-park-potomac-yards-land-bay-f/>
- To view the draft Park Master Plan: <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2017/08/Draft-Plan-July-2017.pdf>

Thank you!

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