

March 14, 2021

Mr. Mark Schwartz  
Arlington County Manager  
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RE: Water Park Site Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Schwartz,

**Committee Members**

Eric Goldstein, Chair  
Eric Goodman, Vice Chair  
Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary  
John Armstrong  
Ian Blackwell  
Jim Feaster  
Elizabeth Gallagher  
Patrick Kenney  
Tom Kornis  
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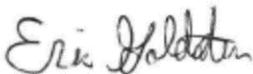
Thank you for encouraging the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) to provide a venue for a public discussion of JBG Smith plans for renovating the Water Park. I am writing to you to update you on Water Park discussions since the County Board meeting on January 26.

In response to your support, the PAC received presentation on the Water Park renovation plan by community and JBG Smith representatives at the February 10, 2021 PAC meeting. Among the 43 attendees were representatives from JBG Smith (JBGS), the Transportation Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Bicycle Advisory Committee, 22202 civic associations, the National Landing BID, the CCCRC, VRE, and County staff, as well as the entire PAC membership. The Water Park presentations and discussion focused on transportation issues (the sidewalk width and planting zone width along Crystal Drive and remaining conflict points between the VRE and CCC paths). During the meeting, JBG Smith staff representatives announced that they had removed the problematic staircase from the park down to the CCC. Minutes from the meeting and the meeting recording, presentation slide decks, are all posted on the PAC website. During a subsequent Park & Recreation Commission meeting, the applicant indicated that new plans included an enlarged pedestrian zone of 10 feet (up from eight feet) and a slightly expanded planting zone of five feet three inches (up from four feet seven inches).

During the PAC's March meeting, based on these revised plans including the removal of the staircase and the 10-foot minimum clear sidewalk width, the PAC voted to support the revised transportation plans for the renovated Water Park. The PAC, however, noted that there still exist concerns regarding the width of the planting zone adjacent to the sidewalk being under six feet, and hopes that those can still be resolved. The PAC also requests that there be continued public discussion of plans for the new VRE tunnel, the revised Crystal City Connector, and any connecting paths between them, as those plans move forward.

Lastly, the PAC is very appreciative of the applicant's willingness to attend the PAC meeting and work with the community to address these important concerns in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



Eric Goldstein  
Chair, Pedestrian Advisory Committee