

Crystal City Sector Plan, Draft 2.0
Park and Recreation Commission, Meeting Summary -
08-24-2010

Discussion/Remarks

- It's challenging to tell from the plans whether the 15th Street Park will be a usable public open space.
- It's unclear as to how much potential there is to change the plan at this point in the process.
- The working definitions of public open space were discussed.
- There does not appear to be an adequate amount of public open space given the amount of additional density envisioned in the plan. This appears to be a disservice to the citizens who live and work in the Crystal City area.
- With regard to the performance tracking report, it's not clear as to whose goals will be monitored in terms of being achieved.
- The commission discussed the idea on sending on comments to the Board regarding their concerns with the plan as it relates to the public open space interests of residents and workers of Arlington not being met by this plan.
- Thought needs to be given as to how the community benefits will be portioned out, and should include some allocation of funds to support the maintenance of open space and paying for necessary improvements.
- It should also be recognized that there looks to be a number of private open spaces in the planning area that will be available to residents, and help reduce the demand on other public open spaces; this private open space should be considered as part of the total inventory.
- Public comment heard from Angela Fox, President of the Crystal City BID, and Mitch Bonanno, with Vornado/Charles E. Smith